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Sonny Perdue
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March 19, 2007

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY:

It is with great pride that I commend you on the occasion of the 70th Anniversary for the Georgia Department of Public Safety. I am delighted to be your Governor on this momentous milestone.

Since the creation of the Department on this day in 1937, one goal has been your benchmark and that is the protection of everyone who travels by motor vehicle in our great state. You have met the challenge and given your best.

As we look to the future, I encourage you to continue your fervent efforts on our state's roads to enforce our traffic laws and prevent traffic crashes. Countless people throughout the world who have traveled in Georgia are alive today because of your efforts.

Congratulations to each member of the Department for the work you do, whether it is enforcement or in a support role. You are making a difference and on behalf of all Georgians – thank you for a job well done.

Sincerely,


Sonny Perdue
Governor



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Honorable Sonny Perdue
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Colonel Bill Hitchens
Commissioner

March 19, 2007

To the Members of the Department of Public Safety:

Today marks a milestone in Georgia history as we celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Georgia Department of Public Safety. It is my distinct honor and privilege to commend each member of the Department, both current and retired, for the job you have done to put Georgia at the forefront of law enforcement agencies across the country.

When duty has called, you have answered faithfully and professionally, and that is something each member can reflect upon with great pride. Whether it was a high profile detail such as the G8 Summit that attracted the world spotlight or assisting a stranded motorist on a lonely road in the middle of the night, you have made a difference, saved lives and earned great respect for the job you have done. Today, we are able to provide advanced critical resources, such as aviation and tactical support, to assist local law enforcement agencies at no cost.

We also pause to remember the 26 men who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. We mourn their loss and are grateful for the legacy they left. Each will not be forgotten.

As we look to the future, I encourage each of you to continue to do your best each day as we all strive to make Georgia safer.

I salute you and thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Hitchens".

Colonel Bill Hitchens
Commissioner

Police



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The Georgia State Patrol

1937...

It was the motoring public that advocated the creation of the Georgia Department of Public Safety. In the early 1930's, there was much concern for the rising death rate on Georgia highways. This concern, increased crime, and an insufficient number of law enforcement officers at the local and county levels further revealed the need for a new law enforcement agency.

House Bill 18, the 220th Act of the General Assembly, was signed into law March 19, 1937. The Act created and established the Department of Public Safety, to be part of the executive branch of Georgia government. One division of the Department of Public Safety, the Georgia State Patrol, was created as part of the original legislation. Today, the creation of the GSP is reflected in O.C.G.A. § 35-2-30, which states:

There is created and established a division of the Department of Public Safety to be known as the Uniform Division, the members of which shall be known and designated as the "Georgia State Patrol."

The Georgia State Patrol is the only remaining division of the Department of Public Safety created by the original act. The other two, the Criminal Investigation Division (GBI) and the Driver's License Division (DDS) have been made into independent agencies.

O.C.G.A. § 35-2-32 defines the duties of the Georgia State Patrol "...to patrol the public roads and highways of this state, including interstate and state maintained highways, and to safeguard the lives and property of the public; and such duty shall also include accident investigation and traffic enforcement. The Uniform Division shall prevent, detect, and investigate violations of the criminal laws of this state, any other state, or the United States which are committed upon these public roads and highways or upon property appertaining thereto and shall apprehend and arrest those persons who violate such criminal laws."



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Today...

When most people think of the Georgia State Patrol, crash investigation and traffic enforcement come to mind. In 2006, the Georgia State Patrol alone investigated 39,214 traffic crashes. These crashes resulted in 27,653 injuries and 869 fatalities. Other law enforcement agencies investigated additional crashes resulting in yet more injuries and fatalities.

While we realize we can never completely eliminate crashes, and the resulting injuries and deaths, we are constantly striving to reduce them as much as possible. In 2006, the Georgia State Patrol issued 369,941 citations and 321,015 warnings. Of the total citations issued, 182,342 were for speeding, and 70 percent of those charged were exceeding the speed limit by 16 miles per hour or more. Troopers also issued 128,838 warnings to speeding motorists.

In addition, 54,430 citations were issued for seat belt and child restraint violations. Troopers also issued 16,095 warnings for these offenses. Failure to properly utilize occupant restraints is a major factor contributing to injuries and fatalities in motor vehicle crashes. Statistics have shown that most fatalities occur on state and county roads, rather than interstate highways. In 2006, 62 percent of the citations issued were on state and county roads.

As great as the apprehension can be when a motorist sees the flashing blue lights of a GSP patrol car in their rear view mirror, the same level of relief can be felt when these same lights pull in behind a motorist who is parked beside the highway and in need of assistance. In 2006, troopers recorded 51,859 motorist assists. These efforts range from contacting friends or family members, to calling for a wrecker, to actually changing a tire or effecting other minor repairs at the scene. Troopers are committed to helping citizens and visitors to Georgia have a safe and enjoyable trip on our highways.



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Commissioner Bill Hitchens is the Chief Executive of the Georgia Department of Public Safety and holds the rank of Colonel in the Georgia State Patrol. The units assigned to the Commissioner's Office for direct supervision are Legal Services and Special Investigations.

Colonel Hitchens' career spans more than 40 years of government service in the military and state law enforcement. He served four years in the Marine Corps, which included a 13-month stint in Vietnam, and 28 years on the Georgia State Patrol prior to his retirement in 1997.

During his career with the GSP he was stationed in Savannah, Americus, Statesboro and Atlanta. At the time of his retirement from the GSP he held the rank of major and was the South Division Adjutant. In that position he was responsible for all State Patrol law enforcement activities in the southern half of the state. During the 1996 Olympic Games, he was a Law Enforcement Shift Commander responsible for all state law enforcement personnel at the many venues in Atlanta and across the state.

In January 2003, Governor Perdue selected Bill Hitchens to be the first director of the Georgia Office of Homeland Security. In a realignment of the State's law enforcement agencies, Hitchens' role was to serve as the point person for all homeland security issues in the state of Georgia. His position was one of six that reported directly to the Governor. In May 2004, via an Executive Order by Governor Perdue, Bill Hitchens was named Executive Commander of the G-8 Public Safety Command. Reporting directly to the Governor, he was placed in charge of all state efforts to coordinate law enforcement and public safety operations for the 2004 Group of Eight Summit (G-8) on Sea Island, GA. An unprecedented success, the G-8 event produced no fatalities, no injuries and only 18 arrests of protestors.

In December 2004 Governor Perdue nominated Bill Hitchens to be the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Public Safety and the Colonel of the Georgia State Patrol. The Georgia Board of Public Safety unanimously approved his appointment with an effective date of December 16, 2004.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

Legal Services Office

The Legal Services Office consists of four attorneys, one records manager, two paralegals, one administrative assistant and two secretaries. The director of Legal Services reports to the commissioner. The primary function of the Legal Services Office is to provide guidance to the commissioner and to the employees of the department concerning any matters associated with the day-to-day operations of the department.

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

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



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The Legal Services Office also works closely with Special Investigations, providing legal advice and assistance. 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 officers at administrative hearings.

The Legal Services Open Records Unit, consisting of a records manager, one administrative assistant, and one secretary, 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 Administrative License Suspension grant was awarded to the department in 2004 from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. The grant funds an Administrative License Suspension (ALS) attorney who represents troopers at ALS hearings and a full-time paralegal to assist the ALS attorney with case preparation and record-keeping. The ALS attorney represented troopers in three of the nine troops at ALS hearings through September 2007. In October 2007, the ALS attorney and paralegal became part of the Nighthawks DUI Task Force grant. The ALS attorney provides representation at all ALS hearings in Troop C (metropolitan Atlanta) and in other troops statewide on an as needed basis. The attorney continues to assist troopers statewide with questions regarding DUI and ALS issues. The ALS attorney conducted annual DUI/ALS training for every trooper in the state.

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

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

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



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Some of the activities performed by the Legal Services staff were:

- Reviewed, revised or drafted 43 contracts, agreements, or memoranda of understanding between the department and other companies, agencies, or individuals.
- Opened and processed 129 cases which included 54 asset forfeiture cases.
- Responded to 3,291 open records requests and collected \$48,420.01 in associated fees.
- Filed four Safety Responsibility claims against individuals responsible for property damage to Georgia State Patrol vehicles totaling \$12,349.82.
- Opened approximately 1,350 ALS cases, filed 193 motions and briefs, and represented troopers at the related ALS hearings.
- Opened 52 overweight/oversize citation cases and represented MCCD officers at 36 of the related administrative hearings.

Special Investigations Division

The Special Investigations Division (SID) consists of one director, one lieutenant, one sergeant first class, two polygraph examiners/investigators, four internal affairs investigators (two sergeants and two corporals), four background sergeants, one permit issuance specialist, one confidential secretary and one part-time support person. Internal Affairs, Background Investigation, Polygraph, and Permits Issuance units are the backbone of this division.

SID supports the mission and core beliefs of the Department of Public Safety by dedicating itself to protecting the integrity of the department through ensuring adherence to the highest ethical standards, performance criteria, and commitment to public service. SID achieves this by conducting a variety of investigations under its purview: complaints of misconduct or serious policy violations of departmental members, reports of misuse or breach of the conditions of speed detection permit certification, criminal acts committed involving departmental property and pre-employment investigations.

Internal Affairs Unit: The Internal Affairs Unit investigates allegations of wrongdoing lodged against members of the Department of Public Safety including, Georgia State Patrol, Motor Carrier Compliance Division and the Capitol Police Services Section. This unit is also responsible for investigating complaints alleging the misuse of speed detection devices by any agency bearing the department's certification. The department initiated 108 investigations. Of this number, 55 were field investigations conducted at the troop level and 48 were internal investigations conducted by the Internal Affairs Unit. Five speed detection device inquiries were also accomplished by the Internal Affairs Unit. Of the 108 investigations, there were 73 allegations of improper conduct, three excessive force complaints, three traffic citation violations, four work performance related issues, one helicopter crash, four thefts, two impersonations of a GSP Trooper by persons outside the department, and 12 that fell into the "other" category.



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Background Investigation Unit: The Background Investigation Unit is responsible for conducting pre-employment investigations for candidates seeking positions with the Department of Public Safety. The Background Unit processed 232 pre-employment investigations, an increase of 157 percent from 2006 and a 177 percent increase over the investigations completed during 2005. This increase was achieved by the four background sergeants and lieutenant with the assistance of a Communications Equipment Operator (CEO) who was detached to the unit for four months. Twenty-two of the 232 backgrounds were conducted by the five internal affairs investigators.

Polygraph Unit: The Polygraph Unit supports the Background and the Internal Affairs units by administering pre-employment and issue-specific polygraphs. The two examiners conducted 454 polygraphs for the department and for several other agencies. The number of examinations conducted has continued to rise with no increase in personnel. The 2007 totals are up nearly 134 percent from 2006 and up almost 168 percent from 2005. Of these 454 examinations, 443 (98 percent) were related to pre-employment issues and 11 were specific issue and/or internal affairs examinations. The polygraph examiners also provided instruction during basic trooper training and to basic and specialized classes at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center. The examiners also attended and supported the American Polygraph Association's International Seminar where they evaluated P.O.S.T. instructor trainees. They also assisted the international polygraph community by serving on the board of directors of the American Polygraph Association. The examiners further complemented SID by conducting investigations when appropriate.

Permits Section: The Permits Section administers the statewide issuance of all wholesale/retail firearms licenses (required for businesses wishing to sell handguns less than 15 inches in length), the conveyance of speed detection device permits and approval of exemptions to the window tint law. The unit issued/renewed 118 speed detection device permits to local sheriff's offices, local municipal and college and university police departments. This section granted 859 firearms permits and collected \$27,7340 in fees. The approval of 248 window tint exemptions resulted in the receipt of related fees of \$2,480. Total fees received for permits in 2007 was \$30,214. The Permits Section consists of one permits issuance specialist position.

Additional Accomplishments: Polygraph examination equipment (hardware and software) was upgraded to reflect the highest quality available in keeping with the standards of excellence of the Department of Public Safety. Audio-visual equipment used to record all polygraph examinations and most internal affairs interviews was replaced with more advanced technology to better facilitate the documentation of SID evaluations.

Case documentation was examined and fine tuned to better capture the investigative acts performed in the diligent examination of the facts of internal and administrative inquiries.

A policy that outlines the specific requirements for record retention for the Special Investigations Division was developed and approved. The process has begun to implement the file purge to comply with the policy. All personnel in SID have made every effort to diligently represent the tenets of customer service by serving our external and internal users with faster response to requests and complaints. SID set goals for completion of pre-employment cases within six weeks and reached that goal in 53 percent of the investigations conducted from September 1 through December 31. Because of the complexity of its cases, the Internal Affairs Unit was able to complete only 11 percent of its investigations within 30 days between September and December. The goal set for the polygraph examiners was to complete pre-employment polygraphs within two weeks of receiving the background packets from Human Resources. This was accomplished in 100 percent of the exams administered September through December.



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

Public Information Office (PIO)

The Public Information Office serves as the liaison for the Department of Public Safety to the news media and citizens of Georgia. The Public Information Office staff provides research and clearance for media inquiries and interview requests for 48 Georgia State Patrol posts, 10 Motor Carrier Compliance regions and Capitol Police.

Director's Office: The PIO Director manages the daily operations in the Public Information Office, maintains the retiree notification system, and compiles quarterly GOHS/NHTSA data for statewide seatbelt, child restraint and DUI enforcement campaigns. The director coordinates the dissemination of information to members of the Command Staff regarding significant incidents/crashes by utilizing the group paging system.

Additionally, the director represents the Department of Public Safety on the Governor's Public Safety Awards Committee, is a member of the Public Safety Memorial Committee, coordinates the department awards program and responds to media inquiries after normal business hours and on weekends. The director also prepares news releases for the six major holiday periods, specialized enforcement campaigns, and 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 records requests for state prosecutors, defense attorneys, insurance companies, news media, and the general public. It also provides assistance to the Open Records Unit by responding to and completing requests for evidence. This unit serves as the central filing, storage and retrieval of evidence photos, videotapes and documents from all GSP, MCCD, and Capitol Police field operations. All PIO staff members are designated by the DPS Commissioner as Custodians of Public Record. The Documents Unit received and filed over 2,600 types of evidence and completed more than 1,000 evidence requests. This evidence included photographs, videos, SCRT, crash and incident reports, and other documentation.



Graphics Unit: The PIO Graphics Unit provides development and copying of department evidence photos, video and audiotapes. The Graphics Unit also provides special projects support to the PIO Publications and Recruitment units. This unit also serves as the official photographers for the department at local and state events held throughout Georgia.

Publications/Website Unit: PIO Publications is responsible for production of the department's quarterly newsletter, the DPS Annual Report, special projects, and content for the Department of Public Safety website. This unit also provides special assistance in coordinating departmental submissions for the Georgia Governor's Challenge and the International Chiefs of Police awards programs.



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Human Resources Division

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

Director's Office: The director of the Human Resources Division provides overall direction, leadership, and management of the agency's human resources needs to include the areas of human relations services; diversity management; policy analysis and development; personnel administration; and position/budget administration. This office also ensures equal employment opportunity, and provides state personnel board policy interpretation.

Personnel Services: Emphasis is placed on using the best business practices in aligning agency jobs with those in the industry. This involves developing job descriptions and conducting market comparisons to insure competitiveness with other law enforcement industries, as well as other applicable business markets (accounting, purchasing, etc.). Assistance is provided to managers in recruiting candidates by conducting targeted and core business recruitments, assessing and evaluating job applicants, and participating in panel selections designed to attract and retain a quality workforce. Personnel Services conducts background investigations and schedules polygraph examinations and compiles applicant data. 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, the unit 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 to benefits and assists employees in resolving benefit problems. Employee benefit plans include group term life insurance, long term care, vision insurance, accidental death and dismemberment insurance, dental insurance, disability insurance, legal insurance, and health and dependent spending accounts. The unit also coordinates the State Deferred Compensation Plans, and Workers' Compensation. DPS continues to participate in the statewide managed care organization which supports employees in recovery of work related injuries.

Transactions Services: Human Resources provides support of the actions that are administered throughout the agency. Employee records which includes the personnel history file (201), confidential file (beneficiary, medical and health related information), Workers' Compensation files, and separated employee files are maintained and stored in this section. Entries for sick, annual and compensatory time are also maintained.

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.

Training Services: Human Resources also provides technical training in human resources related topics in support of the training division and the command staff of the agency. Topic areas include sexual harassment, discipline, and performance management.



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Executive Security Division

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



Training

The Training Division is based at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) in Forsyth, Georgia. Training is responsible for the basic training of new recruits, additional training for sworn personnel and training courses for civilian personnel. During 2007, the 84th Georgia State Patrol Trooper School was conducted with 38 new Georgia State Troopers graduating in August.

The Georgia Department of Public Safety regularly provides comprehensive training as part of the 20 hours of in-service mandated by Georgia law.

During 2007, the Training Division scheduled and conducted training classes that included:

<u>COURSE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF STUDENTS</u>	<u>COURSE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF STUDENTS</u>
Active Shooter.....	725	Administrative License Suspension	670
Firearms Requalification		Mobile Field Force	406
& Use of Force	1,036	Patrol Rifle Requalification.....	181
Pursuit Liability.....	789	Radar Certification	305
Riot Control Tactics	386	Security and Integrity	859
Spring PT In-Service.....	705	SWAT Training	502
FTO Update	101	Crisis Negotiation Training.....	67



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COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

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

Accounting: The Accounting Section is responsible for maintaining the DPS accounting books and records for the Department of Public Safety/Georgia State Patrol and four attached agencies. The section consists of Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable/Revenue, Payroll, and General Ledger activity.

For FY2007, the department received \$95,472.06 from fines that had been 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. 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 six attached agencies. Payroll is also responsible for verifying that employee salaries, retirement contributions, and insurances are calculated correctly each pay cycle.

Budget: Our Budget Office develops the department budget request and submits it each September to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (OPB). It tracks and defends the budget through hearings with the Governor, OPB, and the House and Senate appropriation committees. Once approved by the General Assembly and signed by the Governor, the budget office prepares the Annual Operating Budget (AOB) for OPB approval and submits subsequent quarterly allotment requests for operating funds. The AOB is monitored through monthly expenditure projections by line items and fund source projections. If necessary, an amended budget request is prepared and submitted and monitored in the same manner as the budget request. Federal and other funds are also amended into the budget throughout the fiscal year.

Grants Management: The Grants Management Office seeks federal funding and makes applications for applicable grant programs. Our primary federal funding sources are through the Criminal Justice and Coordinating Council (CJCC) and the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS). Funding has covered projects such as seat belt enforcement, citation automation reporting by locals, specialized equipment for Specialized Collision Reconstruction Teams (SCRT), Fatal Accident Reporting System (FARS), and protective vests for troopers. This office also reviews all outside audits for local government agencies receiving GOHS grant funds. Numerous audits on cities and counties have been reviewed for compliance with GOHS standards and a determination was made concerning any financial settlement.

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



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SafetyNet Unit: The SafetyNet unit transferred from the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety, along with the Motor Carrier Compliance Division (MCCD), to the Department of Public Safety in July 2005. This unit is responsible for handling all commercial vehicle driver inspections reports that are generated by MCCD. Typically, during a federal fiscal year, the SafetyNet unit handles in excess of 85,000 inspection reports. The SafetyNet unit is responsible for uploading 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 responsible for the preparation and evaluation of the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Plan (CVSP) required annually by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Alliance (FMCSA) for Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) funding. In addition, the 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 when issued a citation on Georgia highways. This office establishes the accounting policy to determine and implement internal financial controls in order to develop and institute accounting procedures for processing the collection of these monetary funds. This includes the daily deposit of these funds. This process allows this unit to monitor and maintain accounting records on these transactions.



The Overweight Citations Unit also performs the following functions:

- Processes non-sufficient funds (NSF) checks
- Researches and applies unapplied funds to appropriate accounts
- Initiates refunds
- Links carriers' accounts to departmental accounts
- Monitors appropriate bankruptcy cases
- Maintains citation disputes and administrative hearing documents in coordination with the department's Legal services Division
- Prepares monthly financial statements and reports for the Comptroller of the department.

This unit processed, collected and deposited \$7,847,272.66 of monetary fines for 2007.

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GEORGIA STATE PATROL - FIELD OPERATIONS



As Commanding Officer over Field Operations, Major David Brack oversees the daily operations of all Troops (A-I) and Posts (1-48), Troop J (Implied Consent and Safety Education), SWAT, SCRT, CMV-CIU, Aviation, the Honor Guard, Governor's Task Force for Marijuana Eradication, Regional K-9 Task Force, GEMA and FBI Liaison, and the GISAC Officer.

"Wisdom, Justice and Moderation" has been the motto of the Georgia State Patrol since its inception in March 1937. It was the motoring public who first advocated the need for the Department of Public Safety. Traffic fatalities, increased crime, and a need for a larger law enforcement agency with statewide arrest powers, led Georgia lawmakers to create the State Patrol. In the summer of 1937, the first trooper school was held at Georgia Tech and graduated 80 troopers. Ironically, to date, the Georgia State Patrol has graduated 85 trooper schools.

Since its beginnings, the Georgia State Patrol has been one of the leading law enforcement agencies in the country with regards to new technology and innovations. Georgia State Patrol was the first agency to equip all of its patrol cars with dash-mounted cameras. Each trooper on patrol in Georgia has specialized training in the Pursuit Intervention Technique (P.I.T.). This method allows troopers to end pursuits quickly by putting the fleeing vehicle in a controlled spin.

O.C.G.A § 35-2-32 defines the duties of the Georgia State Patrol *"...to patrol the public roads and highways of this state, including intersate and state maintained highways, and to safeguard the lives and property of the public; and such duty shall also include accident investigation and traffic enforcement. The Uniform Division shall prevent, detect, and investigate violations of the criminal laws of this state, and any other state, or the United States which are committed upon these public roads and highways or upon property appertaining thereto and shall apprehend and arrest those persons who violate such criminal laws."*



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TROOP A

Troop A covers northwest Georgia, with most of the territory lying north of I-20 and west of I-75. Troop A is made up of seven posts, five of which have territory bordering Alabama or Tennessee. Troop A Command is located at Post 3 - Cartersville. Troop A Command was responsible for scheduling and monitoring over 200 DOT escorts which were for oversized loads ranging from yachts going to Savannah or Lake Lanier to F-22 Raptor components going to Lockheed.

Troop A's activity included but were not limited to: the NASCAR races at Atlanta Motor Speedway, Georgia Power benefit runs, the Southern National Drag Races in Commerce, Hands Across the Border details, the Operation Lifesaver train rides, University of Georgia football games, and local security details involving visits by Governor Perdue and other state dignitaries. Troop A's largest detail was the Tour de Georgia in April. Troop A utilized almost every trooper in covering routes for four of the seven stages of that race. Troop A actively supports the Governor's Office of Highway Safety through participation in the Mountain Area Traffic Enforcement Network II, which was recognized as the best traffic enforcement network for 2007. Troop A has individual posts that support the Appalachian Trail, Mountain Area II, and Western Regional traffic enforcement networks. Troop A also provided several troopers for the visitation and funeral of former Georgia House Speaker Thomas B. Murphy in December. Troop A is also heavily involved in the Georgia State Patrol Honor Guard with one of its lieutenants serving as commander for the state.



Troop A's activity included but were not limited to: the NASCAR races at Atlanta Motor Speedway, Georgia Power benefit runs, the Southern National Drag Races in Commerce, Hands Across the Border details, the Operation Lifesaver train rides, University of Georgia football games, and local security details involving visits by Governor Perdue and other state dignitaries. Troop A's largest detail was the Tour de Georgia in April. Troop A utilized almost every trooper in covering routes for four of the seven stages of that race. Troop A actively supports the Governor's Office of Highway Safety through participation in the Mountain Area Traffic Enforcement Network II, which was recognized as the best traffic enforcement network for 2007. Troop A has individual posts that support the Appalachian Trail, Mountain Area II, and Western Regional traffic enforcement networks. Troop A also provided several troopers for the visitation and funeral of former Georgia House Speaker Thomas B. Murphy in December. Troop A is also heavily involved in the Georgia State Patrol Honor Guard with one of its lieutenants serving as commander for the state.

Post 3 - Cartersville: Post 3 is located on Ga. 3 in Bartow County. Its territory consists of Bartow and Paulding counties. Bartow County is ranked 19th in Georgia as the fastest growing county in the state. Paulding County is ranked as the 10th fastest growing county in the nation. The rapid growth in each county has led to an increase in overall traffic, the number of traffic complaints, and auto collisions.

Post 5 - Dalton: Post 5 is assigned to Catoosa and Whitfield counties. There are approximately 31 miles of I-75 that run through both counties. Post 5 troopers recorded numerous felony arrests, including the arrest of a suspected bank robber in December. The arrest occurred after a trooper joined in on a vehicle pursuit of the suspect.

Post 28 - Jasper: Post 28 patrols Pickens and Cherokee counties. Post 28 personnel assisted the Georgia Bureau of Investigation with the missing person investigation of Sue Ann Ray. In the early morning hours of February 7, troopers from Post 28 and GBI agents served the murder warrant on a suspect at his residence.

Post 29 - Cedartown: Post 29 covers Haralson and Polk counties. The major cities in Polk County are Cedartown, Rockmart, and Aragon. On June 5 a GSP Aviation pilot and two passengers, including a Polk County Sheriff's Captain, were involved in a GSP helicopter crash in rural western Polk County. Several Troop A troopers responded to assist and secure the crash scene. All three were injured and taken by helicopter to Grady Hospital in Atlanta. The Polk County Sheriff's captain was recognized by the department for his actions that saved the lives of the other occupants.

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Post 38 - Rome: Post 38 covers Floyd and Chattooga counties in Northwest Georgia. On February 8, the post commander, the sergeant, and a trooper assisted Floyd County Police with the search for a bank robbery suspect in the Shannon community. Floyd County spotted the suspect in a vehicle and pursued it into Bartow County. The suspect fled on foot and was later taken into custody.

Post 41 - Lafayette: Post 41 patrols Walker and Dade counties. The post is located in Walker County. Troopers also excelled in criminal interdiction with the arrests of 23 wanted fugitives throughout the year and seized large quantities of drugs including methamphetamines, cocaine, heroin, opium, codeine, and marijuana, as well as other drugs. Members participated in multi-jurisdictional road checks including one with the Tennessee Highway Patrol. Road check hours totaled 226 hours with 1,675 vehicle checks. Seat belt awareness and child restraint use were also programs that were aired on local radio and television stations.

Post 43 - Calhoun: Post 43 is assigned Gordon and Murray counties, including 15 miles of I-75. Post 43 hosted the Troop A Concentrated Patrol on July 1, during the annual Wagon Train event which is held in the mountains of Murray County. Law enforcement from the Murray County Sheriff's Department, Local Drug Task Force, Motor Carrier Compliance Division, GSP Criminal Interdiction Unit, and GSP troopers from all Troop A posts participated in this detail. A total of 14 road check hours were logged with a total of 60 vehicles checked. The patrol car windows of Post 43 troopers were tinted from a generous donation of the Gordon County Drug Task force. The post commander was approved to purchase a TV and DVD/VCR player for the troopers to review the video tapes in their office.



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TROOP B

Troop B consists of five patrol posts: Athens, Blue Ridge, Cumming, Gainesville and Toccoa. Troopers from these posts patrol 20 Northeast Georgia counties which consist 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 Command

Troop B Command coordinated the security for Governor Sonny Perdue's inauguration at Philips Arena in January. Troop B also coordinated "Red Ribbon Week" at Malcolm Bridge Elementary School in Oconee County and attended the Appalachian Drug Task Force meetings.

Troop B Command staff attended the Appalachian Drug Task Force meetings and the opening and graduation ceremonies of the 84th Trooper School. The lieutenant participated in the 2007 Police Unity Tour, a 230-mile bicycle ride from Portsmouth, Virginia to Washington, DC to raise money for the National Law Enforcement Memorial. He also participated in the Peace Officers' Memorial Day flag ceremony at the U. S. Capitol and held the Georgia flag in honor and memory of GSP Corporal Mike Young who died in the line of duty in 2006. The lieutenant escorted the family of Corporal Mike Young to the 19th Annual Candlelight Vigil which was held at the national Law Enforcement Memorial as thousands of people held lit candles in honor of the 145 law enforcement officers who were killed in the line of duty during 2006.

Troopers in Troop B participated in several special details throughout the year, including Hands Across the Border at the state lines for both South Carolina and North Carolina; Appalachian Trail, Piedmont Area and Northeast traffic networks; the Cleveland Day Parade and Festival; Operation One Voice; the Forsyth County Freedom March; Governor Perdue's Inaugural event; Tour de Georgia; and the University of Georgia football games.

Post 6 – Gainesville: Post 6 patrols Banks, Hall and White counties. These counties cover approximately 12 miles of I-85, approximately 20 miles of I-985, and more than 50 miles of four-lane state routes, including GA 15 and GA 365. Three graduates of the 84th Trooper School were assigned to this post. Troopers also participated in Career Day at various schools and coordinated training for Troop B and for firearms training for in-service and trooper school.

Post 7 – Toccoa: Post 7 patrols Franklin, Habersham, Hart, Rabun and Stephens counties, which cover 22 miles of I-85 and 24 miles of four-lane state routes, including GA 365. Post 7 is very active in Troop B's A.C.E. Team where the sergeant serves as the coordinator and two troopers from Post 7 serve as members.

Post 27 - Blue Ridge: Post 27 patrols Fannin, Gilmer, Towns and Union counties, which cover 75 miles of four-lane state routes and numerous other state routes, most of which are winding mountainous roads. Post 27 staff consists of two



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sergeants, one corporal, eight troopers, three communications equipment operators and a post secretary. Some troopers also serve in other capacities such as Troop B's A.C.E. (Aggressive Criminal Enforcement) Team, the DPS Honor Guard, the SWAT Crisis Negotiation Team and as a certified child passenger safety technician.

Post 27 Troopers were requested by Towns County to provide extra patrols for about three weeks due to a high number of residential burglaries. One trooper assisted Union County Sheriff's Office with a pursuit of an armed robbery suspect. The subject was apprehended after his vehicle crashed.



Post 32 – Athens: Post 32 Athens patrols Barrow, Clarke, Jackson, Madison and Oconee counties, which cover 22 miles of I-85 and approximately 100 miles of four-lane state routes, including GA 316. Post 32's staff consists of two sergeants, one corporal, nine troopers and three communications equipment operators. Some members of this post also serve on the SWAT Crisis Negotiations team, the DPS Aviation's F.L.I.R. team, and as training instructors.

Troopers were mobilized on four occasions to assist local agencies with bomb threats/scares; twice in the City of Jefferson and twice in Oglethorpe County. Post 32 troopers received a letter of commendation from the GBI and the sheriff of Oglethorpe County. In addition, the corporal created the "Big Hat Campaign" aimed at educating the motoring public about the Move Over Law, driving in the left lane, speeding in construction zones, and following too closely. The media was invited to advertise the events ahead of time and to ride along with troopers during the events. Post 32 held one concentrated patrol in each of the five counties and emphasized a different traffic law in each one.

Post 37 – Cumming: Post 37 patrols Dawson, Forsyth and Lumpkin counties which cover 28 miles of GA 400, a major four-lane thorough-fare, as well as numerous other state and county roads. Most of the roads within Post 37's territory consists of mountainous terrain. Post 37's staff consists of two sergeants, one corporal, five troopers, three communications equipment operators and a post secretary. Some members of this post also serve on the SWAT Crisis Negotiation Team, and the DPS Honor Guard

Troopers conducted two motorcycle concentrated patrols in Lumpkin County on Hwy. 129 resulting in 41 citations, eight warnings, and the recovery of a stolen motorcycle.



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TROOP C

Troop C consists of three patrol posts, two specialist units, and one communications center. The command staff consists of one captain, two lieutenants and one secretary. At the end of 2007, there were 54 sworn uniform troopers, six secretaries, and 10 communication equipment operators.

Troop C is unique due its involvement in numerous special details during the year. Such details include presidential and dignitary escorts, and sporting events. Other special details included: Governor's Inauguration, Georgia Ride to the Capitol, escorts for fallen soldiers, Tour de Georgia Bike Race, UGA and Georgia Tech home football games, NCAA Final Four, Chick-Fil-A Bowl, NASCAR at AMS Speedway, U.S. Social Forum, 100 Days of Summer HEAT, Motorcycle Round-Up, multi-agency patrol, and the annual Breast Cancer Walk. Funeral details included former House Speaker Tom Murphy and department members Brad Torbett and Mike Fortson.



Collectively, Troop C was involved in approximately 165 special details. Troopers stopped 45,017 vehicles, issued 37,619 citations, 14,972 warnings, 1,402 DUI arrests, investigated 1,110 traffic crashes, assisted 2,155 stranded motorists, and recovered 278 stolen vehicles.

Post 9 - Kennesaw: Troopers assigned to Post 9 patrol Cobb and North Fulton counties outside of I-285. The territory is an average of 87 percent urban and 23 percent rural and has five major highway systems including I-75, I-575, I-20, I-285 and GA 400.

Office space remains integrated with the GA Army National Guard barracks on McCollum Parkway in Kennesaw. The building maintenance is provided by the National Guard. Plans are to build a new post near the intersection of U.S. 41 and the North GA 120 Loop. If this location is used, the new Post 9 will sit within feet of the building that once housed Post 9 – Marietta when it moved from Headquarters in 1978.

Post 47 - Forest Park: Post 47 is part of Troop C which covers Metro Atlanta. Post 47 is responsible for patrol duties throughout the metro area, however, troopers assigned to this post primarily cover Clayton, Dekalb, and Fulton counties outside of I-285. Post 47 exhausted over 1,247 hours on five major details during the year. Post 47 houses offices for several units within the Department of Public Safety including Implied Consent, Safety Education, the GSP Motorcycle Squad, and Troop C Command.

Post 48 - Atlanta: Post 48 is responsible for patrolling Fulton, Dekalb, Clayton and Gwinnett counties. Post 48 is responsible for many dignitary details and other special details due to the post's territory lying within and around Atlanta. Post 48 assists many different agencies within the Atlanta area as well. As with other posts, Post 48 enforces traffic laws on the interstates, state routes, county roads and city streets.

DUI Task Force/Nighthawks: The Georgia State Patrol Nighthawks DUI Task Force has been in operation since October 2004 and is funded with a Governor's Office of Highway Safety H.E.A.T. grant. The task force patrols



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Cobb, Clayton, Gwinnett, Dekalb, and Fulton counties. The primary function of the task force is to concentrate on the apprehension of DUI offenders during the peak hours when statistics have shown DUI related incidents occur.

In addition to routine patrols, the Nighthawks also participate in concentrated patrols and road checks with other law enforcement agencies. The Nighthawks distribute educational material related to the importance and prevention of DUI offenses which are targeted toward young adults and children. They also appear at public safety events to convey the message of the importance of DUI prevention. In addition, task force members regularly attend training courses and DUI conferences to increase their skills and knowledge.

Motorcycle Unit: The Motorcycle Unit patrols the interstate system along or inside the I-285 perimeter of Cobb, Clayton, Dekalb, and Fulton counties. The primary function of this unit is to respond to, investigate, and clear traffic collisions which occur as quickly as possible in order to keep the traffic flowing through the Atlanta area.

As a result of legislation passed during the 2006 Georgia General Assembly, House Bill 1209 allowed the Department of Public Safety to receive a portion of fines generated by motorcycle enforcement for the maintenance and enhancement of the Motorcycle Enforcement Program. During 2007, the department received approximately \$199,166.67.

Headquarters Communication Center: Headquarters Communications is responsible for handling all radio traffic in Troop C, as well as radio and telephone traffic for headquarters personnel and department personnel traveling through the Atlanta area. In 2007, the center completed the following: Security and Integrity, New Communication Equipment Officers training, P.I.T. liability training, supervisors training on new Motobridge System, command bus taken to Americus reference tornado disaster, completed GCIC criminal histories for the Department of Defense, logged 46,947 vehicle stops, processed 460 hits (278 stolen vehicles), impounded 2,094 vehicles and 85 abandoned vehicles, dispatched 112 chases, assisted Atlanta Police Department with traffic control during a major concert, participated in T.I.M.E. and T.R.I.P. meetings with Department of Transportation, and provided support to numerous concentrated patrols and generated holiday period statistics.



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TROOP D

Troop D troopers patrol 20 counties in the west central Georgia area. Six interstate highways, countless state highways, and rural county roads are patrolled by Troop D personnel. Geographically, the area has a wide variance of terrain, thus creating all types of roadway conditions. These conditions, coupled with the increase in population, create traffic hazards resulting in a high crash experience.

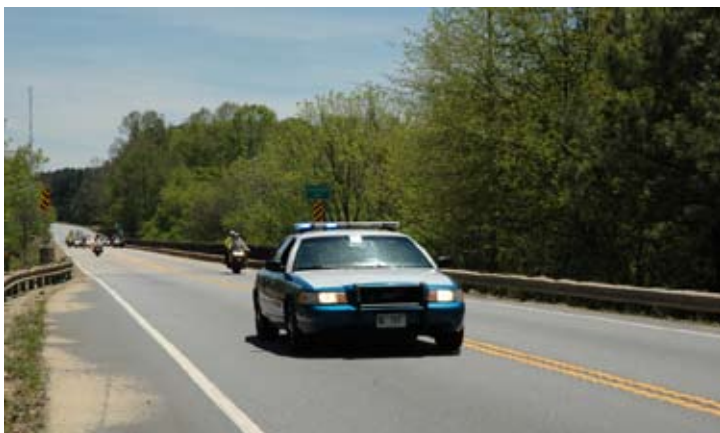


In 2007, troopers investigated 9,367 crashes. These crashes resulted in 104 fatalities. Interstate 20 and Interstate 85 continue to have the most fatal crashes in the troop. Enforcement efforts have been stepped up on these highways, but traffic volume, speed, and road construction, have contributed to keeping the fatality numbers high. Post 4, Villa Rica continues to lead the state in crash numbers with 4,584 crashes for 2007.

Troopers issued 62,645 arrests, 48,885 warnings, and 1,430 DUI arrests. There were 84,185 vehicles stopped in Troop D. Post 44 arrested 308 impaired drivers for the year. This number alone demonstrates the efforts of the troopers. Troop D has a traffic team, H.I.T. (High Intensity Traffic) Team, which has done a superb job in traffic enforcement troop wide. The team issued 1,753 arrests, 665 warnings, 129 DUI arrests, 39 drug arrests, and apprehended 28 wanted persons.

Troop D has always been known for its busy special detail schedule, which includes the Georgia Legislative Session, the Atlanta Motor Speedway details, Super Sunday, Cotton Pickin Fair, Georgia National Fair in Perry, Power's Crossroads, School of Americas in Columbus, NOPI detail, Emancipation Detail, Georgia football games, the Forsyth Christmas Parade, and the televised annual Macon Cherry Blossom Parade.

Post 1 - Griffin: Post 1 troopers patrol Spalding, Henry and Butts counties covering approximately 26 miles of Interstate 75. Several members were honored by M.A.D.D. for making 25 or more DUI arrests for the year. One was nominated for the 2007 M.A.D.D. Statewide Officer of the Year Award.



Post 2 - LaGrange: During 2007, Post 2 troopers were called upon to assist at several other details within the troop and across the state.

Post 4 - Villa Rica: Post 4 is responsible for patrolling Carroll and Douglas counties. The majority of the crashes that occur in these counties are investigated by troopers at Post 4. As with other posts, Post 4 enforces traffic laws on the interstate, state routes, county roads and city streets.

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Post 24 - Newnan: Post 24, Newnan, is located approximately 40 miles south of Atlanta off Interstate 85. Post 24 currently patrols Coweta, Heard and Fayette counties. Located within Coweta County is approximately 30 miles of interstate highway that Post 24 actively patrols. Troopers assisted the Coweta County Sheriff's Department with the traffic control for the annual Power's Crossroads Arts and Crafts Fair which was held Labor Day weekend. This is one of the largest arts and crafts shows in the Southeast.



Post 26 - Thomaston: One trooper was detached to the Governor's Task Force from April until mid December. Post 26 patrols four counties -

Upson, Pike, Crawford, and Taylor. During 2007, personnel assisted in several events throughout and beyond our assigned territory including the Upson County Sheriff's Department and the Thomaston Police Department with the Emancipation detail in Thomaston.

Post 44 - Forsyth: Post 44's assigned areas are Bibb, Lamar, and Monroe counties. Troopers participated in many events throughout the year. Troopers were invited to attend and made numerous public safety talks at local schools, civic clubs, and churches throughout the assigned counties.

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TROOP E

Troop E is located in the east central section of Georgia. The posts that comprise this troop are Conyers, Madison, Milledgeville, Washington, and Thomson.

During 2007, Troop E participated in Governor Perdue's inauguration and supported Troop D during the Atlanta Motor Speedway races held in March and October. Troop E also assisted Troop B personnel during the NHRA Southern Nationals Drag Race on April 27 - 29. Additionally, Troop E provided assistance during the University of Georgia home football games in Athens. Troop E troopers were also requested to assist Troop H with the Georgia National Fair, held in Perry at the National Fairgrounds in October. During the 16th Annual Hands Across the Border event, August 26 – 31, Troop E was represented by personnel from Post 25, as well as Troop E command staff. Personnel also participated in the Central Georgia Traffic Enforcement Network by participating in concentrated road checks and safety meetings, as well as the troop concentrated patrols.



The PUSH America cycling event traveled through Troop E territory August 1 - 2, and involved manpower from the Washington post to assist with traffic control and escort. There were two charity motorcycle rides that involved two posts, Thomson and Conyers. The Wheels for Wheels MDA camp required assistance from the Conyers post on July 29. The Kyle Petty Charity Ride traveled through the Thomson post territory on July 18. The Tour de Georgia bicycling event traveled through Troop E on April 21. Troopers from all posts assisted in making the route safe and secure for the numerous participants in this event. A motorcade escort was provided for the Limousine Motorcade for the Georgia Firefighter's Burn Foundation Annual Ride for Children with severe physical disabilities. This escort was provided by the Madison post on May 30.

On March 1 - 2, the citizens of McDuffie County were struck by a tornado. Personnel from all posts were deployed to the county to assist with this event.

Post 8 - Madison: Post 8 is responsible for enforcement activities in the counties of Morgan, Greene, Putnam, and Jasper. Most of the area is rural with the exception of a portion of Lake Oconee in Putnam and Greene counties that has seen extreme growth in recent years. Interstate 20 runs through Morgan and Greene counties and encompasses approximately 41 miles. Post 8 regularly assists local agencies with crash investigations, calls for assistance, and special details. Post 8 also participated in special details such as the Putnam County Dairy Festival, Shady Dale Rodeo, Morgan County Junior Deputy Program.

Post 17 – Washington: Post 17 is responsible for patrolling five counties in northeastern Georgia which includes Elbert, Lincoln, Oglethorpe, Wilkes, and Taliaferro. Post 17 troopers assisted with the annual Mayfest cultural arts festival, the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department with security and traffic control for two major fireworks displays during the Fourth of July holiday period, security and traffic for the annual Wilkes County "Mule Day" Arts and Crafts Festival, and security and traffic for the Tracy Lawrence Concert in Wilkes County.

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Post 25 - Thomson: Post 25 patrols Richmond, Columbia, McDuffie, Warren and Glascock counties. Post 25's territory is located in the Central Savannah River Area, from the South Carolina State Line to the Warren/Taliaferro county line. Post 25 troopers assisted 581 motorists and participated in 38 medical relays. Troopers assisted local, state and federal agencies 159 times with an expenditure of 387 hours. Troopers expended 804 hours in training which encompassed accident reconstruction, riot control, firearms and driving proficiency, advanced DUI and drug detection and advanced law. Troopers also dedicated 19 hours as instructors to help train employees. Post 25 troopers were active in the communities in which they work and live by performing 30 community service functions to various schools and civic organizations on traffic safety and issues relating to public safety. Troopers also participated in several special details and First Friday in Augusta.

Post 33 – Milledgeville: Post 33 is located in middle Georgia. The post is responsible for enforcement activity in Baldwin, Jones, Hancock and Washington counties. Troopers participated in several special details during the year.

Post 46 – Conyers: Post 46 patrols Rockdale, Newton and Walton counties which includes approximately 23 miles of interstate. Post 46 has two troopers that are certified as drug recognition experts, two field training officers and three troopers that hold instructor certificates. Post 46 conducts monthly concentrated patrols and road checks within its post territory, rotating counties each month. When conducting road checks, Post 46 personnel and the county sheriff's departments participate together to increase DUI arrests. Post 46 personnel have also participated in several traffic enforcement network road checks.

On July 25, Post 46 assisted the Walton County Sheriff's Department with a march at Ford's bridge in Walton county. On December 12, the Monroe Police Department requested assistance from Post 46 Conyers in securing the area around Loganville High School after Walton County received a call about two boys seen walking toward the high school with guns and a gasoline can. The two were later located and turned over to local authorities.



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TROOP F

There are six posts assigned to Troop F which encompasses 22 counties. Troop Headquarters moved from Post 45, Statesboro to Post 20, Dublin in July. Troop F Command assisted with several details this year including President Bush's visit, and the Governor's Inauguration and Ball at the Georgia World Congress Center. Troop F Command also assisted with the Comprehensive Review Exercise at Plant Vogtle, and hurricane planning and preparedness for Coastal Georgia.



Troop F personnel participated in the numerous special details: the Governor's Inauguration, Uvalda Farm Days Festival, Possum Hollow Festival in Laurens County, Lumber City Festival, Atlanta Motor Speedway, Vidalia Onion Festival and Air Show, the Annual Air Show in Eastman, Glennville Sweet Onion Festival, Veteran's Day Program in Appling County, Dead River Bike Festival in Toombs County, Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah, Beach Music Festival at Jekyll Island, Georgia State Fair in Perry, Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah, the Pine Tree Festival in Swainsboro, the Million Pines Festival in Soperton, the Brooklet Peanut Festival, the Rattlesnake Roundup held in Claxton, Ogeechee Fair Week held in Statesboro, a Brad Paisley concert in Statesboro, Fourth of July fireworks presentation in Statesboro, and Georgia Southern University graduation and football games.

Troop F personnel participated in the numerous special details: the Governor's Inauguration, Uvalda Farm Days Festival, Possum Hollow Festival in Laurens County, Lumber City Festival, Atlanta Motor Speedway, Vidalia Onion Festival and Air Show, the Annual Air Show in Eastman, Glennville Sweet Onion Festival, Veteran's Day Program in Appling County, Dead River Bike Festival in Toombs County, Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah, Beach Music Festival at Jekyll Island, Georgia State Fair in Perry, Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah, the Pine Tree Festival in Swainsboro, the Million Pines Festival in Soperton, the Brooklet Peanut Festival, the Rattlesnake Roundup held in Claxton, Ogeechee Fair Week held in Statesboro, a Brad Paisley concert in Statesboro, Fourth of July fireworks presentation in Statesboro, and Georgia Southern University graduation and football games.

Post 16 - Helena: Post 16 covers Jeff Davis, Telfair, Dodge, Wheeler, and Montgomery counties. Troopers assisted with the annual Cemetery Days detail the first weekend of August in Mt. Vernon. This year's detail was quiet and uneventful. Troopers conducted 25 safety talks at various schools and clubs. Troopers also participated in other civic activities and various parades.



Post 18 - Reidsville: Post 18 covers Appling, Tattall and Toombs counties. Included in these counties are Georgia State Prison and Rogers State Prison in Reidsville and Smith State Prison in Glennville. Plant Hatch, a nuclear power plant, is located in Appling county. Troopers assisted with the Ghost Out Program at the Vidalia City High School in cooperation with Safe Kids of Toombs County, and many drills and exercises of the emergency management agencies in relation to Plant Hatch. Troopers also assisted with various Christmas parades and other civic events throughout the territory.



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Post 19 - Swainsboro: Post 19 patrols Emanuel, Jefferson, Johnson and Treutlen counties. Post 19 also patrols over 29 miles of Interstate 16. A few members of this post also serve on the GSP Honor Guard and the Troop F Drug Interdiction Task Force. Troopers from Post 19 participated in the Hands Across the Border event at the South Carolina State Line on Interstate 20. Troopers also answered the call to duty in March due to tornado damage sustained to a large portion of southwest Georgia, as well as wildfire damage sustained in southeast Georgia in April. They also performed the critical mission of providing assistance to local agencies in and around the post territory 154 times.

Post 20 - Dublin: Post 20 patrols Bleckley, Laurens, Twiggs, and Wilkinson counties. Post 20 troopers along with other troopers from Troop F were responsible for traffic support at several special details during the year.

Post 21 - Sylvania: Post 21 patrols and provides services in Burke, Jenkins and Screven counties. This area is bounded on the Savannah River in east central Georgia between Augusta and Savannah in an area commonly known as the Central Savannah River Area (CSRA). Burke county, Georgia's second largest, is home to one of Georgia's two nuclear power generating plants. Plant Alvin W. Vogtle is a two reactor plant located along the Savannah River and is adjacent to Savannah River Site which is owned by the U. S. Department of Energy. On several occasions throughout the year, Post 21 troopers assisted local and state agencies during special details and patrols which included the Waycross wildfires and disaster relief assistance after severe tornados struck Sumter County. Post 21 also provided support to Hands Across the Border along with South Carolina troopers. Post 21 provided a trooper for the Troop F Task Force. Post 21 troopers also routinely make presentations to various civic organizations and schools within our service area and this year they worked closely with the Prom Promise and Reading is Fundamental at the local library.

Post 45 - Statesboro: Post 45's territory encompasses the counties of Bulloch, Candler and Evans. It includes approximately 42 miles of Interstate 16. There continues to be a rise in population and growth in the Statesboro area due to Georgia Southern University, as well as local industry. Troopers assisted the Tri-Circuit Drug Task Force with a "roundup" of drug violators and assisted Post 18 with illegal gambling operations in a sweep of convenience stores. Troopers are heavily involved in training efforts around the state including the State of Georgia SWAT School in Augusta and active shooter training.



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TROOP G

Troop G consists patrol posts that are located in Americus, Thomasville, Donalsonville, Cuthbert, and Albany. The five posts in Troop G cover 23 southwest Georgia counties. As of December 31, there were 53 sworn personnel, 19 communication equipment operators, and five secretaries in Troop G, inclusive of the command staff.

Troop G Headquarters: The Troop G Command staff assisted Troop G personnel in a dignitary protection detail for a visit by Vice President Cheney to Dougherty County. This has been an annual detail involving the Georgia State Patrol, US Secret Service, and local agencies since 2001.

On March 1, a devastating F3 tornado struck Richland and Americus. Americus suffered widespread damage and had two deaths. Troopers from all over Troop G responded to the two towns and were later joined by over 100 troopers from Troops F, H, I, and J. For over a week, troopers provided extra assistance in traffic and security, primarily in Americus. For several weeks afterwards, troopers were instrumental in escorting motorcades carrying needed supplies and materials for the establishment of a temporary hospital as the existing hospital had been destroyed by the tornado.

On May 12-13, Troop G responded to the Thomasville area to assist in traffic direction when 1-75 was closed due to smoke from forest fires in southeast Georgia. Traffic was diverted at times from 1-75 to US 19. In October, personnel from throughout Troop G participated in our largest traffic detail of the year at the Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition in Moultrie. Over 100,000 visitors attend the three-day event. Troop G personnel also participated in special details that included the Sunbelt Ag Expo, Georgia State Fair in Perry, race details at the Atlanta Motor Speedway in Atlanta, Mule Day, Rattlesnake Roundup, and the Cotton Festival.

Post 10 - Americus: Post 10 patrols Sumter, Terrell, Webster, Schley, and Marion counties. Post 10 has a trooper with Implied Consent working from the post. On the night of March 1, an F3 tornado struck Sumter County and destroyed Sumter Regional Hospital and damaged 90 percent of the medical offices in Americus, along with damage to numerous other businesses and residences. There were two fatalities and several injuries. The Georgia State Patrol had two squads in Americus within only a few hours. The cooperation of all state agencies during this disaster provided for quick action and a safe environment for the public during the initial assessment and cleanup that followed for weeks.

Post 12 - Thomasville: Post 12's territory consists of Thomas, Colquitt, Grady, and Mitchell counties. Post 12 territory has several heavily traveled highways including US 19, US 84, and US 319. Post 12 troopers assisted with routing traffic as wildfires swept out of control throughout South Georgia and North Florida.

Post 14 - Donalsonville: Post 14 is located in the Southwest corner of Georgia bordering Alabama and Florida. Post 14's territory includes Decatur, Early, Miller, and Seminole counties. Post 14 also houses offices for a trooper with Implied Consent and an employee with GEMA. There were no structural changes to Post 14.



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Approval for a new post in Colquitt was implemented earlier this year. Construction began later in the year and is expected to be completed in September 2008.

Post 39 - Cuthbert: Post 39 is responsible for patrolling Randolph, Calhoun, Clay, Quitman, Stewart, and Chattahoochee counties. Four lanes of construction have been completed along GA 1 (US 27) through the territory from Cusseta to Cuthbert and the speed limit increased from 55 to 65 MPH.

Post 40 - Albany: Post 40 patrols Dougherty, Baker, Lee, and Worth counties. Troopers assisted the Secret Service with the visit of Vice President Cheney in February. Post 40 personnel are responsible for leading the motorcade and assisting with security. In March, Post 40 assisted with the aftermath that was created from several severe tornados touching down in Sumter and Baker counties. In May, troopers also assisted Baker County officials with a bank robbery investigation.



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TROOP H

Troop H is made up of five patrol posts: Post 13, Tifton; Post 15, Perry; Post 30, Cordele; Post 31, Valdosta; and Post 36, 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 personnel consists of a captain, two lieutenants, a chief communication equipment operator, and a secretary.



Troop H personnel assisted or participated in several details and annual events during the year. Troopers assisted with the Georgia National Fair providing 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 seat belt 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 in these areas during this weekend greatly reduced the possibility of major problems associated with large crowds that gather. Troop H also provided personnel to assist with the race details at the Atlanta Motor Speedway twice during the year and assisted Troop I with their annual Beach Music Festival. In March, Troop H personnel assisted Troop G personnel with the tornado disaster in Americus. Troopers from all five posts in Troop H were recognized by MADD for their efforts in DUI enforcement in 2007.

Troop H also provided personnel to assist with the race details at the Atlanta Motor Speedway twice during the year and assisted Troop I with their annual Beach Music Festival. In March, Troop H personnel assisted Troop G personnel with the tornado disaster in Americus. Troopers from all five posts in Troop H were recognized by MADD for their efforts in DUI enforcement in 2007.



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Post 13 - Tifton: Post 13 is responsible for patrolling three counties which include Tift, Cook and Berrien.

Post 15 - Perry: Post 15 is responsible for patrolling Houston, Peach, Macon and Pulaski counties. Troopers participated in several events throughout the year including the National Police Week activities held at Robins Air Force Base. Post 15 also participated in several Middle Georgia Traffic Enforcement Network meetings with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety and the surrounding agencies. The post experienced a major resurfacing project on I-75 from mile marker 125 thru mile marker 142. This project will assist with the heavy traffic congestion that is experienced during the holiday periods. Post 15 is involved with local schools and civic clubs and conducts safety talks. Post 15 personnel along with approximately 350 troopers from the entire state provided traffic support for the Georgia National Fair held in Perry from October 4 - 14. The Georgia National Fair had a record crowd of 443,351 people and was a success. Post 15 also provided troopers to the Americus Hurricane detail in March, Atlanta Race Detail in March and October, the Cordele Easter detail in April and the Jekyll Island Beach Music Festival in August.

Post 30 - Cordele: Post 30's territory consists of Crisp, Dooly, Turner and Wilcox counties and covers 51 miles of Interstate 75. Two troopers attended Immigration Customs Enforcement Training. In October, Post 30 hosted Troop H Day at the Georgia Veterans Memorial State Park. In December, Post 30 assisted Ashburn Police Department with a traffic fatality resulting from a tornado that caused a tractor trailer to crash on I-75 in Ashburn. Several businesses and residences were damaged also. Post 30 personnel also conducted safety talks and visited local agencies and courts.

Post 31 - Valdosta: Troopers assigned to Post 31, Valdosta patrol Brooks, Echols, Lanier and Lowndes counties. The post area includes Interstate 75 at the Georgia/Florida State Line and Moody Air Force Base.

Post 36, Douglas: Post 36 patrols Atkinson, Ben Hill, Coffee, and Irwin counties.



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TROOP I

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



In March, Troop I personnel assisted with the Americus tornado disaster. Troopers were assigned to the Americus area for three days to assist the local agencies with restoring order. Only a short time after the Americus disaster, Troop I personnel had to face another natural disaster closer to home. In April, the wildfires began in Ware County around the Okefenokee Swamp. The fires took a toll on all of the local agencies, other troops, and volunteers from all over the country. Troop I was involved in assisting with the fires from mid-April until the end of May. Almost 600,000 acres were destroyed during the fires. In other events, Troop I personnel participated in the Hands Across the Border campaign at the GA/FL state line as well as the GA/SC state line and the Operation Zero Tolerance campaign in Savannah. The annual St. Patrick's Day celebration is held each year in Savannah and many Troop I personnel assisted with this event. Other events that required security from Troop I personnel were the Beach Music Festival on Jekyll Island, the Georgia National Fair in Perry, and the Presidential visit to FLETC. Troop I had several personnel detached to the Governor's Inauguration in January. Troop officers also attended many meetings and preparation events with DOT officials and local agencies to ensure personnel are prepared in the event that a hurricane should threaten the Georgia coast. In September, approximately one year after the untimely death of Cpl. Mike Young, Troop I personnel, officers and the command staff gathered at his grave site to remember their friend and co-worker and to unveil the bronze hat that DPS employees contributed to having made in his honor. Cpl. Young's memory is still with the entire Troop and he is greatly missed.

Post 11 - Hinesville: Post 11 territory covers approximately 36 miles of Interstate 95, as well as Ft. Stewart, home of the 3rd Infantry Division. In addition to assisting in state-wide and troop-wide details and natural disasters, Post 11 personnel assisted its local agencies with various parades and festivals, such as the annual Blessing of the Fleet festivities in Darien. Troopers issued 6,233 arrests along with 3,014 warnings, with 217 DUI arrests. Troopers worked 342 accidents, which resulted in 400 injuries and 19 fatalities.

Post 22 - Waycross: Troopers from Post 22 are responsible for a large area consisting of six Georgia counties. This post patrols one of the largest in the state and the territory is 110 miles long and 79 miles wide. The Okefenokee Swamp and Wildlife Refuge is located in Post 22's territory.

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Post 23 - Brunswick covers 45 miles of I-95 which begins at the Georgia/Florida line. Troopers investigated 804 traffic crashes during the year. Post 23 personnel handled a variety of details, including the annual Sidney Lanier Bridge Run in February, the Georgia Power Company "Run for a Reason", and the Woodbine Crawfish Festival in April. Concentrated patrol efforts were conducted in January for the Golden Isles Speedway and the GA/FL weekend in October. Troopers assisted other agencies from Camden and Wayne counties when both experienced jail breaks during the year. Post 23 personnel were also recognized, honored, and awarded throughout the year. The widow of Cpl. Michael Young #674 received a Commissioners Commendation, presented posthumously on his behalf at the Georgia Department of Public Safety Awards Ceremony in Forsyth on November 22.



Post 35 - Jekyll Island: The Jekyll Island post provides duties parallel to city police and criminal law enforcement along with providing the residents of Jekyll Island with 911 services. Throughout the year, approximately one million visitors from all over the United States and around the world come to experience Jekyll Island's hidden treasures. Jekyll Island hosted and troopers assisted with a variety of events, including golf tournaments, dances, proms, awards dinners, soccer tournaments, bicycle races, art shows and festivals. Jekyll Island troopers provided security and traffic control for the annual Fourth of July Fireworks festivities. August brought the Beach Music Festival that required assistance from troopers from across South Georgia. In addition to traffic enforcement efforts, Post 35 responded to 732 miscellaneous calls. Troopers initiated 113 criminal investigations with 103 being cleared. From these investigations, 30 arrests were made.

Post 42 - Rincon: Post 42 patrols approximately 32 miles of Interstate 95 and 29 miles of Interstate 16, as well as highways and roads in Effingham, Bryan, and Chatham counties. Post 42 personnel assisted other agencies in parades throughout the territory, as well as other details such as, National Night Out in Savannah, Port Wentworth, and Springfield. Post 42 troopers assisted with wildfires in Bryan County, in addition to the wildfires in Post 22's territory. Post 42 personnel are always available for media events, such as Operation Precious Cargo, Operation Click It or Ticket, and several holiday patrols where the media is invited to ride-along with troopers. Additionally, troopers were awarded and recognized throughout the year.



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TROOP J

Troop J is comprised of the following units: Troop J Command, Implied Consent, and Safety Education. Troop J Command consists of one captain, two lieutenants and one troop secretary. Presently, these units consist of 28 sworn uniform members and three support staff members that provide a broad range of services on a statewide basis.

Troop J Command: Troop J led GSP's efforts to raise funds for "Special Olympics Georgia" by raising \$2,120. It also continued to oversee this year's edition of the popular and successful Tour de Georgia bicycle race which was held in April. Since its inaugural race in 2003, the Tour de Georgia has attracted 2.8 million spectators to communities across the state and generated more than \$148 million in revenue to the state.



Implied Consent Unit (ICU): Organized on July 1, 1968, the mission of the Implied Consent Unit is to effectively train, maintain and administer the breath alcohol testing and certification program for all law enforcement agencies in the State subject to the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and GBI Rules. Troopers are assigned to this elite unit to conduct the daily operations. The GSP Implied Consent Unit is staffed by 13 GSP troopers designated as Implied Consent Area Supervisors and one civilian secretary. Members provide crucial expert testimony in DUI cases, as well as provide a number of other services to various law enforcement and judicial agencies at the state, county and local level.

Unit personnel documented 146 hours of court attendance. In addition to performing those duties, they comply with all intoxilyzer related open records requests, attend speaking engagements, and handle numerous special details across the state such as the Tour De Georgia, Bicycle Ride Across Georgia, the Atlanta Motor Speedway race details, Cotton Pickin' Fair, the Law Enforcement Torch Run, Girls State, Hands Across the Border and Operation One Voice Special Force's Run. Unit personnel also supplement field operations and details on a regular basis. When not conducting specific duties Implied Consent reverts to enforcement responsibilities. ICU personnel was responsible for 1,236 arrests, 1,000 warnings, five DUIs and 695 motorist assists. All of these areas of enforcement experienced significant statistical increases during 2007.

The Implied Consent personnel are also responsible for conducting all basic intoximeter operator and recertification courses. In 2007, a total of 916 new operators representing 208 agencies were issued a basic permit to operate the intoxilyzer. Additionally, 664 existing operators representing 228 agencies were recertified. Classroom instruction continued throughout the year with 35 basic courses and 35 refresher courses taught by unit personnel. This undertaking required many hours of classroom preparation and administrative coordination.

2007 resulted in a number of achievements for ICU. Among these included the acquisition of new, state of the art simulators, air compressors and voltage meters used in the instrument inspection protocol. This new technology replaced severely aged equipment and allowed unit members to remain in the forefront of breath testing procedures. This unit also achieved the successful transition and manual replacement of instrument EPROMS in all intoxilyzers across the state. This was accomplished without incident in order to comply with

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the Department of Energy's policy changes in the Daylight Saving Time program. The hard work and diligence of the Implied Consent Unit personnel played a significant role in the successful prosecution of many impaired drivers in Georgia.

Safety Education Unit (SEU): The mission of Safety Education is to promote the safe operation of motor vehicles and reduce the number of crashes, injuries and fatalities in the state of Georgia through education and enforcement. To this end, SEU troopers expended 1,628 hours conducting 1,261 safety programs. The recipients of these programs were schools, civic clubs, employee groups, military bases and various other organizations.



Unit members conducted 2,080 public relations visits with the purpose of making the public more aware of the efforts of the GSP towards highway safety. SEU troopers issued 1,186 citations (including three DUI arrests), 961 warnings and assisted 470 stranded motorists. SEU troopers aggressively participate in holiday patrol efforts, sustained enforcement drives and concentrated patrols. SEU troopers dedicated 2,141 hours participating in many special details during 2007. SEU continues to be 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 GPEE (Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education) North and South Bus trips, the American Legion sponsored Boys and Girls State, race details at Atlanta Motor Speedway, Safe America Teen Driver events, Lifesavers Conference in Chicago, IL, USEOW (Uniformed Safety Education Officers Workshop) Conference in Dallas, TX, Operation One Voice military run, Hands Across the Border events, Chamber of Commerce Bus Trip Across Georgia, Camp Civitan (for handicapped children), dignitary protection details and other special events.

The unit also shows its commitment to community involvement by its participation in the Special Olympics Torch Run fundraising efforts and conducting DDC (Defensive Driving Classes) and CSS (Child Safety Seat) programs. For the last several years Troop J has led the GSP in fundraising for SOGA. SEU troopers serve their communities as civic club members and in community service oriented fraternal organizations. They take active roles in their local traffic enforcement networks (GATEN). SEU troopers serve the department as instructors at GPSTC and assist with regional training for other departments and GSP. One member serves the department as a chaplain and the other as a member of SOG SWAT.



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AVIATION DIVISION

The Georgia State Patrol Aviation Division provides aerial support to state, federal and local agencies in support of the public safety interest of the citizens of Georgia.

In 1974, the Aviation Division of the State Patrol was created. Over the past 33 years, the division has grown into a diverse rotorcraft unit that provides aviation support to federal, state, and local agencies to fulfill its primary mission of airborne law enforcement. In addition, as the division has developed so has its unique capabilities to assist in the saving of countless lives. This combination of airborne law enforcement support, and the diversification in mission capabilities, makes the aviation division second-to-none among other state aviation assets.

Currently, the division's assets consist of 13 helicopters, six hangars, 14 pilots, four aircraft mechanics, and one administrative support personnel. Additionally, 11 troopers from field posts and five non-departmental peace officers have been trained as Forward Looking Infrared camera operators to support search and rescue missions seven days a week, 24 hours a day. Another unique component to both the pilots and the FLIR operators is the law enforcement training and practical road experience gained prior to becoming a member of the Aviation Unit. These men have already proven themselves in the patrol environment and bring this enforcement foundation into the cockpit with them. This experience proves invaluable because they understand how law enforcement agencies work and interact with each other during emergencies. The maintenance section is a vital part of the overall aviation team. Without their devotion to duty, experience and expertise the aircraft would never fly. Because of their dedication and attention to detail, the Aviation Division has experienced a safety record that few organizations can rival.



Forward Looking Infrared camera systems have been placed on six different aircraft located at each one of the hangar facilities. This camera enables the pilot and operator to locate missing persons or fleeing fugitives at night by the radiated heat coming from their bodies. The pilots have also been trained in the use of Night Vision Goggles (NVGs) to operate in the low light environment to enhance any type of mission that might be flown. This allows the pilot to operate at very low altitudes safely.

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

Each year, the Aviation Division provides aircrafts, pilots, and observers in support of the Governor's Task Force for Marijuana Suppression. Thousands of plants are spotted, eradicated, and suspects arrested because of the support provided by the Aviation Division. Many times those responsible for the illegal activity are spotted from the air providing probable cause to conduct searches that uncover other criminal activity such as drug labs, indoor marijuana growing operations, and stolen property.



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The Aviation Division lost one of its helicopters while flying for the Governor's Drug Task Force on June 5 in Polk County when a crash occurred. Two passengers were on board the aircraft. All sustained injuries and were admitted to local hospitals and released at a later date.

GSP Aviation Division Flight Request by Agency 2007

Agency	Flight Requests
Georgia State Patrol	732
Sheriffs' Departments	338
Governor's Task Force	192
Police Departments	75
Other State Agencies	53
Georgia Bureau of Investigation	42
Lt Governor's Office	29
Other Federal Agencies	20
Emergency Management Agency	21
Governor's Office	14
Georgia Department of Corrections	12
Other County Agencies	11
Drug Enforcement Administration	7
Local Drug Task Force	7
Department of Natural Resources	5
Lo-Jack	4
Military	4
Other City Agencies	3
Churches	3
Schools	2
Public Relations Home Depot	1
American Hero Association	1
National Weather	1
TOTAL FLIGHTS	1577



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GSP Aviation Division Flight Statistics 2007

<u>Mission</u>	<u>Requests</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Search / Missing Person / Fugitive (Day)	83	194.3
Search / Missing Person / Fugitive (Night)	42	124.9
Search Escaptee Fugitive (Day)	85	193
Search Escaptee Fugitive (Night)	45	120.3
*Aircraft Shuttle	228	327.6
DownLink	9	25.7
Executive 10-5	49	104.8
FLIR Training	30	43.1
Fly Over / Funeral Detail	12	22.8
GSP 10-5	62	173.2
Governor's Task Force	192	837.5
Search / Missing Person / Fugitive (Day)	54	124.7
Maintenance Flight	53	96.2
NVG Flight Training	54	72.3
Other Agency 10-5	37	87.9
Photo Flight	165	218.4
Property Search	41	65.5
Static Display	56	54.6
Surveillance / Observation Flight	99	220.9
Training Flight	128	240
*Other	53	154.1
Total	1577	3501.8

* Other: Special Details, Disaster Surveys, Homeland Security Exercises, Site Surveys and aid to other agencies.

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

NVG Flight Time: 481.7



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CRIMINAL INTERDICTION UNIT (CIU)

The Georgia State Patrol's Criminal Interdiction Unit (CIU) is a statewide unit tasked with the pro-active enforcement of traffic and criminal laws. The unit consisted of seven small teams spread across the state assigned to work major interstate corridors.

CIU members attended several nationally recognized training events as both students and instructors in criminal interdiction. CIU members also now teach an introduction to criminal patrol and a traffic stops class for the trooper school. Members of CIU taught advanced techniques to over 1,000 students across the nation.



A total of two vehicles from local agency donations were placed into service to replace aging CIU patrol vehicles. The Board of Public Safety accepted the donation of a 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe and its emergency equipment from the Morgan County Sheriff. CIU also received a donation from the Braselton Police Department for a 2007 Dodge Charger along with its emergency equipment and for a narcotics trained canine to be used by the unit.



CIU Activity Totals: During 2007, the CIU members investigated 22 crashes, made 3,115 arrests, 9,081 warnings, 38 DUI arrests, 178 felony drug arrests, 74 non-drug felony arrests, 82 misdemeanor drug arrests, made 256 criminal apprehensions, assisted 1,706 motorists, recovered 142 stolen vehicles, and conducted 11,285 traffic stops.

CIU members seized over 264 kilograms of marijuana, 32 kilograms of cocaine, and 5,193 dosage units of other dangerous drugs. They seized 18 weapons, located 14 hidden constructed compartments, and recovered 475 items of stolen or counterfeit property.

Additionally, CIU members assisted other agencies in seizing over 229 kilograms of marijuana, 441 kilograms of cocaine, 19 kilograms of methamphetamine, three weapons, and located another seven hidden constructed compartments. In total, the CIU members initiated or assisted in making a total monetary impact of more than \$51,114,465 against organized crime elements operating in the State of Georgia.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (287g program): In compliance with a new Georgia law that took effect July 1, three members of the CIU and 11 troopers from around the state completed the first Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Academy held in Georgia. This academy graduation gives the graduates full authority to enforce the U.S. Immigration laws while in the performance of their routine duties. ICE and CIU supervisors continue to work out details of how to fully implement this new program.

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



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SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS TEAM (SWAT)

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



Full-time staff for the team consists of one captain, one lieutenant, one sergeant first class, two sergeants, and one corporal.

SOG SWAT responded to 32 call-outs during the year. These call-outs included 14 barricaded suspect incidents, three hostage barricade incidents, 11 high-risk warrant services, three escort/security details, and one incident involving a subject with an improvised explosive device in a school.

Team members are becoming more and more recognized for their expertise in tactical applications and are being called upon to teach other agencies. Each year, SOG SWAT conducts a basic SWAT school that is typically attended by officers from local and federal law enforcement agencies, and has been extremely well received.

A large quantity of equipment has been obtained through Homeland Security grants, including two new SWAT armored vehicles, which will serve to reduce response time by the fact that they can be pre-staged in South Georgia. Over \$3 million worth of equipment has been acquired through the grant process, and it has served to make SOG SWAT one of the best equipped teams in the country.



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SPECIALIZED COLLISION AND RECONSTRUCTION TEAM (SCRT)

The mission of the Specialized Collision and Reconstruction Team (SCRT) is to provide a means by which fatal crashes can be investigated thoroughly by specially trained investigators and properly document evidence in collisions to be used for successful court prosecution. SCRT also gathers statistics in order to save lives thru crash analysis.

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 investigator positions who are equipped with the latest technology and are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. SCRT is also responsible for assisting allied agencies in the investigation of major incidents including homicide cases, officer involved shootings, fatal crashes and air disasters.

The Support Services Section, which consists of SCRT training, technology, and animation, was created to keep up with demands from outside requests and is responsible for all departmental training related to crash investigation, implementing and maintaining all SCRT technologies and equipment, and implementation of the new animation section.

SCRT recorded a total of 300 new cases, 289 resulted in death. Team 1 opened 57 new cases (17 percent decrease from 2006), Team 2 opened 42 new cases (34 percent decrease from 2006), Team 3 opened 75 cases (four percent increase from 2006), Team 4 opened 64 cases (39 percent increase from 2006), and Team 5 opened 62 cases (47 percent increase from 2006). SCRT was involved in 34 percent of all fatalities that GSP worked and an estimated 18 percent of the reported statewide fatal crashes. SCRT members closed 274 cases.

Ninety-two SCRT cases were adjudicated in 2007. Of the cases that were forwarded for prosecution, the conviction rate is 96 percent. Only two defendants were found not guilty during trial. Of these convictions, 85 percent were guilty pleas as a result of the overwhelming evidence presented by SCRT team members. In addition to reconstruction duties, SCRT investigators logged 14,752 enforcement hours while patrolling 720,467 miles. SCRT investigators issued 1,185 citations, and warned 1,157 during the year.

SCRT attended 6,328 hours of training and instructed an additional 516 hours. SCRT members received advanced and refresher courses in crush damage analysis, lamp examinations and tire failures during the fall and winter. SCRT is responsible for all crash investigation courses currently taught to troopers.

SCRT personnel participated in countless speeches, presentations, and demonstrations to various schools, civic groups, and other law enforcement agencies. These included presentations before the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council.



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GEORGIA GOVERNOR’S TASK FORCE (GTF)

The Governor’s Task Force for Drug Suppression (GTF) was created in 1983 and is administered by the Georgia State Patrol. Funding for this unit is provided by a grant from the Drug Enforcement Administration.

The task force is comprised of personnel from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Georgia State Patrol, Motor Carrier Compliance Division, Department of Natural Resources, and the Department of Defense. The Drug Enforcement Administration and the Civil Air Patrol also provide personnel.

The mission of the unit is to detect the cultivation/manufacturing of illegal drugs (marijuana), identify and arrest suspects, and harvest and destroy illegal drugs in the state.



Where environmental conditions proved conducive for cultivation, marijuana growers planted small plots or individual plants in order to hinder detection. The warmer climate of the southern regions of Georgia allows marijuana growers the ability to harvest two crops during the season. The task force has found that most plant seedlings were those initially germinated in an indoor environment and transplanted outdoors as the season began. Most seedlings displayed grow cups attached to the root system indicating various indoor growers around the state.

Task force agents assisted federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies by providing both physical and electronic surveillance of marijuana fields. GTF estimates the State of Georgia produces approximately 300,000 outdoor marijuana plants on an annual average.

2007 Statistics:

Indoor Grow Plants	9,585 Plants
Outdoor Grow Plants	12,180 Plants
Total Plants	21,765 Plants
Arrests.....	138
Outdoor Sites Eradicated.....	324
Indoor Grows	104
Weapons Seized.....	78
Asset Seizures	\$1,565,600

Agency Resources Utilized for Eradication Program: The task force includes one GSP Lieutenant (program coordinator), three GSP pilots, four GSP troopers, three Department of Natural Resources (DNR) rangers, one Department of Corrections (DOC) officer, two Georgia Army National Guard (GANG) pilots, two GANG aircraft crew chief’s, and four GANG fuel support personnel.

Eradication Program: Activities during the past 21 years of the Governor’s Task Force have provided sufficient intelligence to establish patterns related to specific areas in which cultivation occurs.

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During the 2007 season, the National Guard provided two helicopters, flight crews, and one support person. Occasionally, the Guard provided an additional helicopter to support GTF missions in areas where marijuana seizures were highest. The total flight hours flown in support of the program were 382.4 hours. Additionally, the National Guard provided GTF with one fuel truck operated by four Guard personnel.

Civil Air Patrol (CAP): Participation of the CAP in the eradication program consisted of 373 sorties. Total flight hours in support of the program were 435, utilizing seven Cessna 172 aircraft, and four Cessna 182 aircraft. During the 2007 season, 29 members of CAP, 17 pilots and 12 observers participated in support of eradication efforts.

Projects: The addition of a web site for the State of Georgia DCE/SP program through the Department of Public Safety and the Georgia Technology Authority has been completed. The site allows citizens to report a marijuana grower anonymously and provide links to statistics and information (reportagrower.com).

Target Population: Demand reduction efforts are primarily focused at those citizens reached at civic clubs, corporate businesses, as well as school aged children in middle and elementary schools. The secondary target audience is reached through the Internet via the web site presently in production.

Schools: The Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) has teamed with GTF to present a message to young students emphasizing the need to maintain existing marijuana laws, as well as how to recognize a marijuana plant and what to do when marijuana is found. The school safety coordinator for GEMA made contact with 6,249 students explaining the marijuana eradication program to the children and citizens of Georgia.



Marijuana detection and eradication schools: GTF provided a yearly in-service training session for the participants of the task force prior to the beginning of the marijuana eradication season. In addition, DEA participated in this training. The increasing number of indoor marijuana cultivation operations in Georgia continues to mandate law enforcement training in these types of investigations.



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Code	CodeDescription	Troop A	Troop B	Troop C	Troop D	Troop E	Troop F	Troop G	Troop H	Troop I	Troop J	SCRT	SID	Training	Aviation	CIU	SWAT	Hdqs	Total												
001	ACCIDENT NUMBER	6695	4143	947	7755	2450	3025	1470	3927	1772	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32184												
002	ACCIDENT HOURS	10991	5484	1189	9984	3750	6886	3929	6972	3264	0	88	0	0	0	0	0	4	52541												
003	FATALITY NUMBER	106	140	7	112	98	107	84	88	98	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	840												
004	INJURIES NUMBER	4320	3474	402	4244	2151	2715	1495	2950	1642	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23393												
005	SPEEDING 1-10 MPH OVER	760	101	142	2142	321	95	1156	158	682	25	13	0	0	0	21	2	4	5622												
006	SPEEDING 11-15 MPH OVER	6879	3925	2360	11390	5794	3133	6679	4153	4260	268	112	3	14	0	166	6	2	49144												
007	SPEEDING 16-20 MPH OVER	5421	5708	1409	10331	8756	7227	5222	9167	6335	527	263	0	5	0	245	9	2	60627												
008	SPEEDING 21+ MPH OVER	5176	3558	13227	8909	6688	6475	4309	6881	4836	430	165	4	4	0	171	24	8	60865												
009	ARREST DUI ALCOHOL/DRUGS	1230	1133	1245	1399	918	1632	947	1263	1077	6	6	0	0	0	22	0	0	10878												
010	ARREST MECHANICAL DEFECTS	235	439	105	380	212	215	205	211	176	5	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	2202												
011	ARREST M/H TRUCKERS	191	18	453	300	69	310	165	316	101	8	4	0	1	0	66	0	0	2002												
011A	ARREST M/H OTHER	6012	4062	4182	7253	2550	3213	1732	3728	2357	54	54	0	2	0	149	1	2	35351												
011B	RECKLESS DRIVING	90	112	116	140	69	62	20	96	41	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	750												
012	ARREST M/H TOTAL	25803	19038	22786	41944	25308	22052	20270	25657	19764	1315	613	7	25	0	797	42	18	225439												
013	FELONY DRUG ARREST	135	102	62	95	59	163	48	68	117	0	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	871												
014	NON-DRUG FELONY ARREST	85	54	57	69	57	95	21	59	48	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	556												
015	MISD DRUG ARREST	155	188	41	229	134	292	136	141	250	0	1	0	0	0	36	1	1	1605												
016	ARREST LITTERING	49	17	14	50	24	21	16	24	21	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	241												
017	SEAT BELT ARREST	4339	7654	1826	7544	4978	4618	6962	5931	5050	170	113	1	1	0	123	15	5	49330												
018	CHILD RESTRAINT ARREST	437	505	204	681	542	1206	819	966	557	28	19	0	0	0	14	1	1	5980												
019	ARREST OTHER TRUCKERS	53	3	81	68	26	85	31	115	15	4	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	490												
020	ARREST TOTAL INTERSTATE	9451	2584	22219	19089	9018	6042	1	11965	8876	602	333	2	25	0	903	49	8	91167												
021	WINDOW TINT ARREST	600	848	721	1613	2093	933	506	1640	593	13	11	0	0	0	87	8	0	9666												
022	JUVENILE ARREST	667	315	74	472	168	338	192	289	189	4	2	0	0	0	7	0	0	2717												
022A	OTHER NON M/H	5958	6774	6824	7791	5028	5246	4549	5644	4447	150	72	1	5	0	335	20	8	52852												
022B	SUSPENDED / REVOKED LICENSE	821	766	314	1153	676	1168	621	841	711	24	12	0	0	0	48	6	2	7163												
022C	UNINSURED MOTORIST	552	402	271	756	292	494	284	390	128	16	6	0	0	0	31	0	3	3625												
023	ARREST OTHER TOTAL	13131	17310	10334	19981	13883	14236	13962	15704	11922	401	234	2	6	0	712	51	20	131889												
023A	TOTAL ARRESTS	38934	36348	33120	61925	39191	36288	34232	41361	31686	1716	847	9	31	0	1509	93	38	357328												
024	WARNING SPEEDING	17146	11080	4289	15275	15092	23104	15930	11819	12022	762	278	22	55	0	261	11	39	127185												
025	WARNING MECHANICAL DEFECTS	8501	5958	1451	7777	4194	6368	6414	4804	4616	125	122	3	14	0	227	1	14	50589												
026	WARNING M/H TRUCKERS	208	12	121	171	87	494	175	182	84	10	3	0	5	0	36	1	0	1589												
026A	WARNING OTHER M/H	6906	3140	2960	6169	2736	4965	2390	3802	3335	103	87	4	20	0	575	7	15	37214												
026B	WARNING M/H TOTAL	32553	20178	8700	29221	22022	34437	24734	20425	19973	990	487	29	89	0	1063	19	68	214988												
027	WINDOW TINT WARNING	1037	810	553	1568	1643	1923	866	1530	894	38	17	0	1	0	340	0	4	11224												
028	SEATBELT WARNING	2025	1746	396	2440	1432	2170	1437	1599	1289	41	41	5	4	0	16	4	9	14654												
029	CHILD RESTRAINT WARNING	165	33	41	194	194	336	127	237	189	3	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	1523												
030	WARNING OTHER TRUCKER	41	1	30	32	5	60	13	43	5	2	0	1	0	0	8	0	0	241												
031	WARNING TOTAL INTERSTATE	7484	660	8628	6339	3642	4622	79	3284	2397	130	81	23	33	0	1367	11	6	38786												
032	WARNING LITTERING	99	50	19	111	47	67	19	29	40	2	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	489												



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032A	WARNING OTHER NON M/H	11965	7010	4666	8041	6287	6283	5197	6964	5299	173	152	9	18	0	374	16	19	62473
033	WARNING OTHER TOTAL	15291	9649	5675	12354	9603	10779	7646	10359	7711	257	214	14	23	0	736	20	32	90363
034	TOTAL WARNINGS	47844	29827	14375	41575	31625	45216	32380	30784	27684	1247	701	43	112	0	1799	39	100	305351
035	PEDESTRIAN ENFORCEMENT	7	8	3	2	0	1	0	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
036	CRIMINAL INV. NO.	74	24	980	250	195	63	134	66	113	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	25	1925
037	CRIMINAL INV. HRS.	155	39	1397	318	333	105	228	118	249	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	223	3167
038	CRIMINAL APPREHENDED NO	81	137	92	220	176	228	84	117	99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	1241
039	STOLEN VEHS. RECOVERED NO.	18	11	60	14	4	15	2	13	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	144
040	STOLEN VEHS. RECOVERED HRS.	22	14	93	14	5	25	2	13	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	193
041	AID TO OTHER AGENCY NO	821	252	515	537	641	802	463	288	495	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4815
042	AID TO OTHER AGENCY HRS.	878	458	804	717	1215	1497	890	433	938	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7832
043	ROAD CHECK HOURS	1617	2018	117	446	1078	2203	1978	2167	1130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	12770
044	NO. OF VEHICLES CHECKED AT ROAD CHECK	18028	7280	398	5649	12760	31229	24012	32844	12991	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	250	145441
045	PARTNER NUMBER	39	16	54	37	40	58	18	16	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	347
046	PARTNER HOURS	169	57	254	101	160	219	84	78	251	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1377
047	ENFORCEMENT PATROL NUMBER	7633	5259	5248	8623	6710	12869	8588	9038	6901	57	48	1	0	0	2	0	276	71253
048	ENFORCEMENT PATROL HOURS	36462	27377	21158	40655	31126	62881	46824	45003	37568	152	175	1	0	0	9	0	873	350264
048A	NUMBER OF VEHICLES STOPPED	47439	44435	26317	80662	55809	63691	50571	47713	31578	2465	1274	40	174	5	4400	284	149	457006
049	MOTORIST ASSISTS NUMBER	3343	1469	1540	3270	2987	3007	2837	1911	2648	212	74	12	10	3	563	7	16	23909
050	MOTORIST ASSIST HOURS	631	164	183	589	397	284	118	292	292	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2952
051	TOTAL ENFORCEMENT HOURS	50925	35611	25195	52824	38064	74100	54053	55076	43697	152	263	1	0	0	11	0	1124	431096
101	DIGINITARY SECURITY NUMBER	0	14	11	1	51	5	12	1	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	214
102	DIGINITARY SECURITY HOURS	0	153	81	4	580	26	44	3	590	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	633	2114
103	SECURITY DETAIL NUMBER	12	1	14	1	8	2	2	8	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	91
104	SECURITY DETAIL HOURS	106	4	96	16	79	13	7	50	76	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	354	801
105	ESCORT NUMBER	15	6	48	4	11	9	1	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	109
106	ESCORT HOURS	35	37	142	8	37	16	5	8	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	322
107	RELAY MEDICAL NUMBER	23	2	147	139	81	133	39	100	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	716
108	RELAY MEDICAL HOURS	29	4	215	219	111	253	44	151	104	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1130
109	OTHER RELAY NUMBER	87	11	388	140	497	195	504	48	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1990
110	OTHER RELAY HOURS	102	11	409	161	451	254	514	64	140	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2106
111	AVIATION DETAIL HOURS	19	81	0	0	90	81	101	65	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	483
112	SAFETY EDUCATION DETAIL HRS	9	13	4	35	21	95	90	5	68	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	345
113	SCHOOL BUS INSPECTION HOURS	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
114	RADIO DETAIL HOURS	2142	2427	15	2298	995	3531	3600	3990	1318	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	20318
115	MEETING HOURS	344	209	493	343	309	440	377	343	296	42	0	2	0	0	0	0	109	3307
116	TRAINING HOURS INSTRUCTOR	591	184	134	779	784	2123	520	443	64	8	0	0	8	0	16	0	0	5654
117	TRAINING HOURS STUDENT	8177	4345	5376	8287	4214	9566	6568	7901	4681	16	8	0	0	16	11	0	290	59469
118	CIVIL DISORDER HOURS	103	9	35	0	0	33	14	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	213
119	DISASTER HOURS	0	0	3	0	0	625	1996	691	918	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4233
120	VEHICLE / RADIO REPAIR HOURS	1215	801	970	1482	1577	1370	955	1197	942	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	10514
121	COURT HOURS	1361	805	1758	1659	1125	2149	1188	1271	1233	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	12552
122	OTHER NON ENFORCEMENT HOURS	1782	758	2428	5776	489	5783	2432	6402	1712	3	30	0	0	0	3	0	21	27619



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123	SPECIAL DETAIL HOURS	2567	2143	2823	4706	2015	4286	4070	7151	2012	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	190	31977
124	SECRETARY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
125	DRIVERS LICENSE P/U HOURS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
126	TOTAL NON ENFORCEMENT HOURS	18582	11984	14982	25773	12877	30646	22525	29736	14228	89	45	4	8	16	30	0	1622	183160
127	ADMINISTRATIVE DUTY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
128	STAFF MEETING HOURS	338	244	227	233	288	340	471	280	186	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	2654
129	ACCIDENT REPORT HOURS	2127	193	111	851	1353	1380	623	1596	414	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8648
130	INSPECTION HOURS	647	428	444	826	501	1784	1587	1290	493	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	8023
131	COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION NO.	15	8	10	8	13	23	9	16	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	114
132	COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION HRS	48	15	19	16	27	73	26	29	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	343
133	OTHER INVESTIGATION HRS	150	21	54	64	87	106	44	100	63	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	40	737
134	OTHER ADMINISTRATION HRS	10327	6639	8176	8891	6952	13863	11599	14124	6581	225	45	0	0	0	0	0	3200	90622
135	REPORT HOURS	3312	624	2336	2790	5109	6109	3318	4270	2100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29968
136	FTO HOURS	95	64	10	257	271	200	113	119	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1194
137	FUNERAL DETAIL HOURS	538	205	331	138	288	234	318	285	157	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	2521
138	TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE HRS	17582	8433	11708	14066	14875	24089	18099	22093	10085	246	45	0	0	0	8	0	3380	144709
139	FSLA	0	40	200	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	72	368
140	SICK/EMERGENCY HOURS	3013	2569	1818	1969	1616	4174	3762	4956	2089	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	26056
141	ANNUAL LEAVE HOURS	3553	2057	2417	4174	3912	3384	2652	2381	1907	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	112	26581
142	PASS / DAY OFF HOURS	37534	24192	22901	40293	26931	55358	41532	40234	28456	256	288	80	0	88	16	0	3196	321355
143	GA COMP	4197	1870	2650	5326	1853	5346	4786	4371	2663	20	176	4	0	8	0	0	564	33834
144	MILITARY LEAVE HOURS	112	0	296	224	496	376	0	0	232	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1736
145	FURLOUGH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
146	LEAVE W/O PAY HOURS	0	0	0	376	0	104	0	1472	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1952
147	ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE WITH PAY	2368	0	0	168	568	1552	0	3000	144	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7800
147A	ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE WITHOUT PAY	8	24	24	0	0	0	40	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120
148	PERSONAL LEAVE	288	72	112	220	40	152	168	96	285	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1433
148A	HOLIDAY LEAVE HOURS	3264	2751	2940	4637	1898	5740	4837	4211	4543	152	72	24	0	16	48	0	1228	36361
149	TOTAL LEAVE HOURS	54337	33575	33174	57403	37306	76186	57777	60721	40343	428	576	140	0	112	64	0	5262	457404
150	TOTAL OTHER MILES	140769	3607	13173	5834	7157	653	1310	60341	425	0	0	0	0	80	0	0	4492	237841
151	TOTAL PATROL MILES	1036211	823021	785944	1413588	949157	2034068	1568329	1626286	1146411	7717	4634	1318	0	700	656	0	66531	11464571
152	TOTAL MILES	1176980	826628	799117	1419422	956314	2034721	1569639	1686627	1146836	7717	4634	1318	0	780	656	0	71023	11702412
153	TOTAL HOURS ON DUTY	87088	56003	51893	92650	65808	128730	94733	106894	68013	494	418	32	8	168	49	0	6126	759128



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COMMUNICATIONS/HEADQUARTERS DIVISION



The Communications/Headquarters Division is managed by Major Stewart F. Hicks. The division seeks to provide faster, friendlier and easier service which furthers the department's customer service goals. This division provides support services to the department in the areas of information technology, communications, disaster coordination, planning, and both security and maintenance of the headquarters facility. Another primary unit of this division is the Administrative Services Unit which includes Facilities, Maintenance, Garage, Vehicle Support Services, Supply, Property Management and the Mailroom.

In May 2007, the Department hired a Chief Information Officer (CIO) to manage technology and communications. The CIO directs the planning and implementation of enterprise IT systems in support of business operations in order to improve cost effectiveness, service quality, and business development solutions. He is responsible for the organization's information technology and systems development. The CIO is involved with analyzing and reworking existing business processes, with identifying and developing the capability to use new tools, with reshaping the enterprise's physical infrastructure and network access, and with identifying and exploiting the enterprise's knowledge resources to include IT and communications staffing.

The CIO manages Georgia's Interoperable Network purchased by federal Homeland Security dollars and currently serves as the Chairman of the Homeland Security Public Safety Communications Task Force.

The Georgia Interoperability Network commonly known as the Motobridge system is a gateway interface device allowing agencies with different band widths to communicate directly, (ex: 800 MHz radio talking directly to a VHF radio). The Department of Public Safety (Georgia State Patrol) has assumed the position as the Administrator also known as the business owner under the model engineered by Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI). During the initial creation and implementation, the department partnered with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency, Georgia Tech Research Institute, the Georgia Sheriffs' Association and the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police.

Working concurrently with Major Hicks, the CIO's office has been focusing on strategic technology realignment, consolidation of communication devices, deployment of new dual frequency radio systems for troopers and MCCD officers, as well as project development for a mobile data environment for the department to include, Computer Aided Dispatch, field based reporting, Auto Vehicle Location, and a comprehensive records management system.

The improvement of customer service ranked as one of the division's top priorities with the expansion of a helpdesk program agency-wide and a consolidated asset inventory for all technology.

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 partner, along with Fulton County, DeKalb County, Cobb County and the City of Atlanta, in the Urban Area Security Initiative funded through a grant from the Department of Homeland Security. This project provides interoperable communications between the participating agencies at a major incident in the Metro Atlanta area. The UASI project is currently in Phase III, and additional development of the communications system is planned for subsequent phases.



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Communications Coordinators: Two coordinators are 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. They performed over 78 site inspections, provided assistance and made recommendations to resolve problems with radio communications, including repairs to eight existing tower sites. The coordinators provided engineering support that resulted in the installation of seven new radio sites to expand the radio coverage of the troops into critical areas. During the year, the focus was on identifying outdated radio equipment and making recommendations to purchase new equipment that is compatible with changing technology, including radios for 13 posts and consoles for four posts. They coordinate with many private individuals, commercial organizations, and government agencies to ensure that the radio communication requirements of the department continue to improve. They coordinate with 28 local government agencies to establish agreements for troop personnel to communicate on their existing trunked radio systems. They also coordinated for the programming of troop radios onto these unique trunked systems for crucial communications between our troop personnel and local law enforcement personnel. Finally, the coordinators reviewed, monitored, and coordinated for the repair of equipment to ensure repairs were conducted effectively and in a timely manner.

They are also responsible for equipment installation and inventory to include repairs and/or replacement of portable and mobile equipment. The Communications Section undertook a radio conversion project this year. This included the acquisition and installation of 570 new radios. The task was statewide in scope and has standardized radio communications for the department. A standardized frequency template was used and additional mutual aid channels were added.

Information was acquired from 159 counties to include 36 jurisdictions utilizing 800 MHz system. The goal is to provide all radios GSP and MCCD now have the same frequency template information.

Communications Program Specialists: Two communications program specialists place emphasis on communications training in advancing the department into the future and the implementation of communications procedures is providing the department with better trained, more equipped communications officers. Accomplishments for 2007 included: Chief Communication Equipment Operator (CCEO) orientation/training/meetings/inspections/GCIC audits; attended 40-hour Basic Communication Officers training; CPS/CCEO computer/firewall installation; attended the annual Terminal Agency Coordinator Conference; revised/updated communications procedures manual to adhere to all new Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC) and DPS rules and regulations; and provided Security and Integrity Training for all DPS employees who have access to disseminate, control or destroy criminal justice information from a GCIC terminal (1,100+ certified). This training also includes Capitol Police, MCCD and Overweight Citations.



The specialists attended the 80-hour Post Officers Standards Training Instructor training course and the 16-hour GCIC Security and Integrity of Criminal Justice Information course. Both certifications were obtained and will be utilized for DPS employee training, as well as training other law enforcement agencies.

Specialists assisted communications personnel in Waycross with the fire detail, Operation Rolling Thunder in Rincon, and the Beach Music Festival on Jekyll Island.



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They are responsible for submitting requests to GTA for SSL VPN user IDs and in assisting the Accounting Unit in monitoring the GTA bill to ensure the billing information is correct. Program specialists will be utilized in a communications capacity in the event of a disaster/incident in Georgia. They also attended software/computer training at the Emergency Operation Center in Jesup.

Computer Services: The Computer Services Section completed several major projects, regularly assisted users, and continued support for our hardware and software systems. Accomplishments include:

- Continued to support over 1,900 users, 1,200 PCs, 80 Local Area Networks, 35 off-the-shelf programs, 25 software applications, 80 mobile computing systems, 90 hand-help communications devices, 56 cell phones and 370 iDEN radios. This department also handled and closed over 4,115 calls for user support and replaced 55 HQ users and 60 MCCD Officers with new desktop and laptop computer systems.
- Transitioned all GSP posts and units from the 612 reporting system to the Comprehensive Report Management System (CRMS).
- Continued to provide support for the mobile computing and digital video pilot project at posts 7, 8, 32, 46, NightHawks, and Motorcycle Units and completed recommendations for the new department-wide video system.
- Configured and replaced 70 firewalls in all GSP posts and MCCD region offices in preparation for the IT disaster recovery project.
- Moved over 1,900 mailboxes and 200 GB of data to Microsoft Exchange 2007 mail system along with upgraded and reorganized the SharePoint 2003 system to Microsoft Office SharePoint Server 2007, and put the MyDPS site into production.
- Installed, configured, and provided training on mobile GCIC access software for MCCD HOV officers, as well as assisted in the configuration and transition of all GSP CEOs to the new statewide SSL/VPN system for accessing GCIC.
- Developed systems and improved workflow process between PeopleSoft, DPS Records Management database and active directory to improve content, availability and distribution of employee contact information like the new online directory.
- Successfully tested and piloted the online duty roster system in Troop A, which is ready for implementation statewide.
- Moved technology systems inventory from Excel worksheets to the DPS Helpdesk system.
- Consolidated servers and reconfigured DPS data center for improved uptime by installing new racks, electrical wiring, and battery backup units.



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The Telecommunications Coordinator is responsible for detecting billing errors, consolidating equipment, renegotiating billing plans, and cancelling service on unused/unneeded equipment. The annual savings has resulted in approximately \$167,500 statewide. Other responsibilities include the installation, operation and maintenance of the department's telecommunications services throughout the state, as well as working closely with the Georgia Technology Authority in analyzing the needs of any new patrol posts, as well as determining upgrades to existing facilities. The coordinator continues to maintain the in-house telephone system at the Headquarters Complex and assists post locations with their needs.

GEMA Liaison Officer: The responsibilities for the GEMA / Homeland Security Liaison Officer included attending all emergency management, Homeland Security and other meetings designated by the commissioner and/or command staff. The liaison officer serves on committees and subcommittees coordinating the department's roles and responsibilities for potential man-made and/or natural disasters. The liaison officer represents the department at hurricane related conferences in and out of state, as well as assists with disaster related training exercises. The officer will occupy the State Operations Center during a declared state of emergency and coordinate the department's efforts in the recovery phase of the emergency.

The mission of the liaison officer included the following activities for 2007: served as Primary Emergency Support Function 13 coordinator; served as a Homeland Security board member; served on the board for Traffic Incident Management Enhancement; served on the board for Georgia's Drought Response Work Group; attended Towing Recovery Incentive Program meetings; attended Homeland Security meetings; coordinated efforts in the South Georgia wildfires; coordinated with the Georgia Department of Transportation to implement the new 511 call center and presented the program to the Georgia State Patrol; and presented the Towing Recovery Incentive Program to the Georgia State Patrol and serves as board for Towing Recovery Incentive Program.

Other activities for the year included:

- Attended the Georgia Leadership Summit and the Traffic Incident Management Enhancement conferences.
- Attended numerous logistic staging area meetings in reference to the Georgia State Patrol role with hurricane evacuation and re-entry.
- Attended numerous Strategist National Stockpile meetings and attended GEMA Mitigation meetings and prepared and submitted a mitigation plan for the Georgia State Patrol.
- Attended and participated the I-95 Contra Flow Summit in Baltimore, Maryland (presentation on the Georgia Contra Flow plan).
- Worked with GEMA and each patrol post during Winter Storm #1. Provided numerous reports of road conditions, road closures, potential problems, and weather conditions to the command staff every two hours during the storm. Also worked with GEMA on the Blood Mountain Hiker that was missing and later found deceased.

The liaison is on call seven days a week, 24 hours a day, to fill requests from GEMA.

Records Management: The department's records management officer is responsible for coordinating with Computer Services for assistance in creating and maintaining forms. A central clearinghouse is maintained to ensure accessibility by all members of the department for forms designed for use on the computer. This officer consults with the Legal Services Office to determine the retention period for all new forms. When submitted forms are approved, a DPS number is assigned by the records management officer and added to the master form list. The records management officer also serves as the liaison with State of Georgia Archives to comply with statutory retention schedules.



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Headquarters Security: Headquarters Security is responsible for the security of the Headquarters facility and also reports to the records management officer. 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, and the raising and taking down of the United States and Georgia flags.

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

In an effort to track equipment and maintain an accurate inventory, this unit processed 4,079 additions with acquisition costs totaling \$4,712,253.50 and 937 deletions valued at \$661,200.47 during the fiscal year of 2007. These transactions are updated daily on the property system.

Facilities: The Department of Public Safety is currently showing approximately 90 leases and 127 buildings, which also includes GPSTC property and leases. The website is available for public viewing and can be accessed through www.realpropertiesgeorgia.org.

The City of Colquitt began construction on a new state patrol post with completion estimated for Fall 2008. Major post renovations were conducted at Post 5 in Dalton and Post 27 in Blue Ridge which included interior upgrades at Dalton and repairs and renovations to the carport at Blue Ridge.

Maintenance: The Maintenance Unit is responsible for the upkeep and repairs to all DPS facilities. The Headquarters facility is first priority; however, locations close by are handled as well. Renovations included the MCCD Office and sleeping quarters located downstairs in the centennial conference room. Other jobs performed included painting, installations of cabinets, counters, metal shelving and audio/visual equipment, building of shelves, electrical installations and replacements, air conditioning and heating replacements, asbestos treatment, radon testing, tile installations, rebuilding of boiler, repair of sheetrock damage, replacement and rebuilding of locks, water leak repair, etc.

Vehicle Support Services: Vehicle Support Services maintains the FleetAnywhere System, acts as the department's vehicle insurance coordinator, coordinates the Wright Express Fuel Card Program, schedules surplus vehicles with Surplus Property, requests and coordinates the purchase of all new vehicles with DOAS and OPB and obtains tags and titles for the department's vehicles.

FleetAnywhere is a vehicle management system that tracks inventory thresholds, repair and maintenance costs, vehicle assignments, acquisition costs, in service dates, odometer readings and vehicle utilization on all vehicles owned by the Georgia Department of Public Safety, GA P.O.S.T. Council and the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. The vehicle system processes all transactions that affect vehicle costs and usage and stores this information as historical data which in turn is used to produce a variety of reports for managing fleet inventory. The department had 1,258 vehicles on the road which included 110 new Dodge Chargers.



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Garage: The Garage is responsible for preparing, issuing, repairing and surplusing a fleet of over 1,300 vehicles. The prepping of vehicles includes the installation of all emergency lights, push bumpers, sirens, mobile radio brackets, and markings. The Garage equipped over 150 vehicles during the year. This included vehicles for GSP, MCCD, Capitol Police, GTF, P.O.S.T., GOHS, and SWAT. The Garage began outfitting Dodge Chargers for patrol duty. The first vehicles equipped were solid color slicked topped vehicles. These vehicles were equipped with all the equipment except for radios and cameras. This equipment included a push bumper that was designed based on testing by the Georgia State Patrol Training staff.

The Garage repairs approximately 10-15 vehicles per day. Repairs included emergency equipment, crash/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 Radio Shop performed 316 installations, 125 removals and 99 repairs. These figures include MCCD.

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. An annual inventory is taken to ensure inventory records are accurate. The supply warehouse maintained about \$1 million of inventory. The uniform divisions that this section provides clothing and accessories to are: Georgia State Patrol, Capitol Police and Motor Carrier Compliance.

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



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 12 members: one unit commander, six narcotics canine handlers, two explosives canine handlers, one incident command specialist, one interdiction specialist, and one secretary. Seven members are P.O.S.T. Instructors.

Primarily the Edward Byrne Grant, through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, funds the Regional K-9 Resource Team. However, with the continued reduction of funds from Congress for the Byrne Grant, the Chatham County Sheriff's Office has funded the majority of what the grant doesn't cover.

The Regional K-9 Resource provides P.O.S.T. certified training for any canine team from throughout the state that wishes to attend at no charge. The resource team provides a 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 offers the only P.O.S.T. approved state canine certification in explosives, narcotics and patrol work. The list of participants included students from Tennessee, South Carolina and the Federal Protective Services in Miami, Florida. Four canine teams from the department completed their training and certification with the resource team.

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MOTOR CARRIER COMPLIANCE DIVISION

Chief Mark C. McLeod is the Commanding Officer of the Motor Carrier Division 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.



MCCD Mission Statement: Through a commitment to excellence and the utilization of progressive and proactive strategies, the Motor Carrier Compliance Division of the Georgia Department of Public Safety continuously strives to enhance highway safety by reducing traffic crashes involving commercial motor vehicles, thereby enhancing the quality of life and creating a safer transportation environment for all.

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

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

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

New Entrant Program: The New Entrant program is responsible for performing safety audits on new interstate motor carriers based in Georgia within 18 months of receipt of new entrant registration. The Safety Audit Unit is comprised of 10 officers who are also cross trained to conduct compliance reviews.

Public Information and Education Program: This program involves extensive outreach by the MCCD to the general public, drivers, carriers, industry groups, law enforcement agencies and the judiciary. MCCD also develops, prints and distributes over 51 separate informational brochures and handouts on commercial vehicle safety topics.

HOV Operations Unit: This unit is responsible for the enforcement of HOV lane restrictions, and statewide MCCD Communications. HOV lane operations are conducted by 18 officers who are responsible for patrolling over 100 HOV lane miles in the metro Atlanta area. The effort put forth by these officers is designed to ensure compliance with HOV lane restrictions, thus improving air quality and traffic mitigation in Metro Atlanta. These

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officers also conduct motor carrier safety inspections and enforce truck lane restrictions in the Atlanta area. There are two full-time communications equipment operators assigned to the statewide Operations Center. The CEO provides a vital link between officers in the field and current GCIC/NCIC records, driver license files (including verification of CDL status in conjunction with commercial vehicle safety inspections), motor vehicle records and the insurance database.

Law Enforcement Training Unit: This unit is responsible for the professional development, training, and continuing education of all MCCD law enforcement officers, as well as for other agencies wishing to learn about commercial vehicle enforcement. The training 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 18,514 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.

The Motor Carrier Compliance Division is divided into nine geographic regions and two specialized units. The specialized units are HOV Enforcement and the Safety Compliance Unit which consists of the New Entrant Safety Audit Division, Compliance Review Division, and School Bus Safety Division. The administrative staff for MCCD is located at the Department of Public Safety building in Atlanta.

Region 1 is responsible for 14 counties located in the northwest corner of the state. Region 1 operations center around the Catoosa County Inspection Station located on I-75 at mile marker 343. The 21 officers issued 4,909 overweight assessments, performed 10,759 commercial vehicle safety inspections, issued 1,924 uniform traffic citations, 230 IFTA citations and conducted 2,576 dyed fuel inspections. The officers also conducted 21 safety outreach events, including Teen P.R.I.D.E. program and the National Life Saver event. They participated in 24 special enforcement activities including concentrated traffic checks, multi-agency joint enforcement details such as air brake checks, seat belt checks, G-TACT (Georgia Targeting Aggressive Cars and Trucks), Click It or Ticket and Zero Tolerance campaigns. The officers checked and replaced over 200 child safety seats, and provided practical experience through the use of DUI simulation goggles to teens and adults. During this reporting period five officers completed cargo tank training and three completed other bulk packaging training.

Region 2 is responsible for 20 counties located in north Georgia. Operations center around the Franklin County Inspection Station on I-85 at mile marker 169. The 21 officers issued 4,191 overweight assessments, performed 9,069 commercial vehicle safety inspections, issued 2,380 uniform traffic citations, 28 IFTA citations and conducted 2,001 dyed fuel inspections. Region 2 conducted 17 safety outreach meetings, and participated in multi-agency joint efforts such as, Hands Across the Border, Tour de Georgia, and Gold Rush in Dahlonega. The SFC was appointed to the Advisory Board of the Commercial Truck Driving Program of Athens Technology College.



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In March, Atlanta hosted the annual conference of the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) where Captain John Harrison became president of the CVSA. Since assuming this role, he represented the CVSA and Georgia at many events to include: keynote speaker at the New York State Truck Safety Symposium in Albany, New York, presenter at the annual conference of the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators in Edmonton, Alberta, speaker and presiding officer at the North American Inspectors' Competition in Minneapolis, speaker at the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Technology Showcase in Tennessee, and presenter at the annual conference of the Intermodal Association of North American in Atlanta. In September, the captain presided over CVSA's fall workshop in Pittsburgh, PA. He also had the distinction of testifying in May before the United States Senate Commerce Committee regarding on-board recorders for large commercial vehicles. The captain was joined in his testimony by the Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board and the Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.



Region 3 is responsible for 10 counties located in the Metro Atlanta area. Region 3 operations center around the Douglas County Inspection Station, located on I-20 at mile marker 43 and the Carroll County Inspection Station located on I-20 at mile marker 15. The 18 officers issued 3,505 overweight



assessments, performed 7,790 commercial vehicle safety inspections, issued 371 uniform traffic citations and performed 2,671 dyed fuel inspections and responded to 196 significant crashes. The officers participated in special events such as, safety and health fair, Click It or Ticket/100 Days of Summer Heat, Hands Across the Border, Governor's Challenge program, Career Day programs, Public Safety Expo, Truck Driver Rodeo Competition, G-TACT and Shop with a Hero.

Region 4 is responsible for 18 counties in South Georgia. Region 4 operations center around the Columbia County Inspection Station on I-20 at mile marker 187. The 20 officers issued 2,080 overweight assessments, performed 5,801 commercial vehicle safety inspections, 1,315 uniform traffic citations, 91 IFTA citations and conducted 2,988 dyed fuel inspections. Thirty-nine MCCA officers, over a period of seven months participated in joint effort road checks with local law enforcement and Georgia Office of Homeland Security. Operation Air Brake and Operation Safe Driver checks resulted in 85 inspections, 367 violations, 31 vehicles out of service, seven drivers out of service, 39 uniform traffic citations and nine overweight assessments. Officers participated in Tour de Georgia, Mayfest, GMTA Truck Rodeo and provided traffic control when tornados hit the Thomson/McDuffie County area.

Region 5 is responsible for 15 counties in West Georgia. Region 5 operations center around the Troup County Inspection Station located on I-85 at mile marker 23. The 14 officers issued 1,824 overweight assessments, performed 6,223 commercial vehicle safety inspections, 2,606 uniform traffic citations and conducted 1,187 dyed fuel inspections. The officers participated in nine joint agency concentrated enforcement activities which included Tornado Security Detail, Tour de Georgia, Easter Security Detail, Operation Brake Check, National Road Check, Hands Across the Border, Operation Safe Driver, and Georgia National Fair. During this year, two officers completed basic mandate training, 12 officers completed MFF training, two officers completed NAS training, and two officers completed FTO training.



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Region 6 is responsible for 20 counties in South Georgia. The operations center around the Monroe County Inspection Station located on I-75 at mile marker 190. The 26 officers issued 8,663 overweight assessments, performed 8,756 commercial vehicle inspections and conducted 427 dyed fuel inspections. They conducted 26 concentrated patrols all of which were located in high crash corridors. They conducted 11 safety outreach meetings and one judicial outreach. Region 6 assisted with the Easter detail and fire security in Atkinson County, and assisted with the Georgia National Fair.



Region 7 is responsible for 18 counties located in South Georgia. Region 7 operations center around the Bryan County Inspection Station located on I-16 at mile marker 144 and the Chatham County Inspection Station located on I-95 at mile marker 111. The region's 30 officers issued 4,419 overweight assessments, 1,628 uniform traffic citations, performed 12,025 commercial vehicle safety inspections, 63 IFTA citations and conducted 2,409 dyed fuel inspections. They participated in a number of joint agency enforcement checks, such as Vidalia Air Show, Operation Rolling Thunder, Click It or Ticket, and two port checks utilizing 23 officers. They also participated in Hands Across the Border, Operation Brake Check, South Central Traffic Network, and Savannah Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

Region 8 is responsible for 29 counties in South Georgia. Region 8 operations center around the Lowndes County Inspection Station 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 22 officers issued 7,374 overweight assessments, 3,900 uniform traffic citations and performed 8,555 commercial vehicle safety inspections. They participated in special details such as Easter Security, Motor Coach Expo and the Georgia National Fair. Region 8 initiated the first commercial vehicle related pilot project in Georgia. This project was designed to test the theory that aggressive enforcement efforts on CMV drivers who make the choice to operate unsafely would reach behavioral changes across a broad spectrum. To a certain degree of accuracy, it was theorized that the results of this aggressive enforcement project would demonstrate multiple safety enhancements. The site chosen for the project was the Cedar Springs Inspection Station in Early County. Based on the results we contend that our theory, aggressive enforcement positively alters unsafe motor carrier and CMV driver behavior, which provides for enhanced highway safety.

Region 9 is responsible for 15 counties in South Georgia. Region 9 operations center around the McIntosh County Inspection Station 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 16 officers issued 2,395 overweight assