Georgia Department of Public Safety 2006 Annual Report



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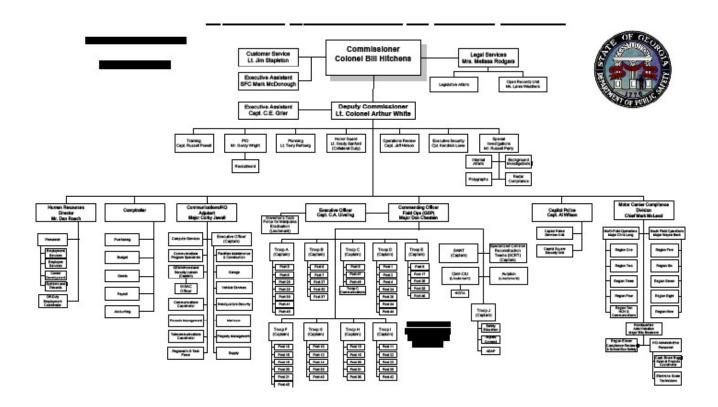
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DPS Organizational Chart



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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Bill Hitchens is the Chief Executive of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and holds the rank of Colonel in the Georgia State Patrol (GSP). The Legal Services Office is supervised by the Commissioner.

LEGAL SERVICES OFFICE

The Legal Services Office consists of four attorneys, one records manager, two paralegals, one administrative assistant and two secretaries. One attorney and one paralegal are assigned exclusively to the Administrative License Suspension (ALS) grant, which is funded by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS). The Director of Legal Services reports to the

Commissioner. The primary function of the Legal Services Office is to provide guidance and support to the Commissioner and to the employees of the Department concerning any matters associated with the daily operations.

Legal Services works closely with and serves as the liaison to the Department of Law. The Legal staff coordinates representation requests, provides general litigation support, gathers documents, and prepares discovery responses.

Legal Services staff and the Human Resources Division work closely with 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 works closely with and provides assistance to all of the department's divisions. The attorneys regularly provide training to the Department's employees during Trooper School and in-service training. The Legal Services staff also responds to inquiries from the general public regarding the department and the laws it enforces.

Attorneys with the Legal Services Office represent the department before Administrative Law Judges in personnel appeals and other administrative hearings. They also provide assistance to the Motor Carrier Compliance Division on issues involving commercial vehicles and represent the MCCD officers at administrative hearings.

The Open Records Unit consists of the Records Manager, one administrative assistant, and one secretary. The Unit is responsible for processing open records requests from the public, with a focus on prompt and efficient customer service. The unit also provides guidance and assistance to field staff responding to open records requests. The Records Manager is also responsible for the maintenance of the department's policy manual, including coordinating all policy revisions.

The ALS grant, awarded to the department in 2004 from the GOHS, was renewed again in 2006. The grant funds an Administrative License Suspension attorney who represents troopers in three of the nine troops at ALS hearings and a paralegal to assist the ALS attorney with case preparation and record-keeping. The attorney assists troopers statewide with questions regarding DUI and ALS issues. In 2006, the ALS attorney conducted DUI/ALS training for every trooper in the state.





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

Legal Services also reviews all asset forfeiture cases and notifies the appropriate district attorney or county sheriff of a seizure of any federal asset forfeiture proceeds received by GSP which are available to them.

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

The Legal Services Office works closely 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 2006, some of the activities performed by the Legal Services staff were:

- Reviewed, revised or drafted 66 contracts, agreements, or memoranda of understanding between the Department and other companies, agencies, or individuals.
- Opened and processed 61 cases which included 6 Emergency Suspensions against wrecker services.
- Responded to 2,598 Open Records Requests and collected \$75,168.63 in fees associated with those requests.
- Filed 14 Safety Responsibility Claims against individuals responsible for property damage to Georgia State Patrol vehicles totaling \$28,481.43 and processed two Conditional Release Agreements.
- Opened approximately 1,200 Administrative License Suspension cases, filed 141 motions and briefs, and represented troopers at the related ALS hearings.
- Opened 154 overweight/oversize citation cases and represented MCCD officers at the related administrative hearings.



OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

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) is responsible for investigating

complaints of misconduct made against members of the Department of Public Safety. The mission is to protect the integrity of the department by ensuring compliance with the highest ethical standards, performance criteria, and commitment to public service. Cases investigated by SID may take the form of complaints filed by civilians or employees against any departmental employee, or they may begin a review of certain types of incidents as required by department policy. The unit currently has one director, two sergeant first class, five sergeants; two corporals, two polygraph examiners/investigators, one permit specialist, and one secretary.

In addition to its primary duties of investigating allegations of misconduct by departmental employees, the unit also has the responsibility of issuing radar certificates and investigating any such misuses of devices against any agency bearing the department's certification. The unit also is responsible for conducting pre-employment background investigations; administering polygraph exams; issuing state firearm permits (for weapons 15" or shorter); and window tint permits.

Permit Section: This section also approved 544 window tint exemptions. There were 220 denials. This was in part because optometrists were not authorized to sign the waiver as a medical doctor. The legislature subsequently made a change to the law that now allows an optometrist to sign the exemption form.

Polygraph Unit: This unit conducted 339 examinations of which 317 were for pre-employment issues and 12 were for internal affairs matters.

SID utilizes a case tracking system that was duplicated from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Internal Affairs. It produces statistics of internal affairs cases and dispositions. The complaints are broken down into five categories: 1) Improper Conduct; 2) Use of Force; 3) Traffic Citation/Violation; 4) Speed Detection Devices and 5) Other. Findings are either filed in the following categories: 1) Sustained; 2) Not Sustained; 3) Exonerated; 4) Unfounded; 5) Administrative Action, and 6) Other.

• There were 121 investigations initiated, of which 93 (77 percent) were the result of citizen complaints and 28 (23 percent) were the result of internally generated complaints. Of the 121 investigations initiated, 91 were for improper conduct, seven use of force, 13 speed detection devices, three citations/violations, and seven other.



- Of the 121 investigations, 17 (14 percent) were exonerated; 30 (24 percent) sustained; 22 (18 percent) not sustained; 15 (12 percent) unfounded; four (less than one percent) other and one (less than one percent) administrative action. To date, there are 32 pending/active investigations that do not have a final disposition.
- In addition to the 121 internal investigations that were initiated, there were 156 background investigations for candidates seeking employment with the department.
- The permit section issued 500 firearms licenses to wholesale/retail businesses who sell handguns less than 15 inches in length. In addition, a total of \$30,313 in fees was collected for firearm permits.

Earlier this year a self-imposed moratorium was placed on the issuance/approval for exemption to the window tint. Legal Services was instrumental in preparing rules and regulations that were subsequently approved by the Board of Public Safety. The new rules now require a \$10 assessment fee is now being charged for all applications.

Training for report writing and interview techniques remained a high priority for the unit. Atlanta HIDTA was able to offer classes, free of charge, that were attended by all SID personnel. The sergeant attended a four-week class that was offered by the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) on electronic evidence and the seizures of such devices. As a result of this training, SID now has the equipment and expertise to work with computer services on any matters where a computer may have to be seized and analyzed in an investigation.

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

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

Deputy Director's Office: The deputy director manages the daily operations, maintains the retiree notification system, and compiles quarterly GOHS/NHTSA data for statewide seatbelt, child restraint and DUI enforcement campaigns. The deputy director also coordinates the dissemination of information to members of the command staff regarding significant incidents/crashes utilizing the group paging system.

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 awards program and responds to media inquiries after normal business hours and on weekends. The deputy director also prepares news releases for the six major holiday periods, specialized enforcement campaigns, and other releases as needed each year. He also conducts a training course in media relations to trooper cadets during GSP Trooper School.





Documents Unit: The Documents Unit oversees public access to department's open records for state prosecutors, defense attorneys, insurance companies, news media, and the general public. This unit provides filing, storage and retrieval of evidence photos, videotapes and documents from all GSP field operations. PIO staff members are designated as custodians of public record.

Graphics Unit: The Graphics Unit provides development and copying of department evidence photos, video and audiotapes, and provides special projects support to the Publications and Recruitment Units.

Publications Unit: Publications is responsible for production of the department's quarterly newsletter, the annual report, and content for the department website.

EXECUTIVE SECURITY



The Executive Security Division of the Georgia State Patrol is, by law, responsible for two distinct functions: executive security and executive protection. Executive Security provides facility security for the Governor's Mansion and provides personal security for the residents. The Special Protection Unit provides security for the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House and their families.

The primary purpose of the Executive Security Division is to provide effective and efficient security services for authorized individuals 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 provides security services for the Governor's Mansion facility and its grounds.

In 2006, the Dignitary Protection Unit handled 2,146 security details logging in 23,884 hours. There were 13 visiting principals from other states. The Special Services Section screened 9,683 visitors attending tours at the Governor's Mansion. There was an additional 4,333 guests attending special events. A total of 17,741 security hours were provided for the Governor's Mansion facility. The Executive Security Division logged in 972 training hours.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The Human Resources Division provides a full array of services including recruitment, job development and compensation analysis, policy consultation, personnel and benefits processing, management and employee relations, background screening, and promotional services for the more than1,400 employees of the Department of Public Safety. In addition to the Department of Public Safety/Georgia State Patrol, four agencies with more than 225 positions/employees which include Georgia Public Safety Training Center, Georgia Peace Officers Standards and Training Council, Georgia Firefighters Standards and Training Council, and the Governor's Office of Highway Safety are administratively attached to the department for benefits and transactions services.





Director's Office: The director 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: Emphasis is placed on using the best business practices in aligning agency jobs with those in the industry. This involves developing descriptions conducting job and market comparisons to ensure competitiveness with other law enforcement industries, as well as other applicable business markets (accounting, Assistance is provided to purchasing. etc.). 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. conducts background Personnel services investigations and schedules polygraph

examinations and compiles applicant data.

In an effort to continuously provide opportunities for growth and advancement for sworn personnel, testing and assessment centers are coordinated through Personnel Services in cooperation with the University of Georgia. Lastly, Personnel Services provides consultation and review of employee actions to ensure compliance with state personnel board rules, and federal and state laws.

Compensation and Employee Benefits: Throughout the year Human Resources responds to numerous requests for information related benefits and assists employees in resolving benefit problems. Employee benefit plans include group term life insurance, long term care, vision insurance, accidental death and dismemberment insurance, dental insurance, disability insurance, legal insurance, and health and dependent spending accounts. The unit also coordinates the State Deferred Compensation Plans, and Workers' Compensation. DPS continues to participate in the statewide managed care organization which supports employees in recovery of work related injuries.

Transactions Services: 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 completed within personnel services. This unit is constantly filing new information into each employee's file.

Program Services: Human Resources provides an array of programs aimed at providing a work environment conducive of retaining high caliber employees. These programs include Faithful Service Awards, the Statewide Recognition Program and coordination of the Employee Suggestion Program.

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Training Services: Human Resources also provides technical training in human resources related topics in support of the training division and the command staff. Sexual harassment, discipline, and performance management are the topics covered in training.

COMMUNICATIONS/HEADQUARTERS

Adjutant Major Corky Jewell is the Director of the Communications/Headquarters Division. This division provides support services to the department in the areas of information technology, communications, disaster coordination, planning, and security. operations include computer Specifically. daily services. telecommunications and communications facilities programs, maintenance and construction, vehicle services, mailroom, property management, supply records management, GEMA/Homeland Security liaison, Regional K-9 Multi-jurisdictional Resource Team and headquarters' security.



COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

During 2006, 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 in the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funded through a grant from the Department of Homeland Security, along with Fulton County, DeKalb County, Cobb County and the City of Atlanta. 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 three and additional development of the communications system is planned for subsequent phases.

The motobridge system is a gateway interface device in selected high risk and populated areas under the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP). Phase one of the motobridge system has been completed. Phase two sites have been selected and are now in the process of installation. 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 (GEMA), Georgia Tech Research Institute, the Georgia Sheriffs' Association and the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police in the implementation of this system.

Communications Coordinators: There are two communications coordinators. The North 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 to expand the radio coverage of the Troops into critical areas. During the year, he has identified outdated radio equipment and made recommendations to purchase new equipment that is compatible with changing technology.

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He has also coordinated with many private individuals, commercial organizations, and government agencies to ensure that the radio communication requirements of the department are met. Finally, he reviewed, monitored, and coordinated the repair of radio equipment to ensure that repairs were conducted effectively and in a timely manner.

The South Coordinator served on the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Technical Working Group, Operational Working Group, and CORE Team pertaining to interoperability of the radio systems between State, City and County Law Enforcement Agencies. All three

groups collaboratively wrote the Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan, which follows NIMS protocol and is used by all agencies involved in the Atlanta Urban Area Security Initiative. She gathered all information pertaining to base stations and towers statewide and entered them into the Communications Assets Survey and Mapping (CASM) System, which is an information sharing system throughout the urban area that gives information, such as tower heights, latitude and longitude of towers, equipment at each base station, mobile communication vehicles, etc. This system makes information regarding who, how, where, when and what type of equipment is available for use if needed by another agency during a disaster or other function. This office handles all inventories of mobile radios, portable radios, cameras and radars. Projects include ordering equipment pertaining to radios, radars or cameras for GSP and MCCD vehicles and coordinating installations and removals with private radio shops.

Computer Services: Computer Services Section completed several major projects, regularly assisted users and continued support for the hardware and software systems, as follows:

- Continued to support over 1,400 users, 1,000 PCs, 75 Local Area Networks, 35 off-the-shelf programs and 25 software applications.
- Handled and closed over 1,800 calls and emails for user support.
- Evaluated mobile computing and digital video For this project, DPS continues to evaluate a variety of mobile computers, digital video systems, broadband data access carriers and equipment, computer docks and mounts, data antennas, GPS mapping tools, GCIC access software, persistency software, encrypted wireless communications, wireless connectivity from vehicles to Post computers, digital video access and storage, installation, training, support, integration and costs.
- Installed Equipment and software at Post 7, 8, 32, 46, Nighthawks and Motorcycle Units.
- Won the Best of Georgia Technology Award for Overweight Truck Information System (OTIS) Application at the Annual Georgia Digital Government Summit. This award recognizes the best application serving a public organization's business needs.

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- Upgraded all major system platforms to new servers.
- Implemented the first phase of the plan to create a disaster recovery site for all major DPS applications and systems at Post 6 - Gainesville.
- Successfully upgraded over 200 computers and installed new software systems at all GSP Posts and specialty units.
- Completed the installation and upgrade of all 75 Wide Area Network connections to a newer Multi-Protocol Label Switching (MPLS) network with the help of BellSouth and the Georgia Technology Authority.



- Developed Group Policy in Active Directory to permit all MCCD Computers to function in a more secure manner by making users a restricted level user.
- Started developing applications and training in SharePoint Server.
- Installed and transitioned to new firewalls and LAN communication switches at HQ.
- Completed the initial design of the DPS Records Management database.

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION

GEMA Liaison Officer: The responsibilities for the GEMA / Homeland Security Liaison Officer include attending all emergency management, Homeland Security and other meetings designated by the Commissioner and or command staff. He serves on committees and subcommittees coordinating the department's roles and responsibilities for potential man-made and or natural disasters. He represents the department at hurricane related conferences in and out of state as well as assists with disaster related training exercises. He occupies the state operations center during a declared state of emergency and coordinates the department's efforts in the recovery phase of the emergency. GEMA Liaison remains on call seven days a week, 24 hours a day for needs associated with GEMA.

The liaison participated, attended and/or assisted with the following activities:

- Hurricane / Contra Flow Workshop in Orlando, Florida. Several southeastern states were represented at the workshop and each state presented their plans for evacuating and Contra Flowing traffic.
- Attended several meetings with Business Executives for National Security (BENZ), the group that coordinates the business community in responding to and fulfilling critical needs of the state during a state of emergency.
- Meetings involving federal, state and local agencies in the planning efforts for evacuating Atlanta during a catastrophic event. The urban evacuation plan is a multi-jurisdictional incident management and coordination effort within the Greater Metro Atlanta Area.
- Georgia Hurricane Conference in Savannah, where the liaison officer, Director of Operations from GEMA, and an Engineer from the Department of Transportation developed an hour long class on evacuation and contra flow procedures and presented it to conference attendees.
- Meetings involving Traffic Incident Management Enhancement (TIME), including a three-day Conference at Callaway Gardens. This group involves federal, state and local agencies, including law enforcement, fire rescue, department of transportation and wrecker associations. The group meets to discuss serious vehicular accidents that occurred in and around the Atlanta area. The investigating





officers, firemen and wrecker drivers discuss the accident and talk about what went right and wrong at the scene.

- Meetings involving the Towing Recovery Incentive Program (TRIP), an incentive program that pays wrecker companies money if they meet certain criteria and can clear the interstate within three hours of a major accident in and around the Atlanta area. TRIP is made up of the same groups as the TIME taskforce.
- Task force meetings involving Homeland Security. This task force is comprised of the office of Homeland Security, Georgia Emergency Management, Georgia Department of Defense, Georgia Department of Agriculture, Georgia Department of Human Resources, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Georgia Department of Transportation, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Georgia State Patrol, Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, Georgia Sheriff's Association, Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs and Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center. The meetings are basically group discussions and share any intelligence involving the state on Homeland Security matters.
- Planning and implementation of a contra-flow exercise event where troopers, MCCD Officers and DOT personnel were dispatched from all over the state along Interstate I-16 for evacuating the coastal areas.
- Table-top exercises involving nuclear bombs and other different disaster scenarios.
- Development of the state aviation plan in which the Georgia State Patrol aviation takes the lead role (Air Boss) in coordinating all state, local and coast guard aviation assets during a disaster when a state of emergency is declared.
- Development of the Department of Public Safety Hurricane Evacuation / Contra / Flow plan for Interstates I-16 and I-95.
- Meetings with the Department of Public Health on the department's roles and responsibilities during an outbreak of Avian Influenza and the Pandemic Flu. The State Department of Public Health is in the process of drawing up a State Response Plan and a clearer understanding of the department's involvement will be identified at that time.
- Three-day Terrorism Conference at the Atlanta Hilton Hotel.
- Meetings involving the Homeland Security Taskforce Exercise Committee to discuss, offer suggestions and approve or disapprove proposed homeland security exercises.

Records Management: A lieutenant serves as the department's Records Management Officer. His duties include coordination of all DPS forms and serving as the liaison with State of Georgia Archives to comply with statutory record retention schedules.

Headquarters Security: This unit is responsible for the security of Headquarters. Some of the duties include, but are not limited to, opening and closing headquarters, identifying all visitors, monitoring all entrances and exits, monitoring traffic for the credit union, making deposits for revenue and the credit union, patrolling the grounds, raising and taking down of the United States and Georgia flags and running relays to and from headquarters.

Telecommunications Coordinator: The Telecommunications Coordinator is responsible for the installation, operation and maintenance of the Department's Telecommunications Services throughout the state. She works closely with the Georgia Technology Authority in analyzing the needs of any new patrol posts, as well as determining upgrades to existing facilities.





All wireless communications devices are ordered and issued through the Telecommunications Coordinator. This includes cellular telephones, Southern Linc radios, Blackberry devices, and pagers. The service plan for each is analyzed periodically to ascertain the department is on the most cost-effective plan for its needs. Monthly charges are audited on a regular basis. An inventory is maintained on these devices and most replacement parts and accessories are kept in stock. The Telecommunications Coordinator continues to maintain the in-house telephone system in the Headquarters Complex, which gives the department the capability of making most feature changes and additions in-house, resulting in cost and time savings.

Property Management Unit: The Property Management Unit is responsible for maintaining an inventory for the department. This includes headquarters and 48 Patrol Posts, as well as 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 3,276 additions with acquisition costs totaling \$6,403,206.93 and 1,712 deletions valued at \$2,824,828.50 during the fiscal year of 2006. These transactions are updated daily on the property system.

Facilities: The following facilities were constructed, renovated or repaired in 2006:

- Newnan (Post 24): Post completed in July, 2006. This facility is approximately 11,000 square feet.
- Headquarters is continuously in the process of office space redesign and renovations. This year's projects included Payroll and the Overweight Citations Divisions. The partial roof replacement for Headquarters was completed.
- The department began working with The City of Reidsville/Tattnall County, McDuffie County, Georgia Department of Corrections and Georgia State Financing and Investment to construct new hangers at the Reidsville and McDuffie County airports. Construction is expected to begin in 2007.
- The department has been in discussions with several other local governments interested in building new patrol posts.

The Facilities Coordinator assisted personnel with obtaining scopes of work for bid packages. All movement of and furnishing of offices are planned, scheduled and carried out by the Facilities Coordinator. DPS has approximately 90 leases and 127 buildings, which also includes GPSTC property and leases. The website is available for public viewing and can be accessed by www.realpropertiesgeorgia.org.

Maintenance: 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 some repair work at the Patrol Posts are managed by the Maintenance Office. Renovations during 2006 included Payroll, Overweight Citations and Investigative Services Offices.

Other maintenance and renovations performed in 2006 included various jobs at Headquarters, Conyers Post, Cumming Post, Maintenance and Administrative Services/Garage and Post 47. These jobs included painting, backflow prevention, lights replacements, pressure washing, carpet installation, air conditioning installation and window tinting.

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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 Fleet Anywhere System is an automated system that provides costs, utilization and management information on all vehicles owned by the Georgia Department of Public Safety, GPOSTC and Governor's Office of Highway Safety. The vehicle system processes all transactions that affect vehicle costs, usage. It also provides fleet management information by vehicle or location. At the end of 2006, the department had 1333 vehicles plus 14 aircraft and 19 motorcycles on inventory. During 2006, 145 Crown Victoria (Vic) pursuit vehicles were purchased and 81 Crown Vic pursuit vehicles were surplused, with 90 vehicles still scheduled for surplus.

The department's Vehicle Insurance Coordinator is notified of all vehicle accidents involving departmental owned vehicles. The Insurance Coordinator handles insurance claims where the other party is at fault. DOAS Risk Management handles all other claims.

Garage: The garage is responsible for prepping, issuing, repairing and surplusing a fleet of over 1,300 vehicles. The prepping of vehicles include the installation of all emergency lights, push bumpers, sirens, mobile radio brackets, and markings. The garage equipped over 150 vehicles during the year, including vehicles for MCCD, Capital Police, GTF, POST, GOHS, and Capitol Police, Governor's Task Force, Peace Officer Standards and Training Council (P.O.S.T.), Governor's Office of Highway Safety, and the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team.

