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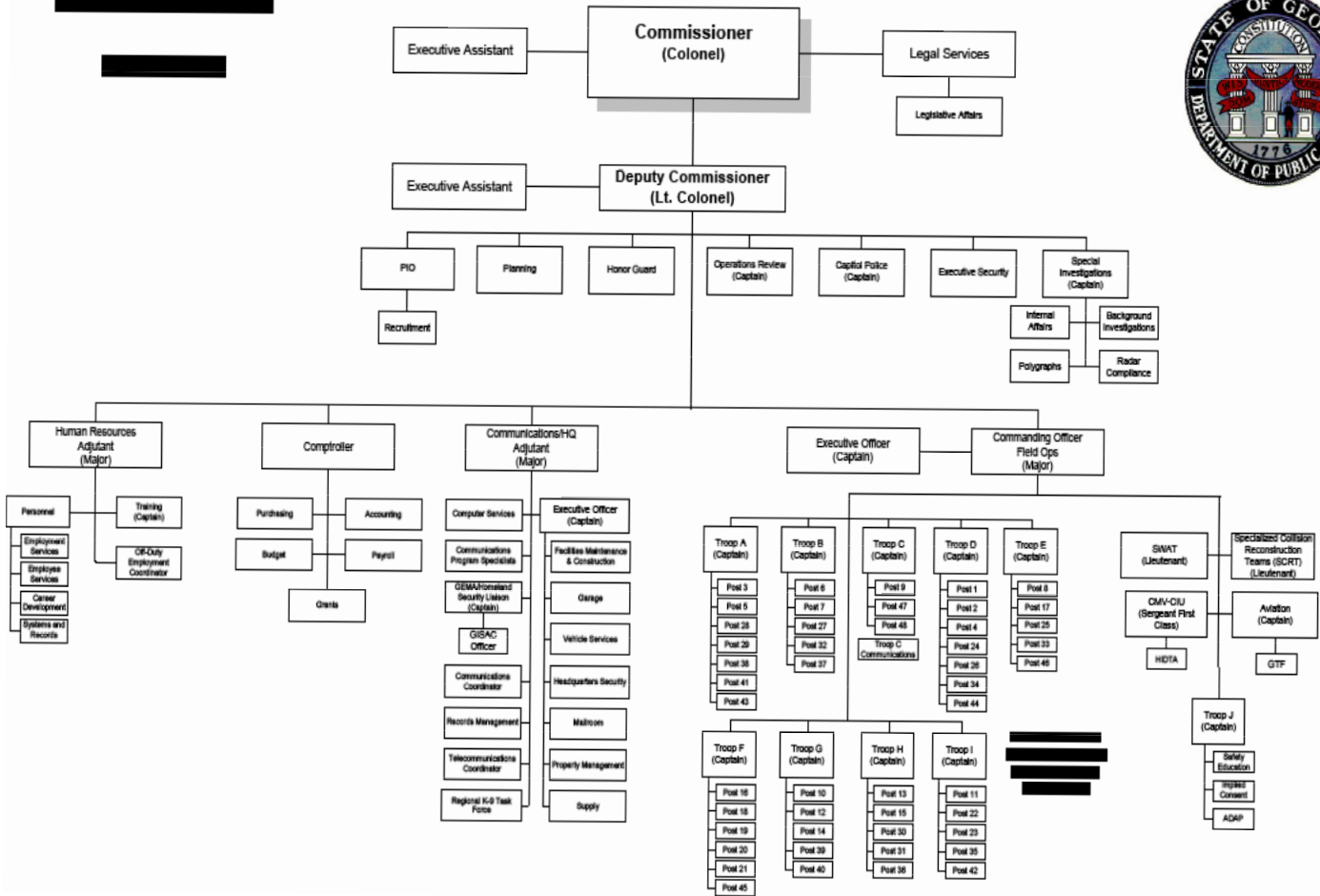
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## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



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## **COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE**

Colonel Bill Hitchens serves as the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Public Safety (DPS) and holds the rank of Colonel in the Georgia State Patrol. Commissioner Hitchens oversees the day-to-day operations of the Georgia State Patrol (GSP), Capitol Police and the Motor Carrier Compliance Division (MCCD).

## **Legal Services Office**

The Legal Services Office consists of four attorneys, one records manager, two paralegals, one administrative assistant and two secretaries. 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.

Legal Services works closely with the Department of Law on legal issues facing the department. The Legal staff serves as the liaison to the Law Department, providing litigation support and coordinating representation requests.

The Legal Services staff works closely with the Human Resources Division and department managers to ensure compliance with all applicable State and Federal labor and employment laws. Legal Services also provides technical assistance to Human Resources in responding to inquiries made by the EEOC and the Georgia Commission on Equal Employment Opportunity.

Legal Services also works closely with Investigative Services, providing legal advice and assistance. The attorneys regularly provide training to the department's employees during Trooper School and in-service training. Legal Services staff also responds to inquiries from the general public regarding the department and the laws it enforces.

In April, the Open Records Unit was created under the supervision of the director. This unit, consisting of a records manager, one administrative assistant, and one secretary, is responsible for processing open records requests from the public. The unit provides guidance and assistance to field staff responding to open records requests.

The passage of House Bill 501 and the creation of the Motor Carrier Compliance Division resulted in the addition of a lawyer to the Legal Services staff. In July, an attorney transferred to the department from the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety. An expert on motor carrier compliance issues, the attorney provides legal advice and assistance to the Motor Carrier Compliance Division on issues involving commercial vehicles and represents the officers at administrative hearings. Attorneys represent the department before Administrative Law Judges in personnel appeals and other administrative hearings.

The Administrative License Suspension grant, which was awarded to the department in 2004 from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, was renewed. The grant funds an Administrative License Suspension (ALS) attorney who represents troopers in three of the nine troops at ALS hearings. The attorney assists troopers statewide with questions regarding DUI and ALS issues. She conducted DUI/ALS training for every trooper in the state. When the grant was renewed, a full-time paralegal was added to assist the ALS attorney with case preparation and record-keeping.

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

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Legal Services reviews and files Safety Responsibility claims to suspend the driver's license of those uninsured drivers who are responsible for damages to Georgia State Patrol vehicles.

Each month, Legal Services publishes the *Trooper Legal Update* which is distributed to the department's employees, and to other law enforcement agencies, judges and prosecutors. The *Trooper Legal Update* was awarded the Governmental Leadership Award by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

Legal Services 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.

In calendar year 2005, some of the activities performed by the Legal Services staff were:

- Reviewed, advised or drafted 84 contracts, agreements, or memoranda of understanding between the department and other companies, agencies, or individuals.
- Opened and processed 51 cases which included five emergency suspensions against wrecker services.
- Responded to 876 open records requests and collected \$53,735.60 in fees associated with those requests.
- Filed 14 Safety Responsibility claims against individuals responsible for property damage to Georgia State Patrol vehicles which totaled \$34,645.20 and processed five Conditional Release Agreements.
- Opened approximately 550 Administrative License Suspension cases and filed 47 motions and briefs.
- Opened more than 100 overweight/oversize citation cases and represented MCCD officers at 64 related administrative hearings.



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## DEPUTY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

Lt. Colonel Arthur White serves as the Deputy Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Public Safety. In this capacity, he oversees the Special Investigations Division, the Public Information Office, Planning, Executive Security, the GSP Honor Guard, the Human Resources Division, the Communications Division, the Comptroller's Office, and Field Operations which includes, Troops A - I, Aviation, SWAT, SCRT, CIU, HIDTA, and Troop J (composed of Safety Education and Implied Consent), as well as Operations Review, Capitol Police, and the Motor Carrier Compliance Division (MCCD).

## SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

The Special Investigations Division (SID) has the responsibility to investigate allegations of misconduct made against department members. All complaints received are forwarded to SID and assigned a file number. The purpose of SID is to ensure that complaints are dealt with fairly, effectively and that the department's integrity and trust are maintained. This division also has the responsibility of verifying complaints in the misuse of radar speed-timing devices against any agency bearing the department's certification, as well as background investigations, the administration of polygraph exams, and issuance of firearm and window tint permits.

SID initiated 112 cases. Of these cases, 83 were closed; of which 23 were unfounded, 26 sustained, 14 not sustained, and 20 exonerated. There are currently 29 cases that are still pending and do not have a final disposition.

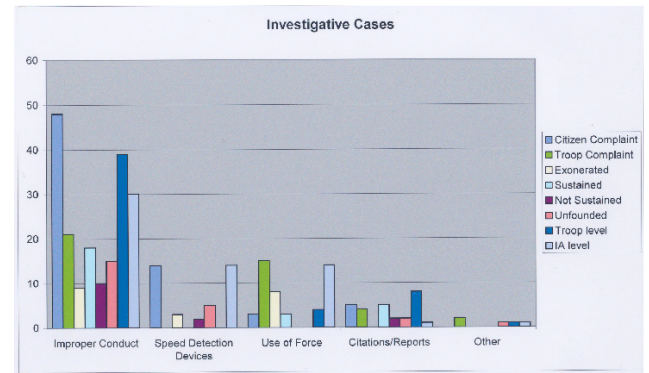
**Background Investigations:** SID conducted 131 background investigations for candidates seeking employment with the department with the Department of Public Safety, Capitol Police and the Motor Carrier Compliance Division.

**Radar Regulations Permit Unit:** The Radar Regulations Permit Unit is responsible for issuing and maintaining records on over 556 local agencies that are authorized through the department to operate speed timing devices. The unit has issued/renewed 51 radar permits.

There were 821 firearm licenses that were issued to Wholesale/Retail businesses that sell handguns less than 15 inches in length. In addition, a total of \$26,918 was collected for firearm permit fees.

The permit specialist issued approximately 650 window tint exemptions. This compares to an average of 150-200 in previous years. The reason for the dramatic increase is the change in the Georgia Window Tint Law that went into effect on May 2. SID has been working with the Legal Services Office to develop some verbiage change to the application and to possibly assess a fee with each application.

**Polygraph Unit:** The Polygraph Unit works closely with SID to conduct polygraph examinations on pre-employment applicants to ensure compliance with the current DPS guidelines. In addition, the unit also assists SID by conducting polygraph examinations on specific investigative matters. The Polygraph Unit conducted 271 polygraph examinations. This represents an eight percent increase over the examinations that were conducted last year. Of these, 255 were related to pre-employment issues and the remainder was for specific issues related to internal affairs testing. One specific examination that was conducted at the request of another law enforcement agency resulted in the development of leads in a 20-year old murder case. In addition to their day-



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to-day activities, the two examiners have provided specialized instructions throughout the year at the trooper school, police academies and at the Georgia Polygraph Association Workshop.

## **PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE**

The Public Information Office serves as the liaison for the Department of Public Safety to the news media and citizens of Georgia. The Public Information Office Staff provides research and clearance for media inquiries and requests for 48 state patrol posts across the state.

**Deputy Director:** The PIO Deputy Director manages the daily operations of the Public Information Office, maintains the 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 on the Governor's Public Safety Awards Committee, is a member of the Public Safety Memorial Committee, coordinates the department's awards program and responds to media inquiries after normal business hours and on weekends. The deputy director prepares news releases for the six major holiday periods, specialized enforcement campaigns, and other releases as needed each year. He also conducts a training course in media relations to trooper cadets during GSP Trooper School. Utilizing the group paging system, the deputy director coordinates the dissemination of information to members of the command staff regarding significant incidents/crashes.



**Public Documents Unit:** This unit oversees public access to department open records for state prosecutors, defense attorneys, insurance companies, news media, and the general public. PIO provides filing, storage and retrieval of evidence photos, videotapes and documents from all GSP field operations. All PIO staff members are 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 evidence photos, video and audiotapes. The Graphics Unit also provides special projects support to the PIO Publications and Recruitment Units.

**Publications Unit:** PIO Publications is responsible for production of the department's quarterly newsletter, the DPS Annual Report, and content for the Georgia State Patrol website.

## **EXECUTIVE SECURITY**

The primary purpose of the Executive Security Division of the Georgia State Patrol is to provide effective, efficient dignitary and facilities security services for individual and facilities authorized in state statute. The special services section provides dignitary protection services through its Dignitary Protection Unit for those protectees designated by the Director and security services for the Governor's Mansion facility and its grounds.

This year, the Dignitary Protection Unit handled 1,908 security details, logging in 21,571 hours. There were 13 visiting Governor details from other states.



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The Special Services Section screened 9,002 visitors attending tours at the Governor's Mansion during the year. In addition, there were 3,542 guests attending special events. There was a total of 18,160 security hours for the Governor's Mansion. The Executive Security Division logged in 1,345 training hours.

## HONOR GUARD

The Georgia State Patrol Honor Guard represents the State of Georgia and the Department of Public Safety at events such as funerals, memorial services, details where color guards are required, and other functions as deemed appropriate.

In order to ensure proper representation and coverage throughout the State, the Honor Guard is comprised of a north unit and a south unit. Each unit is comprised of 14 sworn members and, on occasion, both units are required to function as one.

## HUMAN RESOURCES ADJUTANT

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

**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.

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



**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 2005 on the road.

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



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**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. 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 due to the conflict overseas. There were four family medical leave of absences approved, 10 contingent leaves and six unauthorized leave of absences during the year.

**Benefit Services:** Throughout the year Personnel Services responds to numerous requests for information related to 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 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. 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), Workers' Compensation files, and separated employee files are maintained and stored in this section. Entries for sick, annual and compensatory time are also completed within personnel services. 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 increase. 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, which 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 work load 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 to retaining high caliber employees. These programs include Faithful Service Awards, the Statewide Recognition Program and coordination of the Employee Suggestion Program. 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. 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 2005 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 of the agency. 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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## COMMUNICATIONS/HEADQUARTERS DIVISION

The Communications/Headquarters 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.

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, Cobb County and the City of Atlanta, in the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) 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.



A second project with statewide impact is the installation of gateway interface devices in selected high risk and populated areas under the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP). LETPP is a federal grant program administered through the state Office of Homeland Security with the intent of creating and configuring customized interoperable radio networks to deal with planned special events and other critical incidents. The Department is a partner with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency, Georgia Tech Research Institute, the Georgia Sheriffs' Association and the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police in the implementation of the system.

## COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

**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. 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 insure repairs were conducted effectively and in a timely manner.

**Communications Program Specialists:** The North and South Communications Program Specialists undertook the following projects during the year:

- Developed a training program for the Communications Equipment Officers (CEOs).
- 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.

**Computer Services:** The Computer Services Section completed several major projects, regularly assisted users and continued support on several hardware and software systems, including the following:

- Continued to support over 1,500 users, 1,000 PCs, 75 Local Area Networks, 35 off-the-shelf programs and 25 software applications.
- Conducted three software upgrades to the Online 612 system.
- Successful implementation of the Overweight Truck Information System (OTIS). This system is a significant upgrade over the older motor carrier citation management system. The new system has an easier user interface and accurately manages the financial transactions associated with citation processing.
- Transitioned six file servers to Windows Server 2003 operating system.

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- Replaced several older file servers with new systems to improve performance and availability.
- Successfully transitioned all of the MCCD hardware and software systems into the GSP domain. With the creation of MCCD, Computer Services added over 150 desktop and 150 mobile computer systems, three file servers and 11 new software applications.
- On September 1, Computer Services implemented an online Help Desk to better manage computer issues and user requests. Since September, over 1,000 help tickets were closed with an average open time of 18.6 hours.
- Computer Services implemented a new SPAM and virus filter for our mail system. Since its installation in mid December, the system has processed over 600,000 pieces of mail. Of that, 514,000 have been blocked as SPAM and 4,300 blocked with viruses, and 66,000 pieces of mail were delivered.
- With the help of BellSouth and the Georgia Technology Authority, GSP began upgrading all of its 75 Wide Area Network (WAN) connections to a newer Multi-Protocol Label Switching (MPLS) network. This network gives our locations faster throughput and will improve network availability.
- GSP continued to enhance our network security at headquarters by changing to a Network Address Translation system. This system hides internal IP address from potential hackers. Computer Services implemented a similar system in our field offices last year.
- In an effort to better serve the public, the department initiated a project to review its current core business process and develop new processes and systems that will improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the department. This type of project is known as a Business Process Review (BPR) and was a strategic objective of our FY 2005 strategic plan. The company hired to do the business process review submitted its final report in December. There were several recommendations to improve efficiency and effectiveness, including the reduction of paper work and an increase in enforcement hours. The primary recommendations are to implement a records management system and mobile computers.



**GEMA Liaison Officer (Homeland Security Coordinator):** When a disaster or emergency threatens, the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (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. Among other activities, the SOC was activated during 2005 for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. As the GEMA Liaison, he is assigned to the SOC to provide logistical and communication support to State of Georgia personnel who volunteered to participate in the relief effort in the affected coastal areas of Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, as well as provide security and transportation assistance to refugees transported to Georgia for relocation.

As Homeland Security Coordinator, he represents the Commissioner at Homeland Security sponsored meetings, conferences and workshops. He revises and updates the department's Threat Level Response Plan and attends courses on Terrorism - Weapons of Mass Destruction, Bioterrorism, and First Responders Training.

**Records Management:** The department's records management officer coordinates all DPS forms and serves as the liaison with the State of Georgia Archives to comply with statutory record retention schedules.

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

The Headquarters Security Section conducted the following duties:

- Maintained building access and security

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

**Telecommunications Coordinator:** The Communications Division continued the 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. This process has enabled the department to maximize its telecommunications budget.

The Telecommunications Coordinator continues to issue and track all personal communications devices issued to specialized and supervisory personnel and coordinates installation of voice and data lines in all department facilities. The Telecommunications Coordinator and her assistant perform the internal audits and tracking.

## HEADQUARTERS/ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

**Property:** The Property Management Unit is responsible for maintaining an inventory for the department. This includes headquarters, 48 State Patrol Posts, and various administrative 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, this unit processed 828 additions, with acquisition costs totaling \$2,630,501, and 758 deletions valued at \$1,171,889 during fiscal year 2005. These transactions are updated daily on the property system.



**Facilities:** The following posts were constructed during the year:

- Tifton, Tift County (Post 13): The new post held their open house July 20.
- Dublin (Post 20): Dublin held their grand opening January 26.
- Cedartown (Post 29): Post completed December 2005 with move in scheduled for January 2006.
- Statesboro (Post 45): The new post will be south of Statesboro on US301. The post is scheduled for completion in December with the move scheduled for January 2006.

The following posts are currently under construction:

- Newnan (Post 24): Construction has begun on this new post and the estimated project completion is Summer 2006.

Major renovations undertaken in 2005 include the following:

- Headquarters – This facility is continuously in the process of office space redesign and renovations. This year's projects included the Budget/Grant offices, Accounts Payable and Receivable, Nighthawks and MCCC offices, as outlined in the Maintenance section. In addition, the weight room (relocated last year to the basement) has been redesigned for optimal layout and new machines have been added.

With the addition of the Motor Carrier Compliance Division, the department has added approximately 21 new buildings and weigh stations.

**Maintenance Office:** The Maintenance Unit is responsible for the upkeep and repairs of all DPS facilities. The Headquarters facility is first priority; however, locations close by are handled as well. Servicing generators and

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some repair work at the State Patrol Posts are managed by Maintenance.

The Headquarters facility is still in the process of renovations. This year's renovations include the following offices: Budget Offices, Planning Offices, GEMA, MCCD, Comptroller's Office, Colonel's Conference Room, Revenue Office, Overweight Citation's Office, Account's Payable, and the Nighthawks Squad.

**Vehicle Support Services:** Vehicle Support Services maintains the Fleet Anywhere System, acts as the department's vehicle insurance coordinator, coordinates the Wright Express fuel cards and obtains tags and titles for the department's vehicles.

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. The department had 1,237 vehicles, 14 aircraft and six motorcycles on inventory at the end of the year. Vehicle Support Services purchased 136 Crown Victoria pursuit vehicles and 168 Crown Victoria pursuit vehicles were sent to Surplus Property.

The vehicle insurance coordinator is notified of all vehicle crashes involving departmental owned vehicles. The insurance coordinator handles any insurance claims where the other party is at fault. DOAS Risk Management handles all other claims. Wright Express Fuel Credit Cards are ordered, cancelled, and replaced through this office, as well as the coordination of departmental vehicle tags and titles.

**Garage:** The Garage is responsible for prepping, issuing, repairing and surplus a fleet of over 1,000 vehicles. Almost 200 more vehicles were added to our fleet with Motor Carrier Compliance Division (MCCD) being added to the department. The garage also includes a radio and camera installation and repair technician. The department saved approximately \$150,000 in state funds by using parts from surplus vehicles for other vehicle repairs.

**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 taken to ensure inventory records are accurate. The supply warehouse maintained about one million dollars of inventory. Supply provides clothing and accessories to the Uniform Division of the Georgia State Patrol, Capitol Police and the Motor Carrier Compliance Division.

**Risk Management:** 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. Incident reports and replacement costs are compiled and then submitted to DOAS. Upon approval, the department is then reimbursed, minus a deductible of \$1,000.



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## **COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE**

Under the supervision of the Comptroller, the department has five offices which provide fiscal support for DPS and six attached agencies. These offices are Accounting, Payroll, Budget, Grants management and Purchasing.

**Accounting:** The Accounting Section is responsible for maintaining the DPS accounting books and records for the Department of Public Safety/Georgia State Patrol and four attached agencies. The section consists of accounts payable, accounts receivable/revenue, payroll, and general ledger activity.

With the addition of the Motor Carrier Compliance Division on July 1, 2005, the accounting section inherited an additional seven staff members referred to as the Overweight Citation Unit. Under the law, the department is allowed to retain funds collected from citations issued

The Department of Public Safety has 48 posts located throughout the state, and Capitol Police located in Atlanta. The 48 posts and Capitol Police collect the revenues for copies of accident/incident/citation reports requested by citizens. The total revenue collections for FY2006 were \$155,591.43.

The Department of Audits performed a financial review of the accounting records for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006. The overall results of the audit for the department were good. The department remitted surplus back to the state treasury in the amount of \$103,692.18.

**Payroll:** 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 is also responsible for verifying that employee salaries, and retirement contributions, as well as make sure all insurance is calculated correctly each pay cycle.

**Budget Office:** The Budget Director is responsible for managing the department's Budget and Grant's Management Section. The Budget Office develops the departmental budget request and submits it each September to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (OPB). It tracks and defends the budget through hearings with the Governor and OPB, and the House and Senate appropriation committees. Once approved by the General Assembly and signed by the Governor, the budget office prepares the Annual Operating Budget (AOB) for OPB approval and submits subsequent quarterly allotment requests for operating funds. The AOB is monitored through monthly expenditure projections by line items and fund source projections. If necessary, an amended budget request is prepared and submitted and monitored in the same manner as the budget request. Federal and other funds are also amended into the budget throughout the fiscal year. Additionally, staff is 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 Office seeks federal funding and makes applications for applicable grant programs. The primary federal funding sources are through the Criminal Justice and Coordinating Council (CJCC) and the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS). Funding has covered projects such as seat belt enforcement, citation automation reporting by locals, specialized equipment for Specialized Collision and Reconstruction Teams (SCRT), Fatal Accident Reporting System (FARS), and protective vests for troopers. This office also reviews all outside audits for local government agencies receiving GOHS grant funds. Numerous audits on cities and counties have been reviewed for compliance with GOHS standards and a determination was made concerning any financial settlement.

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

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expenses are in accordance with the guidelines of the grant.

The following grants/funds were received by the Department of Public Safety in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2005:

**Capitol Police** Acquired from the Georgia Building Authority in SFY 2001, the Capitol Police Division is responsible for providing the security and protection of the State of Georgia Capitol complex and 17 other state owned buildings and facilities including the Georgia Supreme Court. The use of high-tech surveillance equipment, metal detectors and highly trained security personnel assists with accomplishing this mission. The annual budget is \$7,162,051.

**Administrative License Suspension Program FY05 Annual Report** The Administrative License Suspension Program (ALS) is a grant funded by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS). In FY 2005, GOHS awarded \$157,200 to provide state troopers legal assistance at civil hearings for DUI suspension of driver's license. The grant provides for one attorney, and limited administrative support dedicated to the ALS Hearings.

**Nighthawks** The Governor's Office of Highway Safety awarded \$678,600 to provide funds for the implementation of a DUI task force focusing on the five-county metropolitan area. The unit conducts concentrated patrols, road checks and provides educational information to the public, as part of their outreach efforts. The grant provides funds for 10 troopers, a unit secretary, new patrol vehicles, specialized training, and other operational expenses.

**K-9 Regional Task Force** The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council awarded \$500,000 to provide funds for the Regional K-9 Task Force. The grant provided funding for the unit commander, seven deputies, a secretary, and operating expenses.

**Specialized Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Equipment** GEMA awarded \$715,429 to provide equipment funds for the SWAT unit. The following equipment was purchased during the year: one response vehicle to deploy special weapons personnel, Chevy Suburbans to transport protective equipment, CBRNE equipment trailer with Cascade System, chemical protective suits, and other tactical equipment (excluding weapons).

**Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG)** LLEBG awarded \$557,518 to purchase 30 digital, dash-mounted camera systems and 249 lightbars for patrol vehicles. Both of these items represent the latest technology for law enforcement.

**Governor's Task Force (GTF)** The federal Drug Enforcement Agency awarded \$455,000 to provide air and ground response to support marijuana eradication operations in Georgia.

**Overtime Enforcement** GOHS awarded \$125,000 to fund overtime pay for troopers to provide additional enforcement efforts related to "Operation Zero Tolerance", targeting impaired drivers. Such concentrated patrols were conducted during three waves of enforcement in cooperation with other local agencies across the state.

**Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP)** Effective July 1, the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety was reorganized per House Bill 501 and the Department of Public Safety was designated the lead MCSAP agency for the State of Georgia. For the federal fiscal year, MCSAP funding was granted in the amount of \$5,229,737. Of this amount, the balance of \$4,005,282 was transferred to DPS effective July 1. The mission of the MCSAP program is to improve commercial motor vehicle safety on Georgia's highways by reducing crashes, fatalities and injuries. Each year new goals and objectives are outlined in a Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety plan (CVSP) and monitored throughout the plan year. During the 2005 federal fiscal year, the Motor Carrier Compliance Division performed 92,844 commercial motor vehicle inspections.

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In addition to the MCSAP grant, the federal Department of Transportation also awarded grant monies in the amount of \$1,278,305 for the new entrant program. This program ensures that motor carrier applicants have complied with the minimum safety standards necessary to continue operating after initially receiving their U.S. DOT number. During the 2005 federal fiscal year, the Motor Carrier Compliance Division performed 1,434 safety audits on new, Georgia-based motor carriers.

**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 the 2005 fiscal year, the Purchasing Section utilized the Phoenix System – PeopleSoft, to process 5,092 purchase orders for a total of \$15,211,575.87.

This section is also responsible for maintaining the purchasing card program for the department. The purchasing card system, consisting of over 150 cards, uses VISA to receive merchandise faster, provides prompt payment to vendors and alleviate the high cost of processing field purchase orders. Since 1999, this program has grown to a four million dollars a year program.

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**SafetyNet Unit:** The SafetyNet unit transferred from the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety, along with the Motor Carrier Compliance Division (MCCD), to the Department of Public Safety in July 2005. SafetyNet is responsible for handling all commercial vehicle driver inspections reports that are generated by MCCD. Typically, during a federal fiscal year (October 1 - September 30), SafetyNet handles in excess of 85,000 inspection reports. SafetyNet is responsible for the uploading of these inspection reports to the federal Motor Carrier Management Information System (MCMIS) database. SafetyNet maintains crash data on commercial vehicle through an interface with the Georgia Department of Transportation's Accident Reporting Unit. This data is also uploaded to the federal database. In addition, the unit is also responsible for the preparation and evaluation of the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Plan (CVSP) required annually by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Alliance (FMCSA) for Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) funding. In addition, this unit writes high priority grant requests for federal funds and prepares quarterly and annual reports on each grant.

**Overweight Citations Unit:** The Overweight Citations Unit is responsible for collecting and processing monetary fines imposed on trucks when issued a citation for being overweight on Georgia highways. This office establishes the accounting policy to determine and implement internal financial controls in order to develop and institute accounting procedures for processing the collection of these monetary funds. This includes the daily depositing of these funds so they can be transmitted to the Treasury of the State of Georgia. This process allows this unit to monitor and maintain accounting records on these transactions.

Additional functions performed by the Overweight Citations Unit include:

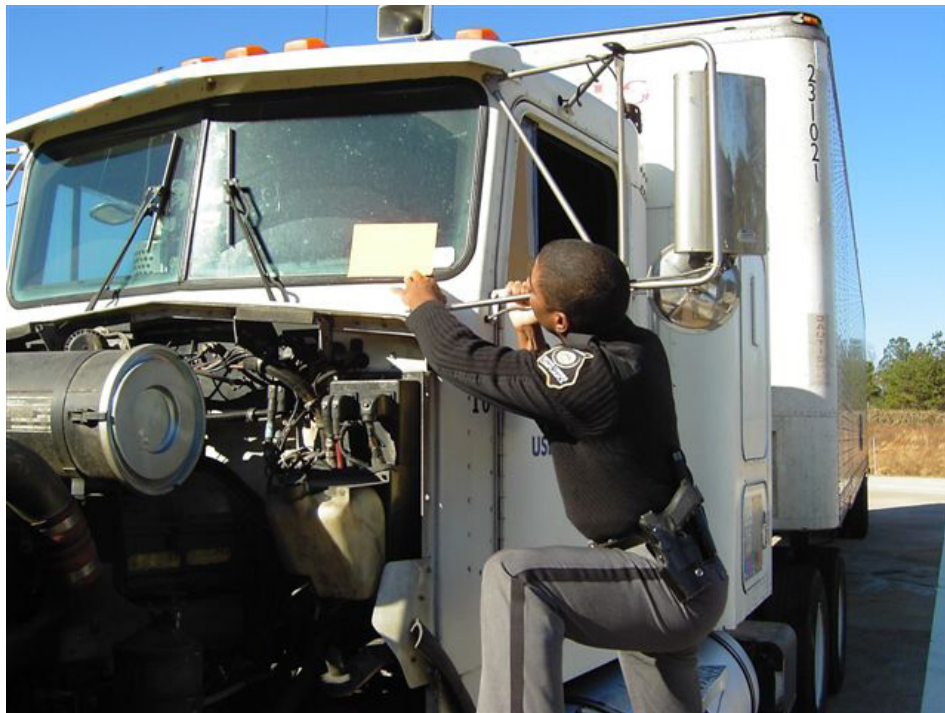
- Processed non-sufficient funds (NSF) checks
- Researched and applies unapplied funds to appropriate accounts
- Initiated refunds



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- Linked carriers' accounts to departmental accounts
- Monitored appropriate bankruptcy cases
- Maintained citation disputes and administrative hearing documents in coordination with the Legal Services Office
- Prepared monthly financial statements and reports for the Comptroller.

In August, this unit transferred from the Georgia Department of Driver Services to the Georgia Department of Public Safety. During October, the Overweight Citations Unit converted from the VAX application system to the Overweight Trucking Information System (OTIS) application system. This unit processed, collected and deposited \$7,847,272.66 of monetary fines for Calendar Year 2005.



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## TROOP A

Troop A covers northwest Georgia, with most of the territory lying north of I-20 and west of I-75. Troop A is made up of seven posts, five of which have territory bordering Alabama or Tennessee. The posts of Troop A are:

Troop A Command is located at Post 3 in Cartersville. Troop A Command was responsible for scheduling and monitoring over 134 DOT escorts throughout the year. Troop A provided a Mobile Field Force and several traffic officers to Paulding County for an NAACP March on October 1, 2005. Troop A participated in many special details which included, but were not limited to, the NASCAR races at Atlanta Motor Speedway, Georgia Power benefit runs, the Southern National Drag Races in Commerce, Hands Across the Border detail, Operation Lifesaver train rides, University of Georgia football games and local security details involving visits by Governor Perdue. Seven troopers were sent to Washington for the Presidential Inauguration in January. Troop A's largest detail was the Dodge Tour de Georgia in April. Troop A had to cover five of the seven stages of the race, using over 70 troopers. Troop A actively supports the Governor's Office of Highway Safety through participation in the Mountain Area Traffic Enforcement Network II. Troop A won first prize for a state agency at the Governor's Challenge Awards. Troop A also provided 20 troopers in one hour to assist in the search for the Fulton County Courthouse shooter on March 11.



**Post 3 - Cartersville:** Post 3 continues to remain one of the busiest posts in the state of Georgia. The post is responsible for only two counties, Bartow and Paulding. Both counties are considered part of the metropolitan Atlanta area and are growing at an alarming rate. Post 3 is responsible for 30 miles of Interstate 75, numerous state routes and the busy roadways around Lake Allatoona. A very high volume of traffic travels through these thoroughfares, which in turn requires increased enforcement and crash investigation.

These troopers investigated 3,931 crashes, resulting in 2,369 injuries and 31 fatalities. In the area of enforcement, Post 3 issued 9,366 citations and 10,212 warnings. Included in the enforcement totals are 234 DUI arrests. The revenue reported from these enforcement efforts totaled \$1,157,187.

**Post 5 - Dalton:** Post 5 is responsible for the counties of Whitfield and Catoosa. Post 5 had a total of 10,766 arrests which included 225 DUI arrests, 1,461 seat belt arrests, and 90 child restraint arrests. Troopers also issued 12,117 warnings and investigated 2,750 vehicle crashes with 1,655 injuries and 19 fatalities.

**Post 28 - Jasper:** Troopers issued 6,007 citations, wrote 6,773 warnings, and 101 DUI arrests. Troopers also investigated 413 traffic crashes which resulted in 14 fatalities. Fines reported to Post 28 by the court systems in Pickens County were approximately \$197,503. Fines reported to Post 28 by the court systems in Cherokee County were approximately \$86,223.

On Friday, July 29, a massive concentrated patrol was conducted in Cherokee County coordinated by the post commander. It resulted in the arrest of 19 suspected impaired drivers, as well as, five felony drug arrests, four fugitives apprehended and six misdemeanor drug arrests. The drug confiscations totaled 72 grams of cocaine, two grams of methamphetamine, several pills of Oxycontin, several bags of marijuana and one stolen gun was recovered from a burglary. A total of 111 citations were issued with 188 warnings issued. The concentrated patrols were conducted throughout Northwest Georgia on a regular schedule. During the operation and under the direction of the Georgia State Patrol, there were four teams consisting of deputies, which included Department of Natural Resources Officers, Cherokee Drug Task Force Agents and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

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**Post 29 - Cedartown:** Post 29 covers Haralson and Polk counties. In the area of crash investigation and traffic enforcement for 2005, the Troopers at Post 29 investigated 712 crashes, issued 4,496 citations, and 5,700 warnings. Troopers issued 131 citations for DUI, 339 seatbelt citations, 73 child restraint citations, and made 20 felony arrests. Troopers also apprehended 45 wanted persons.

In October, the citizens of Polk County passed a special purpose local option sales tax (SPLOST) which included funding for a new patrol post. The new building is much larger than the old building and provided much needed space and modernization. The old post was built in the 1950's and was in need of major renovation.

**Post 38 - Rome:** Post 38 covers Floyd and Chattooga counties. Troopers issued 4,987 citations, 112 DUI citations, and 5,959 warnings. Troopers also investigated 504 crashes, resulting in 370 injuries and eight fatalities. In May, a trooper participated in the Rome Executive Lock-Up on behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. This event was a great success with pledges totaling over \$46,000 for families with muscular diseases in the Rome area. On June 27, two troopers and a cadet assisted area law enforcement in the search for a small aircraft that went down. The aircraft was located on John's Mountain inside Floyd County. In August, the post received approval for remodeling its Communications Center.

On August 29, Hurricane Katrina hit Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama causing mass destruction and one of the troopers volunteered as one of 41 troopers detached to the area to provide security. On September 9, the post commander and a trooper participated in the September 11 Tribute, "A Day of Remembrance," hosted by the Rome Police Department at the Law Enforcement Center in Rome.

**Post 41 - Lafayette:** Troopers made 6,050 arrests and issued 9,740 warnings. Troopers also made 198 DUI arrests. All of these totals showed a marked increase from the past year. A total of 64 felony drug arrests and 47 other felony charges were made by troopers during the year. Troopers also investigated 1,081 crashes involving 740 injuries and 21 fatalities. A total of 730 motorists were assisted by troopers.

The post participated in several Governor's Office of Highway Safety events including Hands Across the Border and multi-agency roadblocks. Personnel also participated in the City of Rossville 100 year celebration. The two-day event hosted top name music artists, cultural events and large crowds of pedestrian and vehicular traffic. A master trooper was credited with quick work and taking control of a rescue effort that located a missing motorist. The motorist who was thrown from a motorcycle was found in a rural area of Dade County in a deep gorge. Another trooper stopped a vehicle fitting a lookout on a burglary suspect. This single stop cleared burglaries in three states and recovered stolen guns, cars and valuables. In one instance, over 50,000 dollars of property was recovered and returned to the owner.

**Post 43 - Calhoun:** Post 43 is assigned to Gordon and Murray counties. Post 43 suffered a 31 percent loss in enforcement personnel through July. Troopers conducted 6,239 traffic stops (11 percent increase). Troopers issued 6,296 citations (eight percent increase) and 7,130 warnings (four percent decrease). Troopers also arrested 144 drivers for DUI (three percent increase). Troopers investigated 1,247 crashes (nine percent increase). The Governor's Office of Highway Safety designated GA 225 as one of the most dangerous roads in the state prompting troopers to routinely patrol GA 225 in an effort to decrease the volume of fatal and serious injury crashes. Their visibility and enforcement efforts contributed to the reductions of fatal crashes.

Post 43 hosted the Troop A Concentrated Patrol on July 1, in Murray County. The detail was represented by members of the Murray County Sheriff's Department, the Local Drug Task Force, Motor Carrier Compliance Division, GSP Criminal Interdiction Unit, and troopers from Troop A. The enforcement efforts resulted in 121 arrests. The Motor Carrier Compliance Division conducted six safety inspections which resulted in 35 safety violation warnings, two arrests, two overweight assessments, and two vehicles placed out of service.

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## TROOP B

Troop B consists of five patrol posts: Athens, Blue Ridge, Cumming, Gainesville and Toccoa. Troopers from these posts patrol 20 Northeast Georgia counties. Troopers participated in nine "B" Stings for speed and DUI enforcement which resulted in 1,001 arrests, including 39 DUIs, 19 motorcycle arrests, two suspended license arrests, one reckless driving arrest, nine drug arrests, 527 issued warnings, and one wanted person apprehension.

In March 2005, Troop B responded to the call to assist other agencies in locating a fugitive who had been involved in a shooting spree at the Fulton County Courthouse. Troop B assisted GBI Agents with a felony drug warrant round-up in Clarke County where approximately 50 felony arrests were made. Troopers also assisted with the traffic details for the *Tour de Georgia* Bicycle Race, the University of Georgia football games, the NHRA Southern Nationals drag race, and for the spring and fall AMS Race details. Troopers participated in Hands Across the Border and conducted welfare checks on various charitable groups as they traveled through troop territory. Several troopers also volunteered for the Hurricane Katrina detail.



**Post 6 - Gainesville:** Post 6 patrols Banks, Hall, Jackson and White counties which cover approximately 30 miles of I-85, approximately 20 miles of I-985, and 50 miles of four-lane state routes, including GA 15 and GA 365. Post 6 provided escort for the Veterans' Day 101 Mile Road March. Troopers investigated 1,715 crashes which involved 61 fatalities; made 8,913 arrests, including 182 DUIs, issued 6,432 warnings, made 19 misdemeanor drug arrests, and 15 felony drug arrests, including one arrest made by a trooper assisting DEA Agents, which netted 23 kilos of cocaine. Troopers were instrumental in capturing a suspected child murderer in Hall County and on a separate occasion, located another murder suspect and took him into custody. Forty-four other criminals were captured. Troopers also assisted with a hostage situation in Hall County where the gunman eventually surrendered to GSP S.W.A.T. officers.

**Post 7 – Toccoa:** Post 7 patrols Franklin, Habersham, Hart, Rabun and Stephens counties which cover 22 miles of I-85 and 24 miles of four-lane state routes, including GA 365. Troopers investigated 1,064 crashes, which resulted in 35 fatalities; made 6,228 arrests, 274 of which were DUIs, 47 felony drug arrests and 56 misdemeanor drug arrests, issued 4,890 warnings and apprehended 50 criminals. Troopers provided escort for the funeral of former Georgia Governor Ernest Vandiver who was a resident of Lavonia. Troopers co-hosted a tri-state law enforcement meeting with North Carolina and South Carolina Troopers. Post 7 troopers provided escort for the Veterans' Day 101 Mile Road March and are *Partners in Education* with Habersham County's 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy.

**Post 27 – Blue Ridge:** Post 27 patrols Fannin, Gilmer, Towns and Union counties which cover 75 miles of four-lane state routes. Troopers investigated 462 crashes which involved 23 fatalities; made 3,895 arrests including 123 DUIs, 12 felony drug arrests, 30 misdemeanor drug arrests, issued 5,125 warnings and apprehended 19 criminals. One trooper is a member of the State of Georgia Crisis Negotiations Team and another is a member of the DPS Honor Guard. Post 27 renovated the radio room by replacing the radio console with a new modular system and also made minor repairs to the outside of the post.

**Post 32 - Athens:** Post 32 Athens patrols Barrow, Clarke, Madison and Oconee Counties which cover two miles of I-85 and approximately 100 miles of four-lane state routes, including GA 316. Troopers investigated 355 crashes, which involved 35 fatalities, made 5,076 arrests, 151 of which were DUIs, 25 felony drug arrests,

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including \$1,199,546 seized in an arrest while assisting DEA Task Force Agents. In addition, two separate drug and cash seizures were made totaling \$31,503 in marijuana and ecstasy by troopers patrolling I-85, and 49 misdemeanor drug arrests. Troopers also issued 4,781 warnings and apprehended 31 criminals including two members of a professional shoplifting ring in Barrow County. One trooper is a member of the State of Georgia Crisis Negotiations Team. Troopers assisted Madison County in the search and capture of a suspect who shot a Madison County deputy Post 32 troopers assisted with traffic control for all UGA home football games. Three troopers were fired upon by a gunman as they attempted to serve a warrant. The gunman later took his own life.

**Post 37 - Cumming:** Post 37 patrols Lumpkin, Dawson and Forsyth counties, which include 30 miles of GA 400. Troopers investigated 248 crashes which resulted in 13 fatalities, made 4,908 arrests, 109 of which were DUIs, 14 felony drug arrests, 16 misdemeanor drug arrests, issued 3,709 warnings, and apprehended 25 criminals, one of which was involved in a stolen check forgery ring and had more than 60 outstanding felony warrants. Troopers assisted Lumpkin County Sheriff's Department with traffic for the Gold Rush Festival and parade and coordinated traffic and security control for the Hosea Williams Memorial Peace March. One trooper is a member of the State of Georgia S.W.A.T. Team and another is a member of the Honor Guard.



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## TROOP C

The mission of Troop C is to meet the demands of public safety in the Metro-Atlanta area and reduce the number of DUI drivers, crashes, injuries, and fatalities in the territory. Troop C is dedicated to the Metro-Atlanta area. There are three patrol posts and the DUI Task Force (Nighthawks) assigned to Troop C.

Troop C is unique because of its involvement in numerous special details during the year. Most details are heavily publicized in the news media and often involve local and US dignitaries, as well as dignitaries from abroad. Troop C Command coordinated several special details during this calendar year. This year, Troop C conducted the following high profile details: President and Vice President Details, Fulton County Courthouse shootings, transportation and security for Olympic Park Bomber (Eric Rudolph), Dekalb County Officer shooting, Southern Governors' Conference, Presidential Inauguration in Washington D. C., and Katrina Relief in Louisiana.

Troop C Command staff was responsible for coordinating 67 details and assisted with 41 other details.

In the wake of the Katrina disaster, Troop C Command's role as a front-line, homeland security provider increased. The Command staff was called upon to monitor and coordinate the Command Post at Homeland Security/GEMA during the Katrina Relief efforts in the State of Georgia. Many hours were expended in an effort to provide security at the shelters set up for the displaced people coming from other states to Georgia. The mission was to continue to provide the most effective response in the quickest means possible to insure the safety of the citizens of Georgia as well as, provide security for people who were suddenly without a home, clothing, and estranged from their families.

**Post 9 – Kennesaw:** Troopers patrol Cobb and North Fulton counties. The territory is approximately 87 percent urban and 23 percent rural. The Post territory has five interstate systems: I-20, I-75, I-85, I-285, and GA 400. Post 9 is integrated with the Georgia Army National Guard. Cobb County has made a commitment to build a new Patrol Post for Post 9 and construction is expected to begin in late 2006. Troopers issued 10,247 citations, 3,130 warnings, and 95 DUI arrests. Troopers also investigated 142 crashes, which resulted in 44 injuries. Troopers were assigned 61 special details in addition to their regular duties.

**Post 47 – Forest Park:** Troopers are primarily responsible for public safety and the enforcement of criminal and traffic laws in Clayton, Dekalb, and Fulton counties outside of I-285. Post 47 issued 10,102 citations, 3,725 warnings, and 129 DUI arrests. Troopers investigated 227 crashes, which resulted in 105 injuries and three fatalities. Troopers were instrumental in providing manpower for special details, logging numerous hours in support of these details.

**Post 48 – Atlanta:** Troopers patrol the portions of the following counties that are inside the I-285 perimeter around Atlanta: Cobb, Fulton, Clayton and Dekalb. Post 48 is also responsible for patrol functions for all of Gwinnett County. Post 48 patrols the interstate systems in the Metro-Atlanta area, which include I-285, I-20, I-75, I-85 and I-985. Troopers issued 22,810 citations. Of those, 52 were felony violations, 50 drug arrests, 196 DUIs and 876 were commercial vehicle violations. Personnel issued 4,372 warnings for various violations, recovered 40 stolen vehicles, and made 83 criminal apprehensions. Troopers investigated 465 crashes, which resulted in 159 injuries and two fatalities. Troopers assisted with several special details during the year and logged approximately 6,000 hours.



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**Nighthawks DUI Task Force, Forest Park:** The DUI Task Force was formed and funded by a grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety in August 2004. The DUI Task Force is comprised of one sergeant, two corporals, and seven troopers. 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 and plans to move to Headquarters in February 2006.

The Nighthawks made 5,513 arrests, issued 2,960 warnings, and made 827 DUI arrests. The Nighthawks assisted Troop C in several special enforcement details to include three motorcycle enforcement details, a special Father's Day patrol, and a New Year's Eve patrol. The task force helped to patrol the City of Lithonia during a period of time when it was without a police department. The task force also worked with other Governor's Office of Highway Safety units in the Metro – Atlanta area.

The Nighthawks received two awards for enforcement actions, one from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (first place for a Multi-Jurisdictional Agency) in their annual Governor's Challenge Awards, and one from the International Association of Chiefs of Police (third place for Multi-Jurisdictional Agency).

The Nighthawks also assisted with training for the 82<sup>nd</sup> Trooper School for the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing and Court Room Demeanor block of instruction. The entire Nighthawk Task Force attended the CMI Alcohol and Toxicology Course in Owensboro, Kentucky and the DUI Alcohol and Drug Symposium in Miami, Florida. These two training courses emphasize DUI detection and the effects of alcoholic beverages on the human body. These training sessions helped the task force become aware of the latest tools on DUI enforcement.

**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 logged 51,662 vehicle stops during the year. Vehicle stops have doubled over the last four years while the amount of personnel has remained the same, without any diminishing of the quality and handling of this workload. They also processed 364 hits (stolen vehicle/wanted person), 2,059 impounded vehicles, 101 abandoned vehicles, and 114 chases (pursuits). Additionally, the Headquarters Communication Center is the only Radio Room that monitors four frequencies simultaneously. The Communications Center received the "Team Award" from the State Merit System Public Employees Recognition Program in November. The radio operators collectively worked in several areas outside of normal operations listed below:



- Participated in all Motorcycle Round Ups
- Three SCEOs were detached to NHRA Detail
- Troopers certified on mobile computers
- One SCEO was detached to S.O.C. during Katrina Detail
- Command Bus taken to Dobbins Air Force Base during Katrina evacuation
- Assisted with security during the Fulton County Courthouse shooting
- U.A.S.I. (Urban Area Security Initiative) and L.E.T.P.P. (Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program) equipment installed in the radio room
- All personnel completed P.I.T. and Security and Integrity training
- One SCEO attended the T.A.C. Conference
- Completed GCIC Criminal Histories for Georgia Department of Defense

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## TROOP D

Troop D is comprised of seven patrol posts: Post 1 in Griffin. Post 2 in LaGrange, Post 4 in Villa Rica, Post 24 in Newnan, Post 26 in Thomaston, Post 34 in Manchester, and Post 44 in Forsyth. Troop D is responsible for patrolling eight miles of Interstate 16, 42 miles of Interstate 20, 70 miles of Interstate 75, 54 miles of Interstate 85, 31 miles of Interstate 185 and 14 miles of Interstate 475, for a collective total of 219 miles of interstate. Collectively, Troop D investigated 10,133 crashes, issued 46,872 arrests, captured 1,267 impaired drivers and issued 36,105 warnings. This was in addition to the many wanted criminals, drug suspects and felons apprehended.



Of the many details Troop D assists each year, the largest and most involved is the Atlanta Motor Speedway NASCAR Race that occurs twice annually. Much coordination and effort goes into planning, scheduling and assigning manpower for these events. Troopers are brought in from around the state to assist with directing the massive amount of traffic in and out of the track. In addition to the two NASCAR races, Troop D assists with other randomly scheduled events at Atlanta Motor Speedway, such as the NOPI Car Shows.

Troopers were assigned to assist with other events around troop territory such as Tour De Georgia Bicycle Race, the Cotton Pickin Fair, which is held twice a year in Gay, the Power's Cross Roads Fair, held in Newnan; the Super Sunday Celebration held in Roberta; and the School of Americas Event held in Columbus. Troop D also detached Personnel to assist Troop B with traffic direction, crowd control and security at the University of Georgia Football Games.

**Post 1 - Griffin:** Post 1 is responsible for patrolling Spalding, Henry and Butts counties. Troopers investigated 1,256 vehicle crashes, issued 7,647 arrests of which, 287 were for DUI., and 5,362 warnings. Two troopers were honored by M.A.D.D. for their outstanding efforts in detecting and arresting drunk drivers. They also shared "Outstanding Officer Awards" for GSP which was presented by M.A.D.D. Post 1 also hosted a monument dedication service honoring the life of fallen Trooper Tony Lumley on September 19.

**Post 2 - LaGrange:** Post 2 is responsible for patrolling Harris and Troup counties. Troopers investigated 1,169 vehicle crashes, issued 7,874 arrests of which, 225 were for DUI, and 6,734 warnings. Post 2 assisted with The Pyne Road Park Independence Day Festivities and the Fourth of July Celebration at Callaway Gardens. Post 2 also provided manpower for the Southern Governor's Conference.

**Post 4 - Villa Rica:** Post 4 is responsible for patrolling Carroll and Douglas counties. Troopers investigated 4,687 vehicle crashes, issued 8,073 arrests of which, 231 were for DUI, and 6,131 warnings. Douglas County honored a trooper with Trooper of the Year award. A trooper was honored as Trooper of the Year by Carroll County. A senior trooper and a cadet confiscated \$250,000 of drug money during a traffic stop. A trooper also conducted a traffic stop that netted a large quantity of marijuana. Post 4 investigates more crashes than any other post in the state and they have proven to be an asset to the community they serve.

**Post 24 - Newnan:** Post 24 is responsible for patrolling Fayette, Coweta and Heard counties. Troopers investigated 1,628 vehicle crashes, issued 7,180 arrests of which 166 were for DUI, and 7,037 warnings. Post 24 continued construction of their new patrol post which will be located in Coweta County. The construction is scheduled for completion in May 2006.



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**Post 26 - Thomaston:** Post 26 is responsible for patrolling Crawford, Pike, Taylor and Upson counties. Troopers investigated 696 vehicle crashes, issued 5,422 arrests of which, 142 were for DUI, and 6,333 warnings. The corporal was selected as a member of the security contingent for President Bush's Inauguration. He was also selected to escort dignitaries visiting from China as they toured Georgia. A trooper attended a Southeastern Regional Law Enforcement Conference hosted in Orlando Florida. Manpower was provided for the Bike Ride Across Georgia. Troopers also assisted with traffic at the Fourth of July Celebration held at The Rock Ranch. Two SCEOs and the troop secretary aided in planning the Festival of Trees charity event. Post 26 personnel made many several civic visits throughout the community.

**Post 34 - Manchester:** Post 34 patrols Meriwether, Talbot and Muscogee counties. Troopers investigated 406 vehicle crashes, issued 4,264 arrests of which 88 were for DUI, and 4,508 warnings. Two troopers were honored and received awards for military service during the war and the other for his life saving efforts.

**Post 44 - Forsyth:** Post 44 patrols Bibb, Lamar and Monroe Counties. Troopers investigated 291 vehicle crashes, issued 6,802 arrests of which 128 were for DUI, and 3,111 warnings. Post 44 was involved with the community and gave many talks to schools, churches and civic clubs. Much time and manpower was expended on assisting stranded motorists and conducting medical relays, as well as assisting local agencies.



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## TROOP E

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. Troop E consists of the following patrol posts in Conyers, Madison, Milledgeville, Washington, and Thomson. Each post, with the exception of Milledgeville, covers a portion of the roughly 150 mile stretch of I-20 described above.



One of the highlight events for Troop E in 2005 was the Southern Governors' Association Conference hosted by Reynolds Plantation and the Ritz Carlton, located in Greene County. Georgia's Governor, Sonny Perdue, was the host Governor for this event. The Georgia State Patrol took the lead role in handling the security for this event. The event was a great success, and the Georgia State Patrol received many compliments about the professionalism that was demonstrated during the conference.

After the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, approximately 600 evacuees were housed at Rock Eagle, located off U.S. Highway 441 between Madison and Eatonton. Troopers handled the escorts of buses from Atlanta to Rock Eagle. Troop E was given the task of providing security on the premises while it was being occupied by the evacuees. One lieutenant volunteered to lead the detail of troopers who went to the Gulf Coast to provide law enforcement assistance in the areas of devastation. He also served as the field supervisor for this detail.

A portion of the Tour de Georgia event was held in Troop E's territory. Other regular events that Troop E personnel assisted in were the race detail at Atlanta Motor Speedway, University of Georgia football games, and the State Fair.

**Post 8 – Madison:** Post 8 is located in the eastern central section of Georgia. Post 8 is responsible for enforcement activities in the counties of Morgan, Greene, Putnam, and Jasper. Interstate 20 runs through Morgan and Greene counties and encompasses approximately 41 miles. Post 8 regularly assists local agencies with crash investigations, calls for assistance, and special details. Troopers issued 6,380 citations, 3,236 warnings, and investigated 280 crashes that resulted in 328 injuries and 19 fatalities. On October 5, a trooper investigated a crash on Interstate 20 that resulted in five fatalities. All five of these fatalities were members of the same family. In addition to enforcement activities, Post 8 was very active with special details and community events. On January 3, a trooper traveled to Washington D.C. to participate in the Presidential Inaugural detail. On December 19, the corporal and a trooper assisted Morgan County Sheriff's Office with a mock disaster drill in Madison. Troopers also assisted Post 32 in Athens with traffic enforcement during the University of Georgia football games. In addition to all the enforcement activities and special details, troopers worked a total of 127 radio shifts. Renovations of the buildings on this property are still ongoing. A new roof was recently installed on the main post building and carport. Other renovations are planned and are awaiting approval.

**Post 17 – Washington:** Post 17 is responsible for patrolling five counties in northeastern Georgia that include Elbert, Lincoln, Oglethorpe, Wilkes, and Taliaferro counties. Troopers investigated 313 traffic crashes that resulted in seven fatalities and 263 injuries, issued 4,302 citations, including 11 felony drug arrests, 127 arrests for DUI, and issued 4,124 warnings. In April, troopers assisted with a "Ghost Out" presentation at Washington-Wilkes High School to raise awareness to the dangers of teenage drunken driving. In July, troopers assisted Lincoln County Sheriff's Office with security and traffic control for three major fireworks displays. In October, troopers assisted with security and traffic for the annual Wilkes County "Mule Day" arts and crafts festival. In November, a trooper received the DPS Life Saving Award for his actions as the Forward Looking Infrared Radar (FLIR) camera operator with GSP Aviation in locating a stranded boater on Lake Thurmond while operating

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in freezing temperatures. In December, the same trooper, operating the FLIR unit with GSP Aviation, found a missing disoriented diabetic patient who had wandered off from the scene of his wrecked vehicle. The trooper's actions are credited with saving the person's life before he succumbed to the freezing temperatures.

**Post 25 – Thomson:** Counties served by this post include: Richmond, Columbia, McDuffie, Warren, and Glascock. Troopers are responsible for covering 48 miles of Interstate 20. Post 25 covers Georgia's second largest city (Augusta), one of the fastest growing areas in the nation (Columbia Co.), as well as one of the most economically challenged counties in the State (Glascock Co.). Post 25 holds concentrated patrols on a monthly basis, rotating through the five counties. Post members participate in night DUI road-checks and concentrated patrols with other agencies within the post territory. Post 25 participates in "Click-it or Ticket" and other enforcement initiatives. The yearly activity totals included: 551 crashes, 12 fatalities, 6,793 citations, including 144 for DUI, and 3,699 warnings. The corporal and two troopers received the DPS Lifesaving Award for saving a suicidal soldier's life. Another trooper was recognized by MADD for his DUI Enforcement

**Post 33 – Milledgeville:** Post 33 is located in middle Georgia, once the State Capitol. The Post is responsible for enforcement activity in Baldwin, Jones, Hancock and Washington counties. Post 33 issued a total of 6,010 arrests (+556, 10 percent), 4,332 warnings, and 171 DUIs (+65, 61 percent). Troopers investigated 227 crashes which resulted in 251 injuries and 13 fatalities (-3). Post 33 lead the troop in DUIs and was nominated for the GSP Post MADD Award. The post commander was very instrumental in the coordinating and scheduling escorts for the Hurricane Katrina detail in Rock Eagle.

**Post 46 – Conyers:** Post 46 patrols Rockdale, Newton and Walton counties which includes approximately 23 miles of interstate. Post 46 conducts monthly concentrated patrols and road checks within its post territory, rotating counties each month. When conducting road checks, Post 46 personnel and the County Sheriff's Department participate together to increase DUI arrests. Post 46 personnel have also participated in the GOHS road checks. Post 46 has two troopers that are certified as Drug Recognition Experts, two Field Training Officers and three troopers that hold instructor certificates. During the year, Post 46 issued 9,575 arrests and 4,830 warnings. From the total arrests, troopers issued 176 DUI arrests, 1,407 seatbelt arrests, 115 child restraint arrests and 4,008 speeding arrests. Post 46 also investigated 1,463 crashes which resulted in 1,204 injuries and 44 fatalities. It should be pointed out that 32 of the fatalities occurred in Walton County. In January, the Sheriff of Walton County turned over the responsibility of investigating all crashes that occur in Walton County to the Georgia State Patrol. The sheriff has been instrumental in addressing the issue of constructing a new building for the Georgia State Patrol in Walton County. With the added volume of crashes being investigated, an additional Corporal position has been added to assist with the work load. On July 25, Post 46 assisted the Walton County Sheriff's Department with a march that was held by the Sothern Christian Leadership Conference when they reenacted a murder that took place on Ford's bridge in Walton County. In May, Post 46 also assisted the Walton County Sheriff when a prisoner escaped from a work detail within the county. Air support along with several troopers was instrumental in capturing the subject that evening. A trooper received the DPS Life Saving award for pulling a female from the MARTA rail system when she lost her balance and fell onto the tracks.

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## TROOP F

There are six patrol posts assigned to Troop F which encompasses 22 counties. Troop command consists of one captain, two lieutenants and a troop secretary who received the department's proficiency award.

**Post 16 - Helena:** Post 16 covers Jeff Davis, Telfair, Dodge, Wheeler, and Montgomery counties. Troopers assisted with various details during 2005 to include Uvalda Farm Days Festival, Possom Hollow Festival in Laurens County, Lumber City Festival, Perry State Fair, GSU Football games, and the Annual Air Show in Eastman. Post 16 also had its annual Cemetery Days detail the first weekend in August in Mt. Vernon. Troopers also participated in other civic activities and various parades. A trooper received a Valor Award for his action in an incident that occurred in 2004 where he was able to grab a weapon from a suicidal subject, thus saving the subject's life and those in the room attempting to resolve the situation. The trooper demonstrated extreme restraint and remained alert in this successful situation. Troopers issued 4,518 citations, 142 DUIs and 5,579 warnings. Troopers worked 357 crashes with 389 injuries and 16 fatalities.



**Post 18 - Reidsville:** Post 18 covers Appling, Tattall and Toombs counties. The Georgia State Prison and Rogers State Prison in Reidsville, as well as Smith State Prison in Glennville are included in these counties. Nuclear Power Plant Edwin I. Hatch is located in Appling County. Troopers assisted various state and local agencies throughout the year. These details included The Vidalia Onion Festival and Air Show, The Glennville Sweet Onion Festival, Georgia Southern University football games and graduation, Atlanta Race detail, Perry State Fair, Possum Hollow Festival in Laurens County, and numerous Christmas parades and civic events. Post 18 officers participated in the Department of Homeland Security Plant Hatch security detail in August. They also participated in the Federal Emergency Operations Center Plant Hatch detail in October. Post 18 conducts three daily security checks on Plant Hatch per Homeland Security protocol. Troopers made 5,832 arrests, and issued 244 DUIs and 4,821 warnings. Troopers investigated 434 crashes with 12 fatalities, and 428 injuries. Troopers logged 1,430 training hours, 260 instructor training hours, 187 aviation (FLIR) hours and 308 radio detail hours this year. Post 18 also received nine donated Stalker Dual radars from local agencies/governments in March.

**Post 19 - Swainsboro:** Post 19 patrols Emanuel, Jefferson, Treutlen, and Johnson counties which cover over 29 miles of Interstate I-16. Troopers provided support at the Presidential Inauguration in Washington, DC as well as the Southern Governors' Conference in Greensboro. Troopers provided assistance at the Vidalia Air Show, Jekyll Island Music Festival and the Hurricane Katrina Relief Effort. Personnel also participated in various local events including the Pine Tree Festival in Emanuel County, the Million Pines Festival in Treutlen County and the Possum Hollow Festival in Laurens County. The Georgia National Fair in Perry requested assistance from Post 19. During an episode of Monday Night Football where the Honor Guard represented the department. In the area of enforcement, Post 19 troopers issued 7,815 arrests, 6,761 warning and 220 DUIs. Post 19 troopers investigated 401 crashes with 391 injuries and 23 fatalities. A trooper was recognized by the State of Georgia House and Senate for his actions during a vehicle pursuit. He also earned the DPS Valor award.

**Post 20 - Dublin:** Post 20 has the responsibility of covering Bleckley, Laurens, Twigg and Wilkinson counties. Troopers produced 6,539 arrests, 5,442 warnings, and 169 DUI arrests. Troopers also investigated 619 traffic crashes which resulted in 497 injuries and 25 fatalities. Troopers assisted with numerous details which included the Possum Hollow Arts and Crafts Festival, the Georgia National Fair, the Georgia Southern football games, the Vidalia Annual Air Show, the Atlanta Motor Speedway traffic details, and the Katrina Flood Relief efforts.

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Troopers also performed numerous safety talks to civic organizations and local schools. A significant event occurred on Interstate 16 in Laurens County, when 30 vehicles were involved in an incident resulting in 13 injuries. Amazingly, no one was seriously injured and no one was killed in this major traffic crash. Two troopers received Life Saving awards and one was also recognized for his Public Employee Recognition Safety award nomination.

**Post 21 - Sylvania:** Post 21 patrols Burke, Jenkins and Screven counties. Sylvania' territory is located in the lower southeast of the Central Savannah River area between Augusta and Savannah. Burke County, the second largest county in the state, is home to the Southern Company's nuclear power generating facility, Plant Vogtle. During 2005, troopers investigated 286 vehicle crashes, which resulted in 319 injuries and 17 fatalities. Troopers initiated 5,814 traffic stops and checked 8,381 vehicles in road checks which resulted in 3,935 citations and 4,756 warnings. Post 21 troopers arrested 165 violators for DUI, 50 for felony drug possession, 55 for misdemeanor drug possession, 23 for other felonies and 59 criminals were apprehended. Of the 59 criminals that were apprehended, three were federal fugitives. Troopers recovered six stolen vehicles. Post 21 continues to support other local, state and federal agencies. Troopers assisted other agencies 237 times with expenditure of 669 hours. While assisting the FBI with a federal fugitive wanted for murder, two troopers were involved in the fatal shooting of the suspect by FBI agents. Troopers assisted local agencies with various manhunts for fugitives, lost hunters, and lost children. Post 21 assists Plant Vogtle with security and performs daily checks of the perimeter for suspicious vehicles or person. The sergeant and a trooper were assigned to the Southern Governors' Conference at Reynolds Plantation and helped provide security for numerous Governors from other states. The post commander was detached to the Hurricane Katrina detail in Louisiana for two weeks to assist in the efforts. Troopers also participated in Reading Is Fundamental reading program that allows troopers to come into the local library and read to small children. Two troopers were recognized with certificates by the director of the FBI for their action during the fatal shooting of the federal fugitive in Burke County.

**Post 45 - Statesboro:** Post 45 encompasses Bulloch, Candler and Evans counties, spanning approximately 42 miles of interstate. There continues to be a rise in population and growth in the Statesboro area due to Georgia Southern University. Troopers investigated 1,019 crashes which resulted in 774 injuries and 14 fatalities. In the enforcement arena, Troopers issued 5,930 citations, 7,238 warnings, and 227 DUIs. The post experienced an increase in activity and a decrease in crashes. Post 45 personnel assisted with several other local events, including: The Brooklet Peanut Festival held in Brooklet; the Turpentine Festival held in Portal; Another Blooming Festival held in Metter; the Rattlesnake Roundup held in Claxton; and Ogeechee Fair Week held in Statesboro. Post 45 assisted the Statesboro Police Department with the event. Post 45 also assists with traffic at Georgia Southern University home football games. These games require troop-wide assistance, but are coordinated through Post 45. Post 45 assisted the Tri-Circuit Drug Task Force with two "roundups" in which numerous drug violators were located and apprehended. Post personnel also provided assistance to the Atlanta race detail and Hurricane Katrina. The sergeant and a trooper received the DPS Valor award. The award was given for actions taken in a SWAT call out involving a barricaded gunman.

The Evans County Board of Commissioners donated \$15,000 to be utilized for construction on the new post. This donation has been approved by the Board of Public Safety. Construction began early this year and is progressing well.

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## TROOP G

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

**Post 10 - Americus:** Post 10 covers Sumter, Terrell, Webster, Schley and Marion counties. The troopers at Post 10 issued 5,135 arrests and 5,278 warnings for the year. They also worked 273 crashes which involved 276 injuries and 12 fatalities.

**Post 12 - Thomasville:** Post 12 patrols Thomas, Grady, Colquitt, and Mitchell Counties. Post 12 generated 8,133 arrests, 7,946 warnings, and 147 DUIs. Post 12 investigated 592 crashes resulting in 636 injuries and 26 fatalities. Post 12 along with assistance from troopers in Troop G, assisted with traffic at the Moultrie Sunbelt Agriculture Exposition in Moultrie. The Ag Expo is the largest in the nation and over 200,000 visitors from around the world came for the three-day event. Post 12 also escorted and assisted with Hurricane Katrina evacuees that were taken to the Baptist Convention Center in Norman Park. The sergeant was detached to New Orleans to assist with Hurricane Katrina search and recovery.

**Post 14 - Donalsonville:** Post 14 is located in the southwest corner of Georgia, bordering the states of Alabama and Florida. Post 14's territory includes Decatur, Early, Miller and Seminole counties. Post 14 also houses the Safety Education Commander, a trooper with Implied Consent, and an employee with GEMA. Troopers issued 5,609 citations and 6,758 warnings. Troopers made 165 DUI, 1,333 seatbelt, and 155 child restraint arrests. Post 14 Troopers investigated 277 collisions, resulting in 259 injuries and five fatalities. Troopers also assisted 505 motorists in 2005. Post 14 decreased fatalities by 17 in 2005, finishing with only five fatalities overall.

**Post 39 - Cuthbert:** Post 39 patrols Calhoun, Clay, Chattahoochee, Stewart, Quitman, and Randolph counties. Troopers issued 4,944 citations, 4,929 warnings, and investigated 15 fatal car crashes. Post 39 also took part in many special details throughout 2005. Post 39 assisted with two Atlanta Motor Car Speedway Races, GA. National Fair, and the Sunbelt AG Expo. Post 39 also assisted with a string of hurricanes that struck the southeast in late summer and early fall.

In the early morning hours of August 18, the Lumpkin Police Chief, a Stewart County Deputy, and a member of the Stewart County EMS were shot on the town square in Lumpkin. Troopers, along with other law enforcement agencies, responded to the shooting. At approximately 5:00 a.m., the suspect was located with hostages. The standoff resulted in the death of the suspect.

**Post 40 - Albany:** Post 40 patrols Dougherty, Baker, Lee, and Worth counties. Troopers conducted the following enforcement activity: 298 crashes, 4,551 arrests, including 70 for DUI, 4, 197 warnings, 293 injuries, and eight fatalities. Post 40 assisted the Secret Service with Vice President Cheney detail on three occasions during the year. During these visits, Post 40 was responsible for leading the Vice President's motorcade and assisting the Secret Service in security measures. In April, Post 40 assisted the local high schools and the local University of Georgia Extension Office with the Dougherty County Prom Promise program to deter those attending high school prom from consuming alcohol or experimenting with drugs. In September, the post commander and a trooper were detached to New Orleans to aide in the Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts. During October, troopers assisted with the Georgia National Fair in Perry and the Sunbelt Ag Expo.



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## **TROOP H**

Troop H is made up of five patrol posts that include Post 13 in Tifton, Post 15 in Perry, Post 30 in Cordele, Post 31 in Valdosta, and Post 36 in Douglas. Troop H territory covers 19 counties and includes approximately 151 miles of I-75 beginning at the Georgia/Florida line and ending at the Peach/Crawford line.

Troop H assisted or participated in several details and annual events during the year. Troopers assisted in the Georgia National Fair, providing many troopers each day for traffic control and security inside the fairgrounds. Troopers from Troops G, E, F and I also assisted with these duties. A new attendance record of 400,615 was set at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Georgia National Fair. This was 10,402 more people than the 2004 attendance.

Troop H participated in the annual “Hands Across the Border” event. This event is a joint effort between the Georgia State Patrol, Florida Highway Patrol, Governor’s Office of Highway Safety and many local police agencies, that emphasizes seatbelt and child restraint usage. Troopers assisted the Crisp County Sheriff’s Department and Cordele Police Department during the Easter Sunday weekend and Fourth of July weekend. High trooper visibility and aggressive patrols in these areas during these weekends greatly reduced the possibility of major problems associated with large crowds that gather in certain areas of the city and county.

Troopers assisted with the Katrina Relief Detail in Louisiana. Troop H also provides personnel to assist with AMS Race Detail twice a year at the Atlanta Motor Speedway. Post 13 teamed up with the Patticake House to raise money to help foster children. Troopers helped raise over \$40,000 in cash and gifts, which helped over 260 children have a merry Christmas. Troop H Command sponsored a Troop H Day event in October. This event has turned into an annual event where the command staff takes the opportunity to thank all Troop personnel for the outstanding job they do each and every day to fulfill the mission of the department. Also in attendance were several members of the command staff from Atlanta, local law enforcement leaders and retired DPS Personnel and special friends. Post 13 moved into their new post facility on GA 41 in Tift County in May. This building provides much needed space for Post 13 personnel.



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## TROOP I

Troop I has five patrol posts that cover 15 southeast Georgia counties ranging from the Georgia-Florida state line to the Georgia-South Carolina state line. It covers all of I-95 through Georgia as well as portions of I-16 and I-516 in Chatham County. The entire Georgia coastline is located in the Troop I territory which include: Post 42, Rincon (Effingham, Chatham, and Bryan), Post 11 in Hinesville (Liberty, Long and McIntosh), Post 23 in Brunswick (Wayne, Glynn and Camden), Post 22 in Waycross (Bacon, Pierce, Ware, Brantley, Clinch and Charlton) and Post 35 in Jekyll Island. Points of interest and responsibility within the troop include all of the Georgia Ports Authority Terminals, Savannah International Airport, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Kings Bay Naval Base, Hunter Army Airfield, Fort Stewart Base and the US Coast Guard Marien Safety Office.



Troop I officers and troopers participated in the “Hands Across the Border” campaign at the Georgia-Florida and Georgia-South Carolina state lines and the “Operation Zero Tolerance” campaign in Savannah. Both of these events are sponsored by the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety. Troop officers also attended many meetings and preparation events with DOT officials and local agencies to ensure that troopers are prepared in the event that a hurricane should threaten the Georgia coast. Georgia is also actively involved when Florida residents are evacuating due to hurricanes affecting that state. Three troopers from Troop I served on the Georgia delegation sent to Louisiana to assist with Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. Five troopers served on a security delegation from the Georgia State Patrol at the 55th Presidential Inauguration held in Washington, D.C in January. The annual St. Patrick’s Day celebration is held each year in Savannah and many Troop I personnel assisted with this event. Other events that required security from Troop I personnel were the Beach Music Festival on Jekyll Island, the Orange Crush detail on Tybee Island and the Georgia National Fair in Perry, Ga.

**Post 11 - Hinesville:** Troopers investigated 567 traffic crashes that resulted in 547 injuries and 17 fatalities. They issued 6,478 citations that included 210 DUI arrests. They also issued 4,579 warnings during the year. The Fort Stewart Army Base, home of the Third Infantry Division, is located in the Post 11 territory. This division served in Afghanistan and Iraq. Troopers assisted military officials in several funerals for those that paid the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our country. In November, a portion of I-95 was renamed “Fallen Troopers Memorial Highway” in memory of troopers killed in the line of duty. A bridge overpass was named for TFC Ronnie O’Neal who was killed while in pursuit of a violator on January 10, 1984.

**Post 22 - Waycross:** Post 22 is one of the largest in the state, is 110 miles long and 79 miles wide. The Okefenokee swamp and wildlife refuge is included in this area. This year troopers investigated 427 traffic crashes that resulted in 637 injuries and 29 fatalities. Troopers issued 6,345 citations that included 248 DUI arrests in 2005. They also issued 7,630 warnings.

**Post 23 - Brunswick:** Post 23 troopers investigated 649 vehicle crashes that resulted in 455 injuries and 10 fatalities. Troopers issued 7,622 arrests than included 219 DUI arrests. They also issued 6,504 warnings during the year. Troopers assisted with several military escorts throughout the year and also assisted in escorting remains of those soldiers killed in action in Iraq to their families. Troopers assisted the Screven community with 24-hour security after the area was severely damaged from a tornado. They also assisted with the “Bicycle Ride across Georgia” event as it concluded in the Glynn County area. The post commander and a trooper were nominated for the DPS Lifesaving award after helping to save a man after the vehicle he was working on fell on

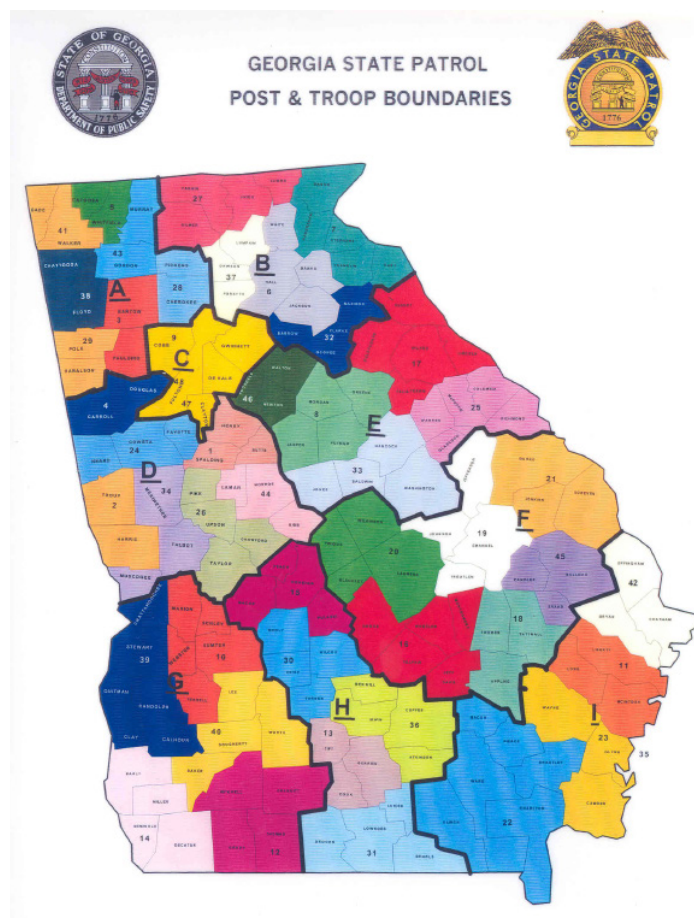


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him. Another trooper received the “Officer of the Year” award presented by the Glynn County Exchange Club.

**Post 35 - Jekyll Island:** Troopers assigned to this post serve as the only law enforcement on the island and thus perform a wide variety of police services to those that live or visit Jekyll Island. In addition to normal patrol duties, troopers answer calls ranging from injured animals to burglaries, assaults and deaths. Throughout the year, approximately one million visitors from all over the world have come to experience Jekyll Island’s hidden secrets. Jekyll Island has been the host for countless conventions and events that require extensive planning and manpower. Many senior citizens migrate to Jekyll Island from the north in the winter to escape the extremely cold weather. Jekyll Island troopers investigated 74 traffic crashes resulting in 13 injuries and no deaths. Troopers issued 994 citations, including 17 DUI arrests and 1,669 warnings. They also responded to 685 miscellaneous calls and assisted 248 motorists during the year. There were 110 criminal investigations opened throughout the year. Of these, 21 arrests were made as a result of the investigations. The corporal received the law enforcement “Officer of the Year” award presented by the Glynn County Exchange Club.

**Post 42 - Rincon:** Troopers investigated 196 motor vehicle crashes that resulted in 127 injuries and nine fatalities. Trooper issued 10,336 arrests that included 234 DUI arrests and 3,886 warnings for the year. Throughout the year, Post 42 participated in many events sponsored by the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety and local agencies. The largest event is the annual St. Patrick’s Day parade held in Savannah which is the second largest parade in the United States. Approximately, 200,000 people attend this event each year. Personnel also assist the Tybee Island Police Department each year with the annual Orange Crush event. Troopers from this post also assisted military officials with death notifications and escorts for soldiers killed in action in Iraq.



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## TROOP J

Troop J is comprised of the following units: Troop J Command, Implied Consent, and Safety Education. Presently, these units consist of 28 sworn uniform members and three support staff members which provide a broad range of services on a statewide basis.

**Troop J Command:** The captain and lieutenant led the GSP's efforts to raise funds for "Special Olympics Georgia". The GSP raised approximately \$12,255, which put the GSP in sixth place among all participating law enforcement agencies.



In March, the lieutenant and four members of the Safety Education Unit attended the Lifesavers Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina. At this conference, experts from all facets of public safety assembled to present programs and conduct workshops. During this three day event, GSP personnel attended over 40 safety related workshops.

In June, the captain, lieutenant and two members of the Safety Education Unit attended the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual "Uniformed Safety Education Officers Workshop" (USEOW) held in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Safety Education troopers from across the nation attend this workshop to present traffic safety programs, and to improve the effectiveness of safety programs through the exchange of ideas. The lieutenant's presentation on the dangers and safe driving practices of 15-passenger vans received third place award in the "Best Safety Program" category.

A great deal of planning and consultation was necessary by members of Troop J due to the continued success of the annual professional cycling event "Tour de Georgia". Additionally, due to his involvement and commitment, the lieutenant was asked to participate in the planning and implementation of the "Tour of Hope Ride" with the Lance Armstrong Foundation as it traveled through Georgia. As a result, the lieutenant was also asked to assist with the training of members of the California Highway Patrol for the professional cycling event "Tour of California".

**Implied Consent Unit:** 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 the state. Unit members responded to 4,851 requests for intoxilyzer services, expending 6,220 hours.

In addition to performing the regular maintenance and inspections of all breath testing instruments, the members provide crucial expert testimony in DUI cases for state, county and city law enforcement agencies. Unit members complied with 254 total open records requests for both defense attorneys and the prosecution. This unit spent 191 hours in court and other legal proceedings regarding Intoxilyzer operation and instrumentation.

Members issued 765 citations, 860 warnings, two DUI arrests and 698 motorist assist. The members also supplemented field posts during annual events such as the Atlanta Race detail, Cotton Pickin' Fair, concentrated patrols, and the Law Enforcement Torch Run. The Implied Consent Unit also helps other Troop J personnel to coordinate events such as Bicycle Ride Across Georgia (BRAG), Operation One Voice military run, Tour de Georgia, and Girls State.

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**Safety Education Unit:** The mission of the Safety Education Unit (SEU) is to promote the safe operation of motor vehicles and reduce the number of crashes, injuries and fatalities in Georgia through education and enforcement. SEU troopers expended 2,039 hours conducting 1,055 safety programs. The recipients of these programs were schools, civic clubs, employee groups, military bases and various other organizations. Unit members conducted 3,332 public relations visits with the purpose of making the public more aware of the efforts of the GSP.

SEU troopers issued 1,105 citations (including four DUI arrests), 790 warnings and assisted 473 stranded motorists. SEU troopers aggressively participate in holiday patrol efforts, sustained enforcement drives and concentrated patrols.

SEU troopers participated in many special details during the year. SEU continues to be an integral part of the planning and security team for the Tour de Georgia bicycle race. SEU members assisted with BRAG (Bike Ride Across Georgia), the Cox-MS150 bike ride, the American Legion sponsored Boys and Girls State, race details at Atlanta Motor Speedway, Safe America Teen Driver events, Lifesavers Conference in Charlotte, NC, USEOW Conference in Council Bluffs, IA, Operation One Voice military run, Hands Across the Border events, Chamber of Commerce Bus Trip Across Georgia, Camp Civitan, Tour of Hope Bike Ride, dignitary protection details and other special events.

The unit also participated in the Special Olympics Torch Run fundraising effort. SEU troopers serve their communities as local-elected officials, civic club members, leaders in scouting, and community service oriented fraternal organizations. They take active roles in their local traffic enforcement networks (GATEN) which is overseen by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. Safety Education troopers serve as driving instructors at GPSTC and assist the GBI with their in-service training.

In July, the Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program (ADAP) was transferred to the newly created Department of Driver Services and members of SEU assisted in the smooth transition of the program. In the first six months of the year troopers conducted 37 ADAP classes and visited 164 schools in the monitoring of the program.



## **AVIATION**

The Georgia State Patrol Aviation Division provides aerial support to state, federal and local agencies in support of the public safety interest of the citizens of Georgia. Over the past 35 years, the Aviation Division has grown into a diverse rotorcraft unit that provides aviation support to federal, state, and local agencies to fulfill its primary mission of airborne law enforcement. In addition, as the division has developed so has its unique capabilities to assist in the saving of countless lives. The Aviation Division is a unique unit with several specialized mission capabilities. Its core function is not flight, but the use of flight to conduct airborne law enforcement in direct support to ground law enforcement or emergency response efforts. It is part of a combined law enforcement effort, similar to the combined arms concept of the United States Marine Corps.



This overall structure, and unity of command within the organization, ensures proper support of the organization's responsibility to provide for the public's safety.

Currently, the division's assets consist of 14 helicopters, six hangars, 14 pilots, six aircraft mechanics, and one administrative support personnel. The division's greatest asset is found not in a piece of equipment, but in its maintenance personnel. Without their experience and expertise the aircraft would never fly. The division has experienced a safety record that few organizations can rival. Additionally, 11 troopers from field posts and five

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non-departmental Peace Officers have been trained as Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) camera operators to support search and rescue missions seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

Forward Looking Infrared camera systems have been placed on six different aircraft located at each one of the hangar facilities. This camera enables the pilot and operator to locate missing persons or fleeing fugitives at night by the radiated heat coming from their bodies. The pilots have also been trained in the use of Night Vision Goggles (NVGs) to operate in the low light environment to enhance any type of mission that might be flown. The marriage between NVGs and the FLIR has required a concerted program development and training syllabus that requires certification and proficiency flights on an ongoing basis to maintain currency. This effort has produced an invaluable service that has caught many a fleeing fugitive and has saved many lives.

A second relationship has been formed between the Aviation Division and the State of Georgia SWAT team. Working together with the use of the Bell UH-1H and OH-58 platforms, vital support has been given for SWAT call-outs. The Aviation Division is able to provide air transport, fast roping or rappelling, and airborne surveillance. Aviation provides aerial transport at any time day or night, placing SWAT in the desired location, and then provides a bird's eye view via data link to the tactical commander. This is also a capability that no other state aviation unit has developed or is capable of providing. This combination of assets directly enhances the state's response in regards to the Counter Terrorism Task Force.

Each year, the Aviation Division provides aircraft, pilots, and observers in support of the Governor's Task Force (GTF) for Marijuana Suppression. Thousands of plants are spotted, eradicated, and suspects arrested because of the support provided by the Aviation Division. Many times those responsible for the illegal activity are spotted from the air, providing probable cause to conduct searches that uncover other criminal activity such as drug labs, indoor marijuana growing operations, and stolen property. Recently, the division has outfitted the Bell UH-1H with a rescue hoist and received training in its use and was able to make its first rescue from a downed aircraft just north of the Rome airport. This is just another example of forward and proactive thinking for the development of the division's capabilities which directly contributes to the saving of lives.

Financially, the division conducted its total operation of 14 rotorcraft and six hangar facilities for \$2,345,683.20. With the Personnel Services cost of \$1,515,498.14 and funds received for participation in the Governor's Task Force of \$455,000, only \$375,185.06 of state funding was actually spent on the total operating cost of the unit. During the year, the division answered 1,435 calls and flew 3,208.8 hours which is an excellent return on the funds spent for the services provided.

## **GSP Aviation Division Flight Request by Agency**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Flight Request</b>
Sheriff Departments	363
Police Departments	108
Georgia Bureau of Investigation	51
Georgia Dept. Corrections	18
Emergency Management	26
Georgia Dept. Natural Resources	16
Federal Agencies	16
U.S. Secret Service	14
Military	6
Drug Enforcement Administration	11
Governor's Drug Task Force	271
Governor's Office	41
Georgia State Patrol	476
Other	18

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## GSP Aviation Division Flight Statistics

<u>Mission</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Hours</u>
GTF	271	1057.3
Search-Missing Person/Fugitive (Day)	187	449.1
Search-Missing Person/Fugitive (Night)	99	240.5
Training	180	296.3
Surveillance	47	99.3
Stolen Property Search	39	68.7
Photo Flight	197	301
Aircraft Shuttle	181	257.1
Transports	69	147.5
Executive Transport	28	49.7
Static Display	14	14.4
Other	68	157.5
Maintenance	55	70.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>1435</b>	<b>3208.8</b>

Other: Special Details/Down Link, Disaster Surveys, Homeland Security Exercises, Funeral Fly Over, Site Surveys and aid to other Agencies

Aircraft Shuttle: To Maintenance HQ, to other hangars and other maintenance facilities.

NVG flight time: 470.6hrs

### **SPECIALIZED WEAPONS AND TACTICS TEAM (SWAT)**

The Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) is a functional component of the Georgia State Patrol that provides equipment and capabilities to GSP and other agencies that may not ordinarily be available to resolve critical incidents such as hostage situations, barricaded subjects, and high-risk warrant services. The team is staffed by troopers from across the state who voluntarily serve as collateral duty from field posts. All SWAT members undergo rigorous and continuous training to remain proficient in a variety of skills.

Full-time staff for the team consists of a captain as team commander, an assistant tactical commander, an equipment and logistics officer, and a training cadre member. This year, by far, was the most active year for SWAT to date. SWAT responded to 40 call-outs during the year. These call-outs included 16 barricaded suspect incidents, three hostage barricade incidents, four high-risk warrant services, seven surveillance details,

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five escort/security details, two suicidal subject incidents, one active shooter incident, and two activations of the state's Counter-Terrorism Task Force. In addition to these calls, SWAT was placed on stand-by 15 times for various critical incidents that were resolved prior to deployment.

Team members are becoming more and more recognized for their expertise in tactical applications and are being called upon to teach other agencies. SWAT members conducted an Urban Sniper course for members of the U.S. Air Force's 820<sup>th</sup> Security Force from Moody Air Force Base. Each year, SWAT conducts a basic SWAT school that is typically attended by officers from local and federal law enforcement agencies, and has been extremely well received. A large quantity of equipment has been obtained through Homeland Security grants, including a new SWAT response truck, which will serve to reduce response time because it will be pre-staged in South Georgia. Over \$2 million worth of equipment has been acquired through the grant process, and it has served to make SWAT one of the best equipped teams in the country.



## CRIMINAL INTERDICTION UNIT (CIU)

The Georgia State Patrol's Criminal Interdiction Unit is a statewide unit tasked with the pro-active enforcement of traffic and criminal laws. The unit consists of five small teams, averaging 12 members, spread across the state assigned to work major interstate corridors.

CIU experienced its best year on record this year. Team members also assisted with several high profile federal cases which resulted in large contraband seizures.

CIU was honored with a DPS Commissioner's Commendation award for the unit's efforts during 2004 and 2005. Additionally, two team members were individually nominated for both the DPS Commissioner's Commendation and Valor awards based on their actions during 2005. These nominations were recognized a new Georgia record for the largest cocaine seizure from a single cold traffic stop and for the pursuit and capture of a multiple murder suspect.

CIU members attended several nationally recognized training events as both students and instructors in criminal interdiction. CIU members also teach an Introduction to Criminal Patrol and a Traffic Stops class for Trooper School.

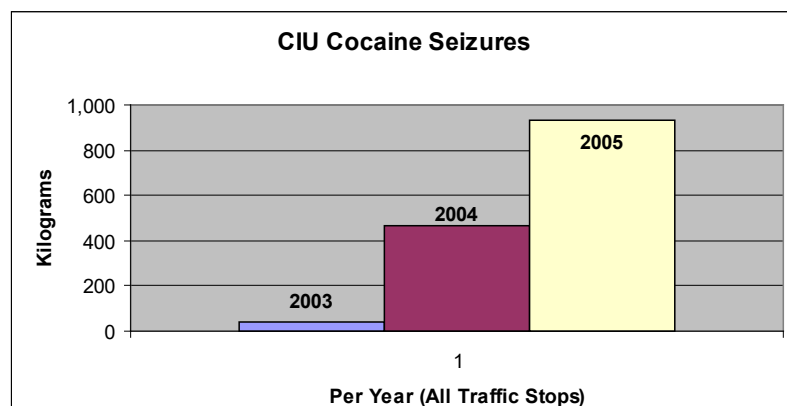
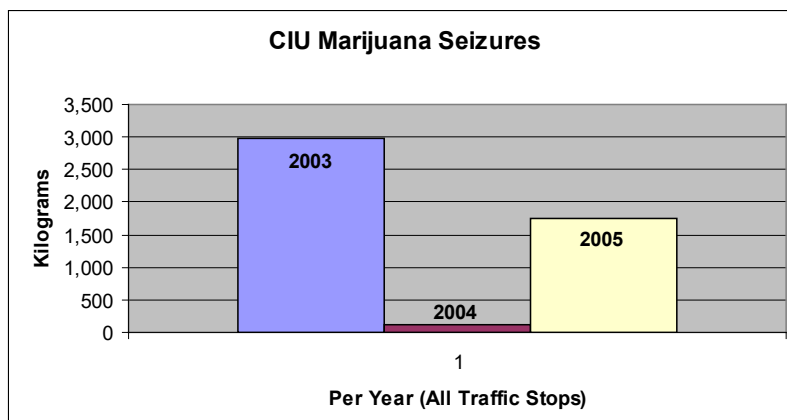
### CIU Activity Totals

CY 2005 Totals	Team Totals
Crashes	44
Arrests	3,221
Warnings	5,343
DUI	41
Felony Drug Arrest	156
Non-Drug Felony Arrest	51
Misc. Drug Arrest	126
Criminal Apprehensions	221
Motorist Assist	764
Stolen Vehicles	8
Patrol Number	1,592
Patrol Hours	12,862
<b>CIU Activity Totals Continued</b>	
Marijuana (Kilos)	1743.809
No. Seizures	115

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<b>Cocaine (Kilos)</b>	<b>934.97</b>
<b>No. Seizures</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Methamphetamine (Kilos)</b>	<b>0.197</b>
<b>No. Seizures</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Heroin (Kilos)</b>	<b>0.008</b>
<b>No. Seizures</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Other Drugs (Units)</b>	<b>174</b>
<b>No. Seizures</b>	<b>9</b>

Note: Seizure amounts are combined totals from traffic stops only and do not include joint operations.



**Counter-Terrorist Task Force (CTTF):** The Criminal Interdiction Unit is a core component of the new Counter-Terrorist Task Force. This assignment has led to an increase in training requirements and additional responsibilities. The members of CIU received advanced training on weapons, behavior assessment screening system, state and local anti-terrorist tactics training, and hidden vehicle and residential compartments. Additionally there are two troopers from each Troop who are assigned to CTTF and fall under partial CIU control during any designated operations.

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CTTF participated in two real-world deployments following the bombings of London, England's mass transit systems. CTTF was deployed with no prior notice to support MARTA Police following the attacks, and again during a Presidential visit.

## **SPECIALIZED COLLISION RECONSTRUCTION TEAM (SCRT)**

The mission of the Georgia State Patrol Specialized Collision Reconstruction Team (SCRT) is to provide a means by which fatal crashes can be 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 shooting, fatal crashes, and air disasters.

**Team 1 - Calhoun:** Team 1 opened 65 cases which resulted in 64 deaths. The team reconstructed a number of high profile cases. Six of which involved pursuit-related crashes that resulted in fatalities. Two chases involved GSP units actively pursuing the violator and once crash involved a GSP unit that was struck by a fleeing motorcycle. Only one of these six crashes involved the PIT maneuver. Two of the six crashes resulted in the deaths of the fleeing suspect while the remaining four victims were either passengers in the fleeing vehicle or third party motorists involved in the crash. Team 1 successfully reconstructed a hit and run crash involving a pedestrian in Bartow County. The victim was not found until four days later. Using only pieces from the corner light found at the scene, the investigators were able to determine the type of vehicle involved. With the aid of the news media, the hit and run vehicle and its driver were identified and located. In October, Team 1 investigated a crash that claimed the life of Clayton County Police Officer. In addition to their crash investigations, Team 1 assisted the GBI and Walker County Sheriff's Investigators with a murder investigation that resulted after a confrontation between two motorists on GA 193. Team 1 investigators assisted the Walker County District Attorney during a week-long trial in December. Team 1's expert testimony and preparation sealed a win for the prosecution. The defendant was found guilty on all vehicle homicide charges. Team members participated in five pursuits and assisted with three manhunt operations throughout the year.



**Team 2 - Gainesville:** Team 2 opened 64 new cases which had resulted in the deaths of 65 individuals. Team 2 assisted Post 6 in Gainesville with the investigation of a one-car crash that claimed the life of a Hall County Deputy. One trooper volunteered and was deployed to New Orleans to assist in the Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts

**Team 3 - Forsyth:** Team 3 opened 79 cases which resulted in 65 fatalities. Team 3 reconstructed two crashes involving troopers' use of the PIT maneuver. One of these crashes resulted in the death of the violator. Sadly, Team 3 was called to investigate a crash that resulted in the death of a Henry County police officer who was responding to a call. Team 3 also assisted Team 5 with a forensic mapping of a shooting scene in Lumpkin. A



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trooper also volunteered and was deployed to New Orleans to assist in the Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts.

**Team 4 - Reidsville:** Team 4 opened 56 new cases that resulted in 52 fatalities. Team 4 continues to have the largest territory in the state. Team members were called to assist in the investigation of a non-GSP involved pursuit. The violator ultimately crashed resulting in a fatality.

**Team 5 - Valdosta:** Team 5 opened 67 new cases resulting in 62 deaths. Team 5 reconstructed a trooper involved PIT crash that resulted in the death of the violator. In August, team members assisted the Georgia Bureau of Investigations (GBI) with the forensic mapping of a shooting that occurred in Lumpkin. The secretary has sought and participated in advanced training provided to Victim's/Witness Advocates. She works very hard to provide assistance to the families of the victims that are subjects of our investigations. She also has assessed some trauma related problems found in her contacts with these families and referred those troubled family members to people who can offer help and assistance during their time of crisis.

Overall, SCRT recorded a total of 331 new cases resulting in 308 deaths. SCRT was involved in 35 percent of all fatal crashes that GSP worked and 18 percent of the reported statewide fatal crashes.

## **TRAINING**

The Georgia State Patrol Training Division operates out of the Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) in Forsyth, Georgia. The annual departmental in-service for sworn members began on January 18, and concluded on June 7. The in-service consisted of two days of driver training with a PIT update and a high speed driving refresher.

A spring firearms training began in January, in addition to the fall firearms in-service. The department will continue to have two annual firearms in-services to maintain proficiency in all weapons and ensure that all members receive the most current information concerning the use of force.

Driver training continued throughout the year with Crown Victoria update classes which trained troopers in the differences in driving the newer model Crown Vics which have ABS and rack and pinion steering.

After much consideration, the Public Safety Board allowed the department to continue using the PIT Maneuver without a speed cap. As a result of this decision, the lieutenant of the Training Division, one of the lieutenants from Troop C and the director of the Legal Services Office, along with the Attorney General's Office administered an eight-hour PIT Liability course in the field for each troop. This class is another mandatory annual training session that was added this year.

The 81st Trooper School began field training on April 11 and graduated 28 troopers on July 15. The 82<sup>nd</sup> Trooper School began on August 7, with 36 cadets and started field training on December 20, with 26 cadets. Training finished the year preparing for the 83<sup>rd</sup> Trooper School will begin on January 1, 2006.

The annual fall firearms in-service began September 13 and ended December 14. The firearms instructors traveled to each troop for a week to qualify each sworn departmental member and to give use of force training with an emphasis on negligent discharges. A field training officer in-service was held on December 5 and 6 to prepare Field Training Officers (FTOs) for the 82<sup>nd</sup> Trooper School field training. The firearms simulator concluded its second training tour around the state this year in December.



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## CAPITOL POLICE DIVISION

The Capitol Police Division (CPD), acquired from the Georgia Building Authority (GBA) on September 1, 2001, has two responsibilities to the Capitol Square area and other state-owned buildings in downtown Atlanta: 1) law enforcement, and; 2) physical security. While Capitol Police Officers have state-wide, law enforcement authority, the division provides a full service law enforcement program and a full spectrum of physical security services for seventeen state-owned buildings, 21 parking lots, and the adjacent streets and sidewalks in the downtown Atlanta area through its proprietary employees and contracted services. The division responds to public safety issues and secures and protects



the state's assets, its resources, personnel, visitors, and processes, from interruption, loss, or destruction. In addition to its daily responsibilities, CPD establishes and manages access and security policies for the Capitol Square area in concert with building tenants, government leadership and GBA. CPD is responsible for planning and providing security and law enforcement services for all public events on the Capitol Square campus and its surrounding area, including but not limited to:

- Public protests, demonstrations and, counter-demonstrations;
- News conferences;
- Lying-in-state ceremonies;
- VIP and dignitary visits, and;
- Political rallies

CPD police officers investigate criminal incidents and traffic crashes; monitor numerous activist and anarchist websites; coordinate intelligence sharing with GISAC and the Atlanta Police Department's (APD) Intelligence Unit; manage street closures for events; patrol the streets on Capitol Square and those adjacent to other state buildings; provide courtroom security for Georgia's Supreme Court and Court of Appeals; conduct security assessments and surveillance detection, and deliver personal safety training programs for state employees and others. Capitol Police motor officers assist with crowd control and access, as well as providing escort services for dignitaries and VIPs. Since the division has trained and developed some expertise in conducting security assessments, CPD also partners, through the Department of Homeland Security, in multi-agency assessment teams providing assessments for other government facilities. Division security personnel manage building access and life safety systems; provide first responder services to life safety incidents; and support police and security responses to incidents. Contract security personnel provide building access control and building security, and key control and lost and found programs.

**Communications Center personnel:** The Communication Center monitors life-safety, video surveillance and, building elevator systems; provides a communications backbone for the civilian security program; manages building access control systems; conducts security background checks for numerous state agencies; communicates timely information about critical events in the Capitol Square area through the division's personnel notification system (PNS); and monitors all of the duress alarms on Capitol Square.

**Borrowing from Community Oriented Policing concepts:** The division developed and now delivers a range of personal safety and other recognized training programs for state employees and others. Training programs provided by CPD for state employee consumption include:

- Emergency response to life safety threats,
- Personal safety,
- Workplace violence and,
- Identity theft

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Several state agencies have made the personal safety training programs mandatory for all of their employees in the Atlanta area, and private industry has tapped into the training services as well. A list of agencies and organizations taking advantage of the training programs for their employees includes The National Association of Administrative Law Judges, Georgia Power Company, and the following state agencies of Georgia:

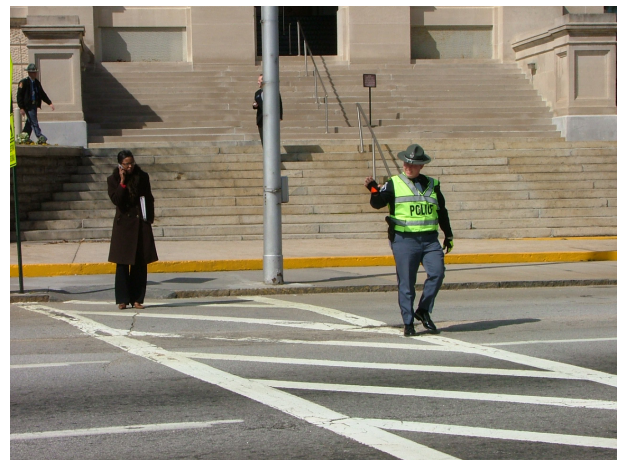
- Department of Transportation
- Department of Human Resources
- Department of Community Health
- Department of Administrative Services
- Department of Revenue
- Department of Audits
- Georgia Technology Authority
- House and Senate Staff
- Legislative Counsel
- Insurance Commissioner
- Georgia Building Authority
- Governor's Office
- Office of Planning and Budget
- Georgia Court of Appeals
- Georgia Supreme Court

**Summary:** In July, the division moved its headquarters and operational offices from the Capitol Avenue locations to 130 and 146 Memorial Drive, SW. Originally housing the State Employees Credit Union, the 130 Memorial Drive location was remodeled to accommodate the division's command staff. The former driver's licensing facility at 146 Memorial Drive SW. was cleaned and remodeled is now the home of the division's operations offices. In December, the division hosted an open house at its new headquarters offices.

In May, division personnel fielded two teams to participate in the Downtown Atlanta Beach Volleyball tournament. Challenged to participate by Atlanta's Ambassador Force, the CPD teams participated in *The Zone Community Challenge*, a neighborhood team challenge. The tournament was presented in partnership with the Fourth Annual Downtown Neighborhood Festival and Tour of Lofts by Central Atlanta Progress.

A new \$2.5 million security contract was awarded to Allied Barton Security in July to provide civilian security staffing for the division in several of the buildings. This contract, which took more than a year to award, replaced an older contract inherited from the GBA with Wackenhut Security. Allied Barton now provides security staffing and programs for the Two Peachtree, Sloppy Floyd, Agriculture, and, Archives Buildings on behalf of the division.

GBA, using a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) grant of almost \$2 million, completed most of the task of renovating the older access control, life safety, and video monitoring systems on Capitol Square. The video monitoring system includes more than 280 cameras situated strategically in and around the state's buildings and is one facet of the security program administered by the Capitol Police Division. When completed in February 2006, the division's new command center, located in the basement of the Floyd Building, will be the command center for video and life safety alarm monitoring, and law enforcement and security communications for the entire Capitol Square area. The new system will permit departmental command staff direct access to the many camera



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views giving them first hand information about events as they develop on Capitol Square.

In November, the division acquired the former Georgia Department of Revenue vault in the Trinity Washington Building basement for its use as an evidence locker. The 1,200 square-foot, underground vault is climate controlled, electronically and manually lockable, and is under continuous video surveillance both inside and outside the Command Center. The division is installing a computer workstation and appropriate software to provide for the electronic management of evidence.

**Training:** The division embarked on an aggressive, multi-year training program for police and security personnel. Capitol Police officers successfully completed the initial phases of training in several key areas, including surveillance detection; response to weapons of mass destruction incidents; terrorists and terrorism; hostage negotiations; specialized counter-terrorism response, security and security assessment processes, including the assessment of HVAC systems, crime prevention through environmental design, CPR and AED recertification and, physical security. All CPD personnel participated in the various Homeland Security training programs for security, intrusion detection, safeguards, incident response and mitigation and, incident management.

**Activity Summary:** The division delivered personal safety training programs to more than 1,200 students, conducted 11 facility security assessments (six independent and five assisted), and participated in two external assessments as a part of multi-agency, multi-disciplinary teams. Of more than 250 scheduled events on the Capitol Square campus, 112 required special security or law enforcement planning and staffing. Capitol Police officers investigated 97 incidents of suspicious persons or vehicles resulting in 65 criminal trespass warnings; 45 thefts; one burglary, two assaults; 57 entering auto complaints; and 162 traffic crashes. Personnel impounded 232 vehicles, located 26 wanted persons, and issued 1,400 traffic citations (many to motorists for crosswalk violations). The division's and contractor's security personnel responded to more than 1,300 security complaints, including 610 alarms, 36 suspicious persons or packages, 48 elevator entrapments, eight injured persons, and two property damage complaints. Private security contractors provided more than 150,000 hours of security coverage for various properties. Communications center staff conducted 1,896 criminal background checks for state agencies.



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## **MOTOR CARRIER COMPLIANCE DIVISION**

O.C.G.A. 35-2-100 establishes the primary duties and responsibilities of the DPS Motor Carrier Compliance Division (MCCD). These responsibilities include size and weight enforcement, commercial motor vehicle safety, High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane enforcement and the inspection of the state's public school buses.

**Size and Weight Enforcement:** Enforcement of laws and regulations relating to size and weight of commercial motor vehicles and loads is provided for in Article 2 of Chapter 6 of title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. The operation of 19 permanent weigh/inspection stations provides enforcement coverage on the interstates and related by-pass routes. The utilization of portable weigh/inspection teams allows for monitoring and enforcement efforts on other roadways within the state.



**Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Program:** The Commercial Vehicle Safety Program is outlined in the Commercial Vehicle Safety Plan (CVSP), our annual Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) grant statement to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). The CVSP contains five required program areas: Driver/Vehicle Inspections, Traffic Enforcement, Compliance Reviews, Public Information/Education, and Data Collection.

**Compliance Review Program:** The Compliance Review unit consists of 10 compliance review officers who conduct both interstate and intrastate safety compliance reviews. These on-site examinations of motor carrier operations include reviewing a driver's hours of service, maintenance and inspection of vehicles, a driver's qualifications files, controlled substance and alcohol testing, CDL requirements, financial responsibility, crashes, hazardous materials and other safety and transportation records. This review is intended to provide information to evaluate the safety performance and regulatory compliance of a company's operation. This unit is also responsible for preparation of civil penalty cases for prosecution of serious safety violations found during these reviews.

**New Entrant Program:** The New Entrant program is responsible for performing safety audits on new interstate motor carriers based in Georgia within 18 months of receipt of new entrant registration. The Safety Audit Unit is comprised of 10 officers.

**Public Information and Education Program:** This program involves extensive outreach to drivers, carriers, industry groups, law enforcement agencies and the judiciary. MCCD also develops, prints and distributes over 50 separate informational, brochures and handouts on commercial vehicle safety topics.

**Special Operations Unit:** This unit is responsible for the enforcement of HOV lane restrictions, canine operations, and statewide communications. HOV lane operations are conducted by 20 officers who are responsible for patrolling over 100 HOV lane miles in the metro Atlanta area. Officers ensure compliance with HOV lane restrictions, thus improving air quality and traffic mitigation in Metro Atlanta. These officers also conduct motor carrier safety inspections and enforce truck lane restrictions in the metro Atlanta Area. The two canine units employed by the special operations unit, conduct inspections of commercial motor vehicles for the deterrence and detection of the transportation of contraband.

**Communications Unit:** This unit consists of five full-time Communication Equipment Operators (CEOs) assigned to a statewide Operations Center. These CEOs provide a vital link between the officers in the field and current

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GCIC/NCIC records, driver license files (including verification of CDL status in conjunction with commercial vehicle safety inspections), motor vehicle records, and the insurance database.

**Law Enforcement Training Unit:** This unit is responsible for the professional development, training, and continuing education of all MCCD law enforcement officers, as well as for other agencies wishing to learn about commercial vehicle enforcement. The Training Unit provides a minimum of 20 hours of annual in-service training as required by P.O.S.T., and quarterly firearms practice. It also offers and coordinates commercial vehicle inspection courses, drug interdiction courses, and other law enforcement specific courses as required.

**School Bus Safety:** The School Bus Safety Unit is responsible for safety inspections of the approximately 17,000 public school buses. This unit also conducts inspections on over 600 Head Start buses annually. In addition to the primary responsibility of bus inspections, other responsibilities include conducting safety meetings and performing commercial motor vehicle inspections.

## Safety Inspections - FY 2005

CVSA Certified Officers	236
Inspections	92,925
Out-of-service Vehicle Violations	34,673
Out-of-service Driver Violations	15,615

## Size & Weight - FFY 2005

Total trucks weighed	11,353,154
Overweight Assessments Written	57,758
UTCs Written	8,385

## High Occupancy Vehicle - FY 2005

HOV Citation Arrest	8,860
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## School Bus Inspections - CY 2005

Public Bus Inspections	17,370
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 SPECIAL OPERATORS:  
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 MARSH CERRY LOBE  
 SOUTHERN DIVISION  
 MARSH WALTER BOICE

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 COLONEL BILL STOVENS  
 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER:  
 LT. COLONEL ARTURE WHITE

### MOTOR CARRIER COMPLIANCE DIVISION

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