SWAT: The garage repairs approximately 10-15 vehicles per day. Repairs include emergency equipment, accident/ body damage, mechanical, and numerous other repairs. The Garage also performs maintenance on vehicles assigned to the Metro area. Approximately 10 vehicles per week are picked up at Patrol Posts around the state and returned to the garage for repairs.

All vehicles scheduled for surplus must also be stripped of all equipment and markings by garage personnel. These surplus vehicles are delivered to DOAS Surplus Property where they are eventually sold.

The garage also includes a radio and camera installation and repair technician. All new vehicles are equipped with two-way mobile radios and video cameras. This section of the garage usually performs at least four repairs daily in addition to the installations.

The garage saves the department an estimated \$150,000 in state funds yearly by using parts from surplus vehicles for repairs to other vehicles in the fleet.

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. The clothing records are kept on the supply inventory system. An annual inventory is taken to ensure inventory records are accurate. The supply warehouse maintained approximately one million dollars of inventory. The uniform divisions that supply provides clothing and accessories to are the Georgia State Patrol, Capitol Police and the Department of Public Safety Motor Carrier Compliance.

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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. Incidents reports and replacement costs are compiled and then submitted to DOAS. Upon approval, the department is then reimbursed, minus a deductible of \$1,000.00.

Regional K-9 Multi-Jurisdictional Resource Team and State Certification Task Force: The Regional K-9 Resource Team is located at the Chatham County Sheriff's Office in Savannah. The team consists of the following 12 members (7 members are POST Instructors): Unit Commander, six Narcotics Canine Handlers, two Explosives Canine Handlers, an Incident Command Specialist, an Interdiction Specialist and a Secretary. Primarily, the Edward Byrne Grant, through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, funds the Regional K-9 Resource Team. In addition, the Chatham County Sheriff's Office funded the majority of expenses the grant does not cover.

The K-9 unit primarily serves a 20 county area. In recent years, it has extended across the state. The canine teams routinely assist in warrant service, drug round-ups, school searches, road checks, concentrated patrols drug free workplace searches, and educational demonstrations. The explosives members are requested by federal agencies to assist them anytime a dignitary visits the southeast corner of the state.

The Regional K-9 Resource Team provides P.O.S.T. certified training for canine teams from throughout the state at no charge. The resource team provides basic canine handlers courses for narcotics and explosives teams that are new to handling a canine. The unit also provides proficiency training for teams that need training in problem areas. The unit provides a class for patrol work (dogs that are trained to bite upon command). The unit offers the only P.O.S.T. approved state canine certification in explosives, narcotics and patrol work.

In 2006, the unit provided training for 120 students, a 37 percent increase from the year before. The canine teams conducted over 9,000 narcotic and explosives searches for local, state and federal agencies. For more information, please visit <u>www.chathamsok9.com</u>.

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Under the supervision of the Comptroller, the department has five offices which provide fiscal support for DPS and four attached agencies, including Georgia Public Safety Training Center, Georgia Peace Officers Standards and Training Council, Georgia Firefighters Standards and Training Council, and the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. These offices include Accounting, Payroll, Budget, Grants Management and Purchasing.

Accounting: The Accounting Office is responsible for maintaining the DPS accounting books and records for the Department of Public Safety/Georgia State Patrol and four attached agencies. The office consists of accounts payable, accounts receivable/revenue, payroll, and general ledger activity. For FY2007, the department received \$95,472.06 from fines remitted: Clayton State Court remitted \$25,543; Cobb State Court remitted \$19,074.06; and Fulton Magistrate Court remitted \$50,855.

The 48 GSP posts, Capitol Police, and the Headquarters support units collect the revenues for copies of crashes/ incident/citation reports requested by citizens. The total revenue collections for FY2007 were \$151,170.20.

The Department of Audits performed a financial review of the accounting records for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007. The overall results of the audit for the department were good. The Department of Public Safety 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 the four attached agencies. Payroll is also responsible for verifying that employee salaries, retirement contributions, and insurances are calculated correctly each pay cycle.

Budget: The Budget Office develops the department budget request and submits it to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (OPB). It tracks and defends the budget through hearings with the Governor, 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 for OPB approval and submits subsequent quarterly allotment requests for operating funds. The annual operating budget 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.

Grants Management: The Grants Management Office seeks and applies for federal funding to 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 local agencies, specialized equipment for the Specialized Collision 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.





Purchasing: The Purchasing Section is responsible for coordinating and monitoring all purchasing activity, which includes purchasing office supplies, patrol vehicles, aircrafts, law enforcement items, and establishing specialized contracts. This office prepares and distributes purchasing procedures and assists departmental personnel with ensuring that all purchases are within established rules and regulations. This section is also responsible for maintaining the purchasing card program for the department.

SafetyNet Unit: The SafetyNet Unit 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), the SafetyNet unit handles an excess of over 85,000 inspection reports. The SafetyNet Unit is responsible for uploading these inspection reports to the Federal Motor Carrier Management Information System (MCMIS) database.

The SafetyNet Unit 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) as required 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 for being overweight on Georgia highways. This office establishes the accounting policy used by the department to determine and implement internal financial controls in order to develop and institute accounting procedures for processing the collection of funds from overweight citations. 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. **Overweight** Citations processed, collected and deposited \$7,847,272.66 of monetary fines for FY2007.



Additional functions performed by the Overweight Citations Unit include:

- Processed non-sufficient funds (NSF) checks
- Researched and applied unapplied funds to the appropriate accounts
- Initiated refunds
- Linked carriers to departmental accounts
- Monitored appropriate bankruptcy cases
- Maintained citation disputes and administrative hearing documents in coordination with the department's Legal Services Office
- Prepared monthly financial statements and reports for the Comptroller of the department.







GEORGIA STATE PATROL - FIELD OPERATIONS

As Commanding Officer over Field Operations, Major Don Chastain oversees the daily operations of all Troops (A-I) and Posts (1-48), Troop J, SWAT, SCRT, CMV-CIU, Governor's Task Force, HIDTA, and Aviation.

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 in Cartersville, Dalton, Jasper, Cedartown, Rome, Lafayette, and Calhoun, five of which have territory bordering Alabama or Tennessee.

Troop A Command, particularly the troop secretary who was responsible for scheduling and monitoring over 150 DOT Escorts throughout 2006. These escorts were for oversized loads ranging from expensive yachts traveling to Savannah or Lake Lanier to F-22 Raptor components traveling to Lockheed.



Troop A also provided troopers for many details in other troops. These included but were not limited to: the NASCAR races at Atlanta Motor Speedway, Georgia Power benefit runs, the Southern National Drag Races in Commerce, the Hands Across the Border detail, the Operation Lifesaver train rides, University of Georgia football games, and local security details involving visits by Governor Perdue. Troop A also provided 14 troopers for the Hurricane Preparedness Drill in Troop F in May. Troop A's largest detail was by far the Ford Tour de Georgia in April. Troop A had to cover parts of five of the seven stages of that 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 second place among all of the GSP troops at the Governor's Challenge Awards.

Post 3 – **Cartersville:** Troopers from Post 3 issued 8,820 citations and issued 13,317 warnings during 2006. Arrests have decreased 5.8 percent and warnings have increased 30.4 percent from the previous year. Post 3 investigated 4,209 collisions in 2006. This is a 6.2 percent increase from 2005. The collisions have continued to increase each year and will continue as the population and traffic increases. Post 3 Troopers also made 12,322 traffic stops in 2006, an increase of 26.4 percent from 2005. Troopers also arrested 258 drivers for driving under the influence, a 9.9 increase. Of the 258 DUI arrests, 172 were the result of an auto collision.







Post 5 - Dalton: Post 5 is currently the third busiest Post in the state as far as traffic crashes worked. Post 5 investigated 2,767 crashes during the year. These crashes resulted in 1,592 injuries and 28 fatalities. Despite the high number of traffic collisions, troopers still found time to write 12,552 arrests, 13,150 warnings, and made 245 DUI arrests.

Post 28 - **Jasper:** Post 28 troopers issued 6,314 citations, 6,114 warnings, and made 114 DUI arrests. Troopers aat Post 28 also investigated 419 traffic crashes. Projected fines to the court systems in Pickens County were approximately \$183,309.25 and in Cherokee County were approximately

\$189,357.25. Post 28 also received the "Agency of the Year" and the "Outstanding Service" awards from the local MADD chapter in Cherokee County for their consistent efforts for DUI and crash prevention in Cherokee and Pickens County. On February 7, an arrest warrant was issued for Sue Ann Ray's estranged husband Quinton Ray. In the early morning hours, troopers from Post 28 and GBI agents served the murder warrant on Quinton Ray at his residence. Earlier that same day, the body of Sue Ann Ray was located in a shallow grave in a heavily wooded area in Cherokee County.

Post 29 - **Cedartown:** Post 29 investigated 761 traffic crashes, issued 4,905 citations, and 7,477 warnings. Troopers made 127 DUI arrests and apprehended 56 wanted persons. Troopers actively participated in many events, including two security details involving visits by Governor Sonny Perdue. On May 8, Post 38 Rome received a plaque for "Respect for Law 2006" by the Summerville-Trion Optimist Club for dedicated service to the citizens of Georgia and Chattooga County.

Post 38 – **Rome:** Post 38 made 4,253 citations, issued 4,856 warnings, and investigated 451 traffic crashes. On January 11, after nearly two days of searching, troopers and Floyd County Police located an airplane that crashed in southern Walker County, about a half-mile north of the Floyd County line. Shortly before 9 p.m., the GSP Aviation Division, using thermal cameras, located the aircraft. It was confirmed that the aircraft was the U.S. Naval T-39 "Sabreliner" that had been missing and that there were no survivors. On January 23, Post 38 celebrated its 40th Anniversary with a cookout held at the post. In attendance were the first troopers assigned to Post 38, as well as all previous post commanders of Post 38. "Then and Now" photos were taken and published by the local papers.

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Post 41 - Lafayette: Post 41 troopers investigated 1,069 crashes resulting in 6,647 citations and 8,722 warnings which accounted for a large majority of enforcement. Troopers also made 169 DUI, 61 felony drug, and 26 other felony arrests. On July, Post 43 hosted the Troop A Concentrated Patrol during the annual Wagon Train event which is held in the mountains of Murray County. The detail was represented by members of the Murray County Sheriff's Department, local drug task force, Motor Carrier Compliance Division, GSP Criminal Interdiction Unit, and troopers from all seven posts in Troop A. The enforcement efforts resulted in 18 speeding citations, three arrests for driving under the influence, eight seatbelt citations, and numerous other misdemeanor citations. This detail netted a total of 59 citations and 67 warnings.



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 which consists of 5,438 square miles, including two interstate highways, three major four-lane roads and several two-lane urban, rural and mountain roads. Troop B Headquarters is located at Post 32 in Athens.

Troop B troopers participated in eight "B" Stings (saturated patrols), which is a group of troopers brought into an area that has been shown, through statistics, to be in need of law enforcement saturation to deter crimes, from minor traffic offenses, to major criminal offenses. These "B" Stings resulted in 947 total arrests, including 34 DUIs, eight drug arrests, eight suspended license, six wanted subjects apprehended, and 247 total warnings.

Troop B implemented the A.C.E. Team (Accelerated Criminal Enforcement), a group of troopers from each of Troop B's posts to concentrate in areas of Troop B that have been proven to be either high crime areas, or serious traffic problem areas. The purpose of this team of seven troopers who are consistently above-average in their enforcement efforts is to concentrate on finding more serious traffic and criminal offenses, rather than stopping a large number of vehicles for traffic offenses.

The seven-member A.C.E. Team held seven concentrated patrols. Their enforcement efforts resulted in 466 arrests, including 34 DUIs, eight felony drug arrests, 14 misdemeanor drug arrests, two wanted subjects apprehended and a total of 79 warnings.

Troop B personnel participated in license checks, seat belt checks and other concentrated patrols to improve highway safety through Click It or Ticket, Operation Zero Tolerance, 100 Days of Summer Heat, and Hands Across the Border with neighboring states, North Carolina and South Carolina. They combined enforcement efforts with Appalacian Trail, the Northeast, and the Piedmont Area Traffic Enforcement Networks by participating in concentrated patrols.

Troop B troopers were prepared for the annual Freedom March in Cumming, but it was uneventful due to low participant turnout. They traveled to Atlanta for the Hispanic Rally, which ended without incident and were prepared and on hand for a KKK Rally, in Ellijay, which was also uneventful.





Troop B troopers assisted with the traffic details for the Tour de Georgia 5Bicycle Race, the NHRA Southern Nationals drag race, and for the spring and fall AMS Race details. Troopers also escorted charitable groups, and conducted welfare checks on various other groups as they traveled through troop territory.

Post 6 – **Gainesville:** Post 6 investigated 1,887 crashes, issued 11,409 citations, including 201 DUIs, and 9,295 warnings. Post 6 was named the *MADD Post of the Year* at MADD Georgia's annual banquet in Macon recognizing their overall enforcement efforts which resulted in fewer fatalities than in 2005.

Post 7 – **Toccoa:** Post 7 investigated 902 crashes, issued 6,689 citations of which 315 were DUIs, 54 were



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felony drug, and 66 were misdemeanor drug arrests. Troopers also issued 4,287 warnings. Troopers received departmental awards for their enforcement efforts during a drug arrest in Stephens County in which the suspect fired at them, and the suspect was subsequently shot and injured by a Troopers were partners in trooper. education with Habersham County's 9th Academy to ensure a safe Grade environment for the students and staff. They attended Career Day at local schools. Troopers also attended an awareness program at Habersham Central High.

Post 27 – **Blue Ridge:** Post 27 investigated 503 crashes, made 4,437 arrests, including 115 DUIs, 12 felony drug, and 24 misdemeanor arrests. Troopers also issued 5,520 warnings. In May, students at Blue Ridge Elementary reported seeing a "masked gunman" on the edge of the schoolyard. Post 27 troopers and the DPS Aviation Unit responded to the school to assist with the search for this individual. S.W.A.T. was notified and placed on standby. The suspect was never located. This incident was felt to be a false report. In October, Post 27 and DPS Aviation assisted Gilmer County Sheriff's Office for approximately seven days in a search for a wanted felon who was armed and had made threats against any peace officer who attempted to serve warrants. In December, the sergeant served as a hostage negotiator for Union County Sheriff's Office during a hostage situation which resulted from a domestic disturbance.

Post 32 – **Athens:** Post 32 investigated 557 crashes, issued 6,487 citations, including 238 DUIs, 34 felony drug, and 52 misdemeanor drug arrests. Troopers also issued 5,221 warnings. Troopers provided escort for several charitable groups, including Toys for Tots, the Vietnam Memorial Wall, Rape Crisis Awareness, and participated in the MDA Lockup fundraising event. They also assisted with traffic control at several local parades and festivals.

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TROOP C

Troop C is dedicated to the Metro-Atlanta area and includes three patrol posts in Atlanta, Forest Park, and Kennesaw, two specialist units, the Nighthawks DUI Task Force and the Motorcycle Unit and one communications center.

Troop C is a unique troop 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 U.S. dignitaries, as well as dignitaries from abroad. Troop C Command coordinated several special details during this calendar year. Listed below are a few of the most prestigious, high profile, and productive details.



- Mrs. Coretta Scott King Funeral
- President Bush visit
- Tour de Georgia
- Georgia Police Memorial Ride
- Hispanic Rally, State Capitol
- Cinco de Mayo DUI Patrol
- 100 days Summer HEAT DUI Patrol
- 100 days Summer HEAT, Multi Agency Patrol
- New Years Eve Peach Drop

Troop C's greatest accomplishments was the formation of the new Motorcycle Unit. On July 1, Governor Sonny Perdue signed House Bill 1209 into law. In December, 12 new Harley Davidson Police Motorcycles were delivered to Troop C.

Post 9 – **Kennesaw:** Post 9 collectively issued 7,262 citations, 3,683 warnings, 47 DUI arrests, and investigated 141 (one less than last year). Office spaces are integrated with the GA Army National Guard barracks located at 1901 McCollum Parkway in Kennesaw. The building maintenance is provided by the National Guard. Due to Hurricane Katrina occurring in Louisiana and Mississippi, the National Guard's renovation plans were delayed indefinitely.

Post 47 – **Forest Park:** Post 47 issued 7,474 citations, 2,504 warnings, and made 63 DUI arrests. Post 47 houses offices for several units within the department and is also the home to the Department of Driver's Services and the Motorcycle Safety Unit. Specialized Division's that have offices at Post 47 are Implied Consent, Safety Education, Troop C Command, and in late 2006, Post 47 became the home to the newly formed Motor Unit.

Post 48 – **Atlanta:** Post 48 issued 23,650 citations and of those there were 20 felony violations, 20 drug arrests, 209 DUIs and 862 commercial vehicle violations. Troopers also issued 4,338 warnings for various violations and investigated 409 crashes. Post 48's personnel was also assigned to assist or provide security for several details, including the President of the United States and numerous nationally known political figures such as, Secretary of Homeland Security, Secretary of Education, and the

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Secretary of Commerce. Several international dignitaries visited Atlanta, including the Prime Minister of Cameroon, and the presidents of Libya and Bolivia.

Nighthawks DUI Task Force: The Nighthawks issued 3,454 citations, 2,223 warnings, and made 1,202 DUI arrests. Nighthawks work closely with other Metro Atlanta law enforcement agencies in a combined effort to decrease and deter driving under the influence. Various road checks were setup during the peak hours DUI offenders are on the roadways. The Nighthawks utilized a mobile Intoxilyzer van to assist in a rapid processing of DUI offenders. With the assistance of the City of Atlanta Police Transport van, the troopers were back on patrol much quicker than before. The Nighthawks were recognized in a resolution by the Board of Public Safety for their efforts in removing impaired drivers from the roadway and for their leadership and dedication to public safety. The Nighthawks were also recognized by TEAM Georgia, Safe and Sober Driving Coalition, and MADD.

Motorcycle Unit: The primary purpose of the Motorcycle Unit is to target the "Fatal Five" violations on the interstate system in the Atlanta Metro area, I-285, 1-20, I-75, and I-85. The goal is to patrol the interstate systems creating a "garrison or ripple" effect to: 1) Increase interstate speed compliance, 2) Increase seatbelt compliance, 3) Target accident site and reduce accidents, 4) Target aggressive drivers following too close and changing lanes improperly, and 5) Target DUI drivers.

House Bill 1209 formed the new ten-man Motorcycle

Unit and allowed the funds from the citations written to be returned to the unit to maintain the operation of the unit and to enhance the growth of the unit. Never before in the history of the Georgia State Patrol has a unit ever been the recipient of a direct funding source. On May 26, three troopers became the first "Certified Motor Officers" in the history of the Georgia State Patrol by completing the Basic Motor Officer Training Course. On June 16, seven troopers were selected to compliment and finalize the 10-man Motorcycle Unit. All ten members began an extensive training program through the state's motorcycle safety program.

Unit members spent several weeks dressing the new Harley Davidson police motorcycles with emergency equipment and a radio system for patrol readiness. Since July 1, the Motor Unit has compiled the following activity: 4,292 traffic stops, 4,214 citations, 1,091 warnings, 16 DUI arrests, eight stolen vehicles recovered (including the first stolen vehicle recovered by the new License Plate Recognition System), six drug arrests, 12 wanted persons, and 40 traffic crashes investigated.

Headquarters Communication Center: The Headquarters Communication Center is the largest and busiest radio room in the Georgia State Patrol. These operators logged 46,081 vehicle stops for the year. Vehicle stops have doubled over the last four years while the amount of personnel has remained the same, without any diminishment in the quality and handling of this workload. Additionally, the Headquarters Communication Center is the only radio room required to monitor four frequencies simultaneously. These operators also processed 310 hits (stolen vehicle/wanted person), 755 suspended license, 292 relays, 127 abandoned vehicles, 2,209 impounds, and 82 pursuit). The Communications Center also received the State of Georgia Customer Service Team Award.







TROOP D

Troop D includes Post 1 in Griffin, LaGrange, Villa Rica, Newnan, Thomaston, Manchester, and Forsyth. This year Troop D investigated a total of 9,506 crashes. Troop D issued 59,475 citations and 47,795 warnings. These arrests include 1,304 DUI arrests, 145 felony drug arrests, 203 misdemeanor drug arrests, 99 other felony arrests, captured 303 fugitives, and recovered 25 stolen vehicles. A total of 6,762 citations were made for seatbelt violations and 686 for child restraint violations.

Troop D participated in several details this year resulting in 11,190 special detail hours. The details include, but are not limited to, the following: two NASCAR races at Atlanta Motor Speedway (AMS), NOPI detail at AMS, two Powers Crossroads details in Newnan, Cotton Pickin' Fair in Gay, Emancipation Proclamation detail in Thomaston, Super Sunday details in Roberta, and the School of Americas detail in Columbus. These details required participation from all posts in Troop D.

Troop D's H.I.T.T. (High Intensity Traffic Team) was created under the leadership of the troop commander. The 10man team concentrated their efforts in major cities

within the troop where DUI violations were problematic. The

following cities in Troop D were areas that resulted in the highest number of DUI arrests: Columbus, Newnan, Macon, and Griffin. H.I.T.T. produced a high number of quality arrests that resulted in the following enforcement activity: 2,292 citations, 150 DUI arrests, 1,016 warnings, 44 drug arrests, one murder suspect apprehension, and one stolen vehicle recovered. Troopers produced these statistics with 190 hours on patrol.

Post 1 – **Griffin:** Post 1 troopers issued 8,869 citations, 7,364 warnings, 208 DUI arrests, and investigated 1,220 crashes. Troopers assisted with traffic for two major NASCAR race events and one NOPI event.

Post 2 – **LaGrange:** Post 2 worked 41 fewer crashes than it did it 2005 (1,131). There was a sharp increase in citations (10,807), warnings increased by 686 (7,420), and DUI arrest totals increased by two (227). Troopers also provided assistance during the ground breaking ceremony of the Kia Plant. At the annual departmental awards, two troopers were awarded the Commissioner's Commendation award and another trooper was honored by M.A.A.D.

Post 4 – **Villa Rica:** Post 4 investigated 4,613 crashes. Troopers issued 8,904 citations and 8,044 warnings. These citations included 232 DUI arrests, 39 drug arrests, the recovery of five stolen vehicles and the apprehension of 31 wanted persons. Two troopers were honored locally for their dedication to duty and for the assistance they provided to the citizens of Douglas and Carroll counties.

Post 24 – **Newnan:** Post 24 made 10,692 vehicle stops, worked 1,395 crashes, issued 6,247 citations, 7,070 warnings, and arrested 86 drivers for DUI. A trooper was also selected for the State of GA SWAT team.





Post 26 – **Thomaston:** Post 26 investigated 687 crashes, resulting in 7,485 citations, and 8,115 warnings. Arrests and citations were up 27 percent, warnings issued were up 21 percent, and DUI arrests were up 32 percent. Post 26 personnel assisted with the Emancipation in Thomaston, Atlanta Motor Speedway and NOPI exhibition, Tour de Georgia, Super Sunday in Crawford county, and the Cotton Pickin Fair in Meriwether County.

Post 34 – **Manchester:** Post 34 worked 350 crashes which was 56 fewer than the previous year. Enforcement efforts showed an increase with a 2,298 increase in citations (6,562), and a 1,388 increase in warnings (5,896), and there were 43 more DUI charges (130) compared to last year. Post 34 participated in the following details: Tour de Georgia, Cotton Pickin Fair in Gay, Powers Cross Roads during the Labor Day holiday, NOPI at AMS, Super Sunday in Roberta, University of Georgia home football games, School of the Americas Protest in Ft. Benning, and NASCAR in Hampton.

Post 44 – Forsyth: Post 44 investigated 235 crashes. Troopers made 13,879 traffic stops resulting in 11,482 citations and 5,013 warnings. These citations resulted in 215 DUI arrests, 67 drug arrests (felony/misdemeanor), and 33 other felony arrests. Troopers also assisted 491 stranded motorists and escorted 94 medical relays to blood and eye banks. Troopers participated in many events throughout the year resulting in the following 1,524 special detail hours, including: two Atlanta Motor Speedway races in Hampton, Tour de Georgia through central middle Georgia, two Cotton Pickin' Fairs in Gay, Powers Crossroads in Newnan, NOPI Nationals at AMS in Hampton, Super Sunday in Roberta, the School of Americas in Columbus, and the University of Georgia football games.



TROOP E

Troop E is located in the eastern central Georgia, along Interstate 20 for approximately 150 miles to the Georgia/South Carolina line and consists of five patrol posts in Convers, Madison, Milledgeville, Washington, and Thomson.

Troop E spent 2006 improving its emergency response process to possible unforeseen natural/unnatural disasters. Each member of this troop was responsible for completing the National Incident Management System (NIMS), computer based training and testing. This process introduced real-life scenarios and allowed all members to see what the process would be if a natural disaster or unnatural disaster, i.e. terrorist attacks, school shootings, were to occur within troop territory, and/or the state. On May 18, 10 troopers were dispersed to Statesboro and Interstate I-95, mile marker 40 to participate in a mock hurricane evacuation exercise.

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Troop E provided support to other troops when special details have arisen. On October 30, troopers were dispatched to assist Troop F in Statesboro for the Presidential Detail. Troop E supported Troop D during the Atlanta Motor Speedway races held in March and November. Troop E assisted Troop B personnel during the NHRA Southern Nationals Drag Race on May 5 -7. Also, troop assistance was provided during the numerous University of Georgia home football games in Athens. Troop E also assisted Troop H with the Georgia National Fair held in Perry in October. Troop E's Mobile Field Force was deployed to the state's Capitol on May 1, in order to provide protection for the Capitol area due to



a protest by those in opposition of proposed legislation regarding the state's immigration laws. The Tour de Georgia bicycling event traveled through Troop E on April 21 - 23. Troopers assisted in making the route safe and secure for the numerous participants in this event.

Along with providing support for other troops, Troop E had its participated in the Mayfest which is held in Washington's territory. On September 1, troopers were sent to Richmond County for the "First Friday" event held there. On December 30, Troop E personnel assisted Richmond County, specifically Augusta, with crowd control for the James Brown Funeral.

Post 8 – **Madison:** Post 8 troopers issued 6,966 citations, 3,847 warnings, and investigated 280 crashes. This activity shows an increase of 586 citations and 611 warnings issued by troopers compared to the previous year. In October, a multi-agency chase came through Post 8's territory on I-20. An intoxicated, mentally disturbed suspect fled from Newton County officers and the post commander attempted to terminate the chase using the PIT maneuver. The suspect committed aggravated assault on a peace officer against the trooper. This resulted in the post commander crashing his patrol car and sustaining minor injuries. The suspect also crashed his vehicle into a trooper's patrol car. Another trooper was also instrumental in assisting the post commander after crashing his car and played an integral role in the arrest of the felon.

Post 17 – **Washington:** Post 17 investigated 289 traffic crashes and issued 4,386 citations, including nine felony drug arrests, and 152 arrests for DUI. Troopers also issued 4,672 warnings. Troopers assisted the Wilkes County Health Department by participating in a mock disaster drill and assisted the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department with security and traffic control for the Class A State Championship football game, and assisted with the funeral of the James Brown, in Augusta.

Post 25 – **Thomson:** Post 25 investigated 566 vehicle crashes. Troopers initiated 11,088 traffic stops and checked 7,036 vehicles during road checks which resulted in 8,233 citations and 5,513 warnings. Troopers arrested 205 violators for DUI, 12 for felony drug possession, 13 for misdemeanor drug possession, and 15 for other felonies. Troopers performed 38 community service functions. Troopers made presentations to various schools and civic organizations on traffic safety and issues related to public safety. Troopers participated in a reading program for elementary students in local schools and participated in "Ghost Out Day" at Glascock County High School to heighten drinking and driving awareness.





Post 33 – **Milledgeville:** Post 33 investigated 196 crashes, resulting in 5,603 citations, 5,065 warnings, and 137 DUI arrests. Troopers participated in Tour de Georgia, the Georgia State Fair in Perry, the Atlanta Motor Speedway racing events in March and November, and the University of Georgia home football games.

Post 46 – Conyers: Post 46 issued 7,887 citations and 4,496 warnings. This post investigated 1,348 crashes and made 206 DUI arrests. On July 25, Post 46 assisted the Walton County Sheriff's Office during the Southern Christian Leadership Conference march from the City of Monroe to Fords Bridge at the Walton Oconee County line.



TROOP F

Troop F consists of six patrol posts located in Helena, Reidsville, Swainsboro, Dublin, Sylvania, and Statesboro. Troop headquarters moved to its new facility along with Post 45. Troop F personnel and command staff assisted the U.S. Secret Service with a Presidential detail.

Post 16 – **Helena:** Post 16 worked 235 crashes, stopped 8,231 vehicles, issued 4,196 citations, 6,217 warnings, and made 230 DUI arrests. Post 16 assisted with various details throughout the year, which included: Uvalda Farm Days Festival, Possom Hollow Festival in Laurens county, Lumber City Festival, Perry State Fair, GSU football games, the President's detail in Statesboro, the Annual Air Show in Eastman, and Cemetery Days in Mt. Vernon.

Post 18 – **Reidsville:** Post 18 issued 4,736 citations, 6,369 warnings, and made 22 DUI arrests. Troopers also investigated 440 crashes. Troopers assisted with the following details: Vidalia Onion Festival and Air Show, Glennville Sweet Onion Festival, Georgia Southern University football games and graduation, Atlanta Motor Speedway, Perry State Fair, Possum Hollow Festival in Laurens county, Farm Days, Ghost Out program and numerous Christmas parades and civic events.

Post 19 – **Swainsboro:** Post 19 investigated 340 crashes during the year resulting in a 15.3 percent reduction. Post 19 routinely assisted local, state and federal agencies 115 times during the year expending 304 hours. Troopers were assigned to the following details: Presidential visits to Statesboro, St. Patrick's Parade in Savannah, and the Atlanta Motor Speedway in Hampton. Additionally, the corporal supervises the Troop F Task Force which provides special patrols within the troop.

Post 20 – **Dublin:** Post 20 issued 6,777 citations, 7,939 warnings and made 166 DUI arrests. Troopers investigated 679 traffic crashes which resulted in 526 injuries and 19 fatalities. Troopers also performed numerous safety talks to civic organizations and local schools.

Post 21 - Sylvania: Post 21 investigated 256 crashes resulting in a 10.5 percent reduction in crashes from the previous year. Troopers assisted other agencies 187 times last year expending 356 hours, including the St. Patrick's Parade and the Atlanta Motor Speedway. Troopers also assisted Plant Vogtle with daily security checks of the perimeter looking for suspicious activity and provided assistance to the U.S. Secret Service with presidential visits to Statesboro. Additionally, Post 21 assisted with the Troop F Task Force for special patrols and to the South Carolina authorities. Troopers performed recruiting efforts at area technical colleges, participated in the Reading is Fundamental program at the local library, and in the Hands Across the Border event in South Carolina.



Post 45 – **Statesboro:** Post 45 investigated 1,068 crashes during the year. Troopers issued 6,880 citations , 9,020 warnings, made 253 DUI arrests and initiated 12,651 traffic stops. This was an increase over last year's enforcement which produced 5,932 citations, 7,239 warnings, 227 DUIs, and 7,442 vehicle stops. Post 45 also assisted with the Brooklet Peanut Festival in Brooklet, the Turpentine Festival in Portal, Another Blooming Festival in Metter, the Rattlesnake Roundup in Claxton, and the Ogeechee Fair Week in Statesboro.

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TROOP G

Troop G consists of 23 southwest Georgia counties five patrol posts that are located in Americus, Thomasville, Donalsonville, Cuthbert, and Albany. The five posts of Troop G consist of 23 southwest Georgia counties. The Troop G Command staff assisted Troop G personnel in a dignitary protection detail in February when Vice President Cheney came to Dougherty County to hunt. This has been an annual detail involving the Georgia State Patrol, U. S. Secret Service, and local agencies since 2001.

In October, 12 troopers responded to an shooting in August when two local officers and an EMT



were shot and wounded by an assailant. During the same month, personnel from throughout Troop G participated in the largest traffic detail of the year at the Sunbelt Agriculture Exposition in Moultrie. Over 100,000 visitors attended the three-day event.

All posts registered an increase in DUI enforcement. Troop wide, the increase in DUI arrests was from 539 DUI arrests in 2005 to 929 DUI arrests in 2006 (a 72 percent increase). In addition to increased efforts locally, monthly DUI roadchecks were conducted involving personnel from all five posts, as well as Troop G officers. The roadchecks were rotated between the post territories on a monthly basis.

Post 10 – **Americus:** Post 10 issued 5,080 citations and 6,427 warnings. They also worked 314 crashes during the year which involved 308 injuries and 13 fatalities.

Post 12 – **Thomasville:** Post 12 investigated 555 crashes that issued 8,969 citations, 7,116 warnings, and 228 DUI arrests. Post 12 along with assistance from all the patrol posts in Troop G, assisted with traffic at the Moultrie Sunbelt Agriculture Exposition in Moultrie. The Ag Expo is the largest event of its kind in the nation.

Post 14 – **Colquitt:** Post 14 issued 5,877 citations, 6,296 warnings, and made 331 DUI arrests, 914 seatbelt arrests, and 123 child restraint arrests. Post 14 investigated 309 collisions and assisted 433 motorists. Post 14 received the Post of the Year award from MADD in March for DUI enforcement and fatality reduction during the previous year. Post 14 was also nominated for the award for most DUIs by a GSP post this year. On October 17, the post commander and four troopers, along with a lieutenant from Troop G Command assisted the Stewart County Sheriff's Office and Lumpkin Police Department with another shooting in Lumpkin.

Post 39 – **Cuthbert:** Post 39, along with its Public Information Officer, was involved with local schools and civic clubs when called upon to conduct safety talks. Four-lane construction continues along Ga. 1 (U.S. 27) throughout Post 39's territory with approximately 40 miles from Cusseta to Cuthbert completed.

Post 40 – **Albany:** Post 40 personnel assisted the Secret Service with the Vice President Cheney visitation detail in February. Post 40 personnel were responsible for leading the Vice President's motorcade and assisting the Secret Service with security measures. In October, Post 40 sent personnel to assist with the Georgia National Fair in Perry. Post 40 assisted with the South's largest farm show (Sunbelt Agricultural Expo). Troopers also assisted the U.S. Marshall's Service with a fugitive roundup for Southwest Georgia.

TROOP H

Troop H is made up of five patrol posts located in Tifton, Perry, Cordele, Valdosta, and 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 County line. Troop H Headquarters is located at Post 15 in Perry.

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. In September, troop personnel 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. High trooper visibility and aggressive patrols during this weekend greatly reduced the possibility of major problems associated with large crowds that gather in certain areas of the city and county. Troop H also provided personnel to assist with the AMS Race details at the Atlanta Motor Speedway twice during the year and assisted Troop I with their annual Beach Music Festival.

Post 13 – **Tifton:** Post 13 - During the past year Post 13 issued 8,996 citations, 6,974 warnings and made 295 DUI arrests. Troopers at Post 13 investigated 1,109 crashes. Post 13 participated in several events throughout the year. We participated in the "Hands Across the Border" in September. We also teamed up with all of our assigned counties and conducted DUI enforcement activities. Post 13 participated in several traffic network meetings with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety and the surrounding counties. Post 13 is involved with local schools and civic clubs when called upon to conduct safety talks. During the Christmas holidays Troopers teamed up with a local child abuse organization to

help some foster kids have a brighter Christmas. Troopers partnered with The Patticake House to help raise over \$40,000 in cash and gifts which helped over 260 kids have a Merry Christmas.

Post 15 – Perry: Post 15 issued 11,321 citations, 5,965 warnings and made 167 DUI arrests. Troopers also investigated 581 crashes. Post 15 also participated in five traffic network meetings with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety and the surrounding counties. It also participated in the GOHS-sponsored Click It or Ticket and Operation Zero Tolerance campaigns. The biggest detail for Post 15 was the Georgia National Fair that is held annually in Perry. The executive director of the Georgia National Fair,



estimated the 2006 crowd to be over 430,000 people. This large detail incorporated the assistance from

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other troopers within the troop, as well as assistance from the adjacent troops. Post 15 utilized over 100 troopers during the 10-day fair.

Post 30 – **Cordele:** Post 30 troopers investigated 681 crashes. On November 5, the post commander and two troopers assisted Wilcox Sheriff's Department in the capture of three escaped inmates from Wilcox Sheriff's Department. The Public Information Officer works closely with The Cordele Dispatch and WSST-TV. Post 30 personnel conducted safety talks and visited local agencies and courts.

TROOP I

Troop I covers 15 southeast Georgia counties patrolled by five patrol posts,. Troop I territory includes all of coastal Georgia from the Georgia-South Carolina line to the Georgia-Florida line and all of I-95, as well as 29 miles of Interstate 16.

Troopers along with South Carolina and Florida troopers, participated in Hands Across the Border at the respective state lines on I-95. Troopers also participated in Operation Zero Tolerance in Savannah. Both of these enforcement efforts were sponsored by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. Troop I officers attended numerous meetings with various agencies to ensure preparation in the event of hurricanes reaching land along our coastline. Troopers also assisted in the following events: St. Patrick's Day in Savannah, and the Beach Music Festival on Jekyll Island.



Troop I suffered the tragic loss of Cpl. Michael D. Young in August. Cpl. Young, of Post 23, was involved in a crash on I-95 when assisting another trooper in a pursuit. Ten days after the crash, Cpl. Young died from his injuries. Cpl. Young was a friend to everyone and was an exemplary trooper.

Post 11 – **Hinesville:** Post 11 worked 494 crashes and issued 6,790 citations, including 3,969 speeding violations, 888 seatbelt violations, and made 212 DUI arrests. Fort Stewart, home of the 3rd Infantry, resides in Post 11's territory. Post 11 personnel have assisted with escorts and funerals for our servicemen who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Post 22 – **Waycross:** Post 22 worked 433 crashes with 460 injuries and 20 fatalities. Troopers also issued 6,072 citations, 7,560 warnings and made 247 DUI arrests. The Okefenoke Swamp Park and Wildlife Refuge is located in Post 22's territory.

Post 23 – **Brunswick:** Post 23 worked 651 crashes and issued 8,366 citations, including 4,854 speeding violations and 1,057 seatbelt violations. Personnel also made 230 DUI arrests and assisted other local and federal agencies on the St. Simon's Island Causeway resulting in the arrests of numerous illegal aliens. Post 23 participated in several details, including the Shop with a Cop program, Georgia Power's Run for the Reason, the Beach Music Festival on Jekyll Island, and the Hank Williams, Jr. concert.

Post 35 – **Jekyll Island:** Post 35 is a unique in that it handles all law enforcement duties on the island. These include the enforcement of all traffic and criminal laws, as well as providing 911 services for the





residents and guests of Jekyll Island. Post 35 personnel worked 77 crashes, with 16 injuries. They also issued 1,072 citations, 1,791 warnings, and made 27 DUI arrests for the year. Troopers also answered 685 miscellaneous calls for service and provided 410 motorist assists. There were 111 criminal investigations opened during the year and all were cleared. Of the 111 investigations, 43 arrests were made.

Post 42 – **Rincon:** Post 42 troopers played a pivotal role during the St. Patrick's Day Festival and provided assistance with other parades and events throughout the year. Troopers issued 10,406 citations, 6,338 warnings and made 290 DUI arrests. They provided security and traffic control for two presidential visits and one vice presidential detail. Post 42 units escorted the 118th Artillery Unit from Fort Stewart to Springfield, upon their return from Iraq. Troopers also assisted Bryan and Effingham counties when they each lost a deputy last year to separate traffic crashes.

TROOP J

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

Troop J Command: The captain and one lieutenant continue to lead GSP's efforts to raise funds for "Special Olympics Georgia". This year GSP raised approximately \$11,430.00, placing sixth place among all participating law enforcement agencies.

In May, another lieutenant and three members of the Safety Education Unit attended the 39th Annual "Uniformed Safety Education Officers Workshop (USEOW)" held in Kansas City. Safety Education troopers from across the nation presented traffic safety programs to improve the effectiveness of safety programs through the exchange of ideas. GSP's presentation received the second place award in the "Best Safety Program" category, as well as a first place award for "Best Audio Public Service Announcement".

The same lieutenant was again asked to oversee this year's Tour de Georgia event. He also assisted with the training of members of the South Carolina Highway Patrol for their professional cycling event, the "US Pro Championship" held in Greenville, SC.

Implied Consent Unit

The Implied Consent Unit is responsible for administering the State's breath alcohol testing program, maintaining all breath testing instruments, and training all new operators for all law enforcement agencies in the State. This year unit members expended 5,760 hours and responded to 2,326 requests for Intoxilyzer services.

In addition to performing the regular maintenance and inspection of all breath testing instruments, the members provide crucial expert testimony in DUI cases for state, county and municipal law enforcement agencies. Unit members complied with 206 open records requests from both defense attorneys and prosecutors. Collectively, 332 hours were expended in court and other legal proceedings regarding Intoxilyzer operation and instrumentation.

Members issued 990 citations, 949 warnings, five DUI arrests and 650 motorists assists. Unit personnel also supplemented field Post's during annual events such as the Atlanta Race detail, Georgia State Fair, Cotton Pickin Fair, Mayfest, Glenwood Festival, Concentrated Patrols, dignitary protection details and





the Law Enforcement Torch Run. The Implied Consent Unit also participates and helps coordinate other Troop J events such as the Tour de Georgia, Bicycle Ride Across Georgia (BRAG), Operation One Voice Military Run and Girls State.

Safety Education Unit

The Safety Education Unit (SEU) assigned all its troopers to hold instructor certifications from P.O.S.T. and the National Safety Council. They also serve as Child Passenger Safety Technicians (CPSTs).

SEU troopers expended 2,568 hours conducting 1,491 safety programs. The programs were conducted at schools, civic clubs, employee groups, military bases and various other organizations. Members also conducted 3,254 public relations visits raising the public's awareness of the efforts of GSP towards highway safety.

SEU troopers issued 1,038 citations (including six DUI arrests), 772 warnings and assisted 310 stranded motorists. SEU participate in holiday patrol efforts, sustained enforcement drives and concentrated patrols. Unit members support and supplement the enforcement activities of the field operations of GSP.



SEU troopers dedicated 2,090 hours participating in special details. They were an integral part of the planning and security team for the Tour de Georgia bicycle race (the premier cycling event in North America). SEU members assisted with BRAG (Bike Ride Across Georgia), the Cox-MS150 bike ride, the American Legion sponsored Boys and Girls State, Atlanta Motor Speedway race details, Safe America Teen Driver events, Lifesavers Conference (Austin. TX). Uniformed Safety Education Officers Workshop Conference (Kansas City, KS), Operation One

Voice military run, Hands Across the Border events, GPEE Bus Trip Across Georgia, Camp Civitan (for handicapped children), and dignitary protection details and other special events.

SEU also participates in the Special Olympics Torch Run fundraising effort. For the last several years, Troop J has by far led GSP in fundraising for SOGA (Special Olympics Georgia). 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).

SEU troopers serve the department as forward looking infrared radiometer (FLIR) operators, instructors at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC), and assist with regional training for other departments and GSP. One SEU trooper is a trained chaplain and serves the department in that capacity.

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TRAINING DIVISION

The Georgia State Patrol Training Division operates out of the Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) in Forsyth, Georgia. On September 1, the Motor Carrier Compliance Division training unit was assigned to the Training Division which was renamed the Department of Public Safety Training Division. This change added two sworn instructors and one non-sworn member to the staff.

The annual departmental in-service training for sworn members began in February. The inservice consisted of one day of CPR and first aid followed by night shooting. The next day was devoted to DUI detection and standardized field sobriety testing.



The 82nd Trooper School returned from field training on March 13 and graduated 24 troopers on March 24. The 83rd Trooper School began on January 1 and graduated 25 troopers on August 18. A field training officer class was taught in April and a Field Training Officer (FTO) in-service was held on May 1 and 2 to prepare FTOs for the 83rd Trooper School field training.



The Training Division conducted two TASER operator classes and 21 TASER refresher classes. 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. Also, members of MCCD Region 10, HOV Enforcement, were given a Basic Emergency Vehicle Operator Course (EVOC) refresher, as well as attended Advanced EVOC. As a part of required training, all troopers and newly hired communication operators attended an eight-hour Pursuit update.

The annual fall firearms in-service began September 12 and ended December 12. During this training, all sworn members transitioned from the Glock Models 22 and 27 to the new Glock 45 GAP Models 37 and 39. The firearms instructors traveled to each troop for a week to qualify each sworn departmental member and to give use of force training and provide legal updates. The Training Division also conducted a firearms instructor school, as well as patrol rifle qualifications.

In December, the command staff, along with the Training Division, hosted Dr. Neal Trautman, who spoke on the topic of Integrity, Corruption, Leadership and Management. This training was attended by approximately 1,500 members of the Department of Public Safety.





CRIMINAL INTERDICTION UNIT (CIU)



The Georgia State Patrol's Criminal Interdiction Unit (CIU) is a statewide unit tasked with the proactive enforcement of traffic and criminal laws. This year the unit consisted of seven small teams spread across the state assigned to work major interstate corridors. Since CIU is still a fairly new unit, a baseline was developed for what to expect as a yearly average. Team members also assisted with several high profile federal cases which resulted in large contraband seizures.

The unit was nominated for a Leadership Award through the Governor's Public Employees Awards Program. 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 the GSP Trooper School.

CIU purchased the Speechguard Language Translators program for all its members. The program translates common law enforcement phrases into one of nine languages that are commonly spoken in Georgia. The Board of Public Safety also accepted a total of four Chevrolet Tahoe police package vehicles and one Dodge Magnum from local agency donations that were placed into service to replace aging CIU patrol vehicles.

CIU developed, in connection with the Florida Highway Patrol and the MCCD, a cargo theft sting operation. This operation was the first attempt at combating this growing problem in our state and proved that such a state-wide effort was a viable option.

Counter-Terrorist Task Force

The Criminal Interdiction Unit continues to be a core component of the state's Counter-Terrorist Task Force (CTTF). This assignment has lead to an increase in training requirements and additional responsibilities. The members of CIU received advanced training on weapons, and other related training. Additionally, two troopers from each troop were assigned to the CTTF and fall under partial CIU control during any designated operations.



CY 2006 Totals	
	Team
	Totals
	29
Crashes	3,033
Arrests	
Warnings	8,217
DUI	32
Felony Drug Arrest	159
Non-Drug Felony Arrest Misc. Drug	58
Arrest	63
Criminal Apprehensions	197
No. of Marijuana Seizures	103
No. of Cocaine Seizures	42
No. of Meth. Seizures	13
No. of Other Drugs Seizures	9
Items of Stolen Property	1,695

CIU Activity Totals

SPECIALIZED COLLISION AND RECONSTRUCTION TEAM (SCRT)



SCRT's main mission 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 has five teams of specially trained investigators stationed in Calhoun, Gainesville, Forsyth, Reidsville and Valdosta to assist the field troopers with investigating fatal crashes. These teams consist of six investigators who are equipped with the latest technology and are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

SCRT is responsible for assisting local agencies in the investigation of major incidents including, homicide cases, officer

involved shootings, fatal crashes, and air disasters. SCRT recorded a total of 293 new cases resulting in 275 deaths. This is a decrease in 38 cases from 2005 (less than 11 percent). SCRT was involved in 31 percent of all fatal crashes that GSP worked and an estimated 17 percent of the reported statewide fatal crashes. SCRT members closed 301 cases during the year.

Team 1 - **Calhoun:** Team 1 opened 69 cases in2006, which resulted in 64 deaths. These figures represent an increase of six percent in the number of cases opened (65 in 2005). Team 1 reconstructed





a number of high profile cases this year. They were involved in four pursuit related crashes that resulted in fatalities. Three of the cases involved GSP units actively pursuing the violator. Two of the four crashes resulted in the deaths of the fleeing suspect. One victim was a passenger in the fleeing vehicle. In July, Team 1 investigated a crash that claimed the life of an Atlanta Police Officer when his police car collided with a Grady EMS ambulance. Both units were responding to a homicide call in emergency mode.

Team 2 - **Gainesville:** Team 2 opened 64 new cases, which resulted in the deaths of 67 individuals. These figures represent no change in the number of cases opened (64 in 2005). Team 2 assisted the Covington Police Department with the investigation of a single vehicle crash in the parking lot of a McDonald's where a deranged driver struck three children and two adults killing a two-year old child. Team 2 was called to two multivehicle crashes during the year: a nine-vehicle crash that killed four victims, and an 11-vehicle crash, involving one car and 10 motorcycles, which killed one occupant. Additionally, Team 2 investigated a crash resulting from a pursuit that killed one of the passengers in the fleeing vehicle. Finally, Team 2 assisted the GBI with the mapping of a homicide scene. The murdered victim, the daughter of a retired trooper, had been missing for several years.

Team 3 - **Forsyth:** Team 3 opened 72 cases, which resulted in 50 fatalities. These figures represent an decrease of 8 percent in the number of cases opened (79 in 2005). Team 3 reconstructed six crashes involving pursuits. Three of these crashes resulted in the death of the violator. One crash killed a passenger in the fleeing vehicle. The remaining two crashes did not result in a fatality. Only one of the crashes was the result of the PIT maneuver. This crash did not result in a fatality.

Team 4 - Reidsville: Team 4 opened 46 new cases that resulted in 50 fatalities. Team 4 continues to have the largest territory in the state. These figures represent a decrease of 16 percent in the number of cases opened (56 in 2005). In August, Team 4 was called to investigate a crash that claimed the life of GSP Cpl. Mike Young (Post 23) who was assisting other troopers in a pursuit on I-95. Cpl. Young's vehicle hydroplaned and he lost control, crossed the median and was struck by an oncoming vehicle. In December, Team 4 was called to investigate a crash that claimed the life of a Bryan County Sheriff's Deputy who collided with a disabled vehicle previously wrecked and left in the roadway by a drunk driver.

Team 5 - **Valdosta:** Team 5's workload decreased in 2006. Team 5 opened 42 new cases, resulting in 44 deaths. These figures represent a decrease of 37 percent in the number of cases opened (67 in 2005). Team 5 reconstructed a trooper involved PIT crash that resulted in the serious injury of the violator.

SCRT had a conviction rate of 99 percent in the cases presented for prosecution during the period 2003 through 2006. Nearly two-thirds of these convictions were "Guilty Pleas" as a result of the overwhelming evidence developed in their cases. This saves countless tax dollars in court trial costs. In addition to the collision reconstruction duties, SCRT investigators logged 16,028 enforcement hours while patrolling 794,034 miles. SCRT investigators issued 1,447 citations and 1,364 warnings.

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SCRT attended 5,946 hours of training, and instructed an additional 935 hours. In an effort to bring the newer team members up to the training level of the original team members, Institute of Police Technology and Management (IPTM) was selected to provide advanced training. SCRT members received advanced and refresher courses in human factors and applied physics for crash reconstruction during the summer and fall. SCRT is responsible for all crash investigation courses currently taught to members troopers. SCRT also participated in the collision investigation training during Trooper School.



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

SCRT began the implementation of a forensic animation unit. This unit, when fully operational, will consist of three team members who will have additional duties as forensic animators. Team members will have the capability to generate courtroom quality computer generated animations for trial purposes. The Georgia State Patrol will be the only state law enforcement agency in the southeast and one of only a handful in the nation who will have this capability. SCRT members will begin training in January 2007.

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ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY TOTALS FOR 2006

Enforcement Activity for 2006	Totals	STOLEN VEHS. RECOVERED NO	331
ACCIDENT NUMBER	39214	STOLEN VEHS. RECOVERED HOURS	428
ACCIDENT HOURS	110763	AID TO OTHER AGENCY NO	8511
FATALITY NUMBER	869	AID TO OTHER AGENCY HOURS	13783
INJURIES NUMBER	27653	ROAD CHECK HOURS	17176
SPEEDING 1-10mph OVER	6274	NO. OF VEHS CHECKED AT ROAD	
SPEEDING 11-16mph OVER	48591	CHECK	191807
SPEEDING 16-20mph OVER	62442	PARTNER NUMBER	899
SPEEDING 21+mph OVER	65035	PARTNER HOURS	2191
ARREST DUI ALCOHOL/DRUGS	10247	ENFORCEMENT PATROL NUMBER	116856
ARREST MECHANICAL DEFECTS	2663	ENFORCEMENT PATROL HOURS	531754
ARREST M/H TRUCKERS	3710	MOTORIST ASSISTS NUMBER	51859
ARREST M/H OTHER	38365	MOTORIST ASSIST HOURS	6673
ARREST M/H TOTAL	233617	TOTAL ENFORCEMENT HOURS	692732
FELONY DRUG ARREST	1305	DIGINITARY SECURITY NUMBER	1988
NON-DRUG FELONY ARREST	808	DIGINITARY SECURITY HOURS	21306
MISD DRUG ARREST	1640	SECURITY DETAIL NUMBER	2397
ARREST LITTERING	437	SECURITY DETAIL HOURS	24340
SEAT BELT ARREST	49049	ESCORT NUMBER	199
CHILD RESTRAINT ARREST	5381	ESCORT HOURS	664
ARREST OTHER TRUCKERS	904	RELAY MEDICAL NUMBER	858
ARREST TOTAL INTERSTATE	93517	RELAY MEDICAL HOURS	1564
WINDOW TINT ARREST	10302	OTHER RELAY NUMBER	4506
JUVENILE ARREST	10302	OTHER RELAY HOURS	5457
OTHER NON M/H	67394	AVIATION DETAIL HOURS	1498
ARREST OTHER TOTAL	136324	SAFETY EDUCATION DETAIL HRS	714
WARNING SPEEDING	123838	SCHOOL BUS INSPECTION HOURS	12
WARNING MECHANICAL DEFECTS	48672	RADIO DETAIL HOURS	39967
WARNING M/H TRUCKERS	3330	MEETING HOURS	6748
WARNING OTHER M/H	41131	TRAINING HOURS-INSTRUCTOR	24769
WARNING M/H TOTAL	213641	TRAINING HOURS-STUDENT	87902
WINDOW TINT WARNING	13358	CIVIL DISORDER HOURS	1376
SEATBELT WARNING	14652	DISASTER HOURS	155
CHILD RESTRAINT WARNING	14052	VEHICLE/RADIO REPAIR HOURS	15552
WARNING OTHER TRUCKERS	1240	COURT HOURS	20345
		OTHER NON-ENFORCEMENT HOURS	80199
WARNING TOTAL INTERSTATE	36653	SPECIAL DETAIL HOURS	6208
WARNING LITTERING	771	DRIVERS LICENSE P/U NUMBER	276
WARNING OTHER NON M/H	77150	DRIVERS LICENSE P/U HOURS	60
WARNING OTHER TOTAL	107374	TOTAL NON ENFORCEMENT HOURS	394656
TOTAL WARNINGS	321015	ADMINISTRATIVE DUTY	0
PEDESTRIAN ENFORCEMENT	95 1055	STAFF MEETING HOURS	6794
CRIMINAL INV. NO.	4055	ACCIDENT REPORT HOURS	13292
CRIMINAL INV.HRS	9964	INSPECTION HOURS	13017



CAPITOL POLICE SERVICES DIVISION

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

This division is responsible for providing primary law enforcement and security for the State Capitol, the Coverdell Legislative Office Building, the Judicial Building, Two Peachtree, and all other stateowned buildings on Capitol Hill. These buildings house the constitutional, legislative and judicial offices of the State of Georgia



and their employees. Additionally, all of these buildings are utilized by state and contract employees, and are frequented by the general public, various organizations, and dignitaries from other states or countries.

Motor officers assist with crowd control/management and access, as well as providing security services for dignitaries and VIPs. Since the division has trained and developed some expertise in conducting security assessments, it also partners with 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 responses to incidents. Contract security personnel provide building access control and security, key control, and lost and found programs.

The Communications Center monitors life safety, video surveillance, and building elevator systems. They also provide a communications backbone for the civilian security program, manage building access control systems, conduct security background checks for numerous state agencies, communicate timely information about critical events in the Capitol Square area through the division's personnel notification system (PNS), and monitor all of the duress alarms on Capitol Square.

This division developed and now delivers a range of personnel safety and other recognized training programs for state employees and others. Training programs provided by CPS for state employees include emergency response to life safety threats, personal safety, workplace violence, and identity theft.



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MOTOR CARRIER COMPLIANCE DIVISION

Chief Mark C. McLeod is the Commanding Officer of the Motor Carrier Compliance Division (MCCD) with a staff consisting of approximately 250 P.O.S.T. certified positions and administrative support personnel assigned to 11 regions and DPS Headquarters respectively.

O.C.G.A. § 35-2-100 establishes the primary duties and responsibilities of the DPS Motor Carrier Compliance Division. 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.

The Motor Carrier Compliance Division is divided into nine geographic regions and two specialized units. The specialized units are HOV Operations and Safety Compliance, which consists of the New Entrant Safety Audit, the Compliance Review, and the School Bus Safety units. The administrative staff is located at DPS headquarters in Atlanta.

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 73 one man portable weigh/inspection teams allows for monitoring and enforcement efforts on other roadways within the state.

<u>**Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Program:**</u> The Commercial Vehicle Safety Program is outlined in the Commercial Vehicle Safety Plan (CVSP), of the annual Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) grant statement to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. The CVSP contains five required program areas: driver/vehicle inspections, traffic enforcement, compliance reviews, public information/education, and data collection. Nine other local municipalities participate as sub-grantees in the MCSAP program conducting commercial vehicle inspections.

<u>Compliance Review Program</u>: This program is one of the five elements of the MCSAP plan. The Compliance Review Unit consists of 10 compliance review officers that are cross trained to conduct safety audits and 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 a new entrant registration. The Safety Audit Unit is comprised of 10 officers who are also cross trained to conduct compliance reviews.

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

HOV (High Occupancy Vehicle) Operations Unit: This unit is responsible for the enforcement of HOV lane restrictions, and statewide communications. HOV lane operations are conducted by 18 officers who are responsible for patrolling over 100 HOV lane miles in the Metro Atlanta area in an effort to improve air quality and traffic mitigation. These officers also conduct motor carrier safety inspections and enforce truck lane restrictions in the Metro Atlanta Area. There is one full-time Communications Equipment Operator (CEO) assigned to a statewide operations center who provides a vital link between officers in the field and current records and databases (GCIC/NCIC records, driver's license, commercial vehicle safety inspections, motor vehicle and insurance).

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 section 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 may be required. This unit is currently under detachment to the DPS Training Division.

School Bus Safety: The School Bus Safety unit is responsible for safety inspections of the approximately 17,000 public school buses. The 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 Inspection	ns	
FFY 2006		
CVSA Certified Officers	214	
Inspections	90,296	
Out-of-service Vehicle Violations	16,168	
Out-of-service Driver Violations	12,099	

Law Enforcement Statistics

Size & Weight (FFY 2006)

Total Trucks Weighed	12,006,607
Overweight Assess. Written	54,267
UTCs Written	1,332
High Occupancy Vehi	icle (FFY 2006)
HOV Citation Arrest	7,147

School Bus Inspections (CY 2006) Public Bus Inspections 17,520



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Region 1 is responsible for 14 counties located in the northwest corner of the state. The Catoosa County Inspection Station is located on I-75 at mile marker 343. The 20 officers issued 6,333 overweight assessments, performed 8,486 commercial vehicle safety inspections, issued 2,411 uniform traffic citations, 171 International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) citations, and conducted 2,097 dyed fuel inspections. The officers also conducted 12 safety outreach events, including the Teen P.R.I.D.E. program and the National Life Saver event.

Region 2 is responsible for 20 counties located in north Georgia. The Franklin County Inspection Station is located on I-85 at mile marker 169. The north bound inspection station opened on July 20, after reconstruction. The 21 officers issued 5,184 overweight assessments, performed 8,610 commercial vehicle safety inspections, issued 2,971 uniform traffic citations, 74 IFTA citations, and conducted 2,264 dyed fuel inspections. The captain was promoted to the position of vice president of the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance.

Region 3 is responsible for 10 counties located in the Metro Atlanta area. The Douglas County Inspection Station is located on I-20 at mile marker 43. The Carroll County Inspection Station is located on I-20 at



mile marker 15. The 18 officers issued 5,858 overweight assessments, performed 6,561 commercial vehicle safety inspections, issued 720 uniform traffic citations, and performed 5,128 dyed fuel inspections. Region 3 conducted 38 outreach programs and 53 concentrated checks.

Region 4 is responsible for 18 counties in South Georgia. The Columbia County Inspection Station is located on I-20 at mile marker 187. The west bound station opened in October 2006 after completing reconstruction. The 19 officers issued 3,405 overweight assessments, performed 7,699 commercial vehicle safety inspections, 1,594 uniform traffic citations, 91 IFTA citations and conducted 6,611 dyed fuel inspections. They

participated in 18 East Central Traffic Enforcement Network road checks. During Operation Air Brake on May 3, while performing a safety inspection on a commercial vehicle, two officers discovered \$368,700.00 dollars hidden in the walls of the sleeper compartment.

Region 5 is responsible for 15 counties in West Georgia. The Troup County Inspection Station is located on I-85 at mile marker 23. The 14 officers issued 2,963 overweight assessments, performed 6,672 commercial vehicle safety inspections, 2,325 uniform traffic citations, and conducted 1,015 dyed fuel inspections. The officers participated in 17 joint agency concentrated enforcement activities which consisted of target specific HCC seatbelt checks and hazardous material checks. The officers participated in special details such as hurricane evacuation exercise, and Georgia National Fair in Perry.

Region 6 is responsible for 20 counties in South Georgia. The Monroe County Inspection Station is located on I-75 at mile marker 190. The 23 officers issued 8,920 overweight assessments, 1,140 uniform traffic citations, 127 IFTA citations, performed 7,287 commercial vehicle safety inspections, and 411 dyed fuel Inspections. They conducted 28 concentrated patrols of which 25 were high crash corridor checks. They participated in four GOHS checks and the Georgia National Fair. The officers also assisted in security during Easter celebration in Cordele, one Vice Presidential visit, two Presidential visits to





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Warner Robins, and Operation Long Haul, a multi-state theft task force. The sergeant was selected as the assistant coordinator for the Central Georgia Traffic Enforcement Network.

Region 7 is responsible for 18 counties located in South Georgia. The Bryan County Inspection Station is located on I-16 at mile marker 144 and the Chatham County inspection station is located on I-95 at mile marker 111. The Region's 30 officers issued 5,445 overweight assessments, 1,628 uniform traffic citations, performed 10,554 commercial vehicle safety inspections, 63 IFTA citations, and conducted 2,781 dyed fuel inspections. They participated in a number of joint agency enforcement checks. Region 7 also initiated four roadside checks and participated in special checks on commercial vehicles at the port of Savannah.

Region 8 is responsible for 29 counties in South Georgia. The Lowndes County Inspection Station is located on I-75 at mile marker 23. There is one semi-permanent scale located in Early County. This site has an office type trailer and is equipped with pit scales. The 17 officers issued 11,565 overweight assessments, 4,707 uniform traffic citations and performed 11,198 commercial vehicle safety inspections. They participated in a number of joint enforcement activities with other counties. They participated in Sunbelt Agriculture Exposition in Moultrie Georgia and the Georgia Motor Trucking Association event with Florida.

Region 9 is responsible for 15 counties in South Georgia. The McIntosh County Inspection Station is located on I-95 at mile marker 55. There is one semi-permanent scale located in Long County which has an office type trailer and is equipped with pit scales. The 17 officers issued 3,558 overweight assessments, 1,045 uniform traffic citations, 102 IFTA citations, performed 6,975 commercial vehicle safety inspections, and conducted 937 dyed fuel inspections. The Region participated in a number of joint agency road checks. They also assisted with special checks targeting commercial motor vehicles at the port of Savannah.

Region 10 is responsible for the enforcement of High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane restrictions in five Metro Atlanta counties. The officers issued 7,738 citations for HOV violations and performed 550 commercial vehicle safety inspections. They assisted in security for a Hispanic Protest at the Capitol, Atlanta's Peach Drop, The Fallen Officer Ride, and numerous other special details.

Region 11's responsibilities are compliance review, safety audit and school bus inspections. The office is located in Madison. Group CVSA seminars are held in Madison. The officers perform annual inspections on buses within the state. Region 11 conducted 303 compliance reviews and 1,309 safety audits on motor carriers throughout the state. The officers also inspect Head Start school buses, conduct safety meetings and perform inspections on commercial vehicles.

In addition to their regular duties, each region participated in special enforcement activities such as Sunbelt Agriculture Exposition, The Annual Motor Coach Inspection, Tour de Georgia, Hands Across the Border, 100 Days of Summer Heat, Operation Long Haul, Click It or Ticket, CVSA Operation Air Brake, Over The Limit Under Arrest, FMCSA's Be Ready Be Buckled, special hazardous materials checks and high crash corridor checks. They also participated in the Hurricane Drill.

This year, 17 of the permanent inspection stations participated in the Pre-Pass program. Three stations are in the process of being upgraded to accommodate the Pre-Pass initiative. Pre-Pass is a program that allows commercial vehicles to pass by the inspection station based on the safety stat score and paying a fee to the Pre-Pass program.

Compassion



Motor Carrier Compliance has officers assisting in mobile field forces and 11 officers make up the MCCD Honor Guard Unit. MCCD has completed 470 significant crash reports involving commercial vehicles with a serious injury, fatality, or significant road closure, resulting in 494 post crash inspections. Through public outreach MCCD has distributed 78,114 public information and education fact sheets. With the participation of all regions, 246 safety meetings were conducted with 7,618 participants, and 4,788 citations were issued for seatbelt violations.

MCCD held the first Commercial Vehicle Inspector's Competition at Lake Lanier. This event was used to select Georgia's competitor for the North American Inspector's Competition held each year in conjunction with the Georgia Motor Trucking Association Truck Driving Championship. Eleven officers competed in all events. The officers were tested in several areas, written exam, cargo tank inspection, hazardous materials inspection, motor Inspection, level one driver-vehicle coach inspection, and personal interviews. This year's champion continued on to compete against officers from other states, Canada, and Mexico at the 2006 North American Inspector's Competition held in New Orleans, Louisiana.







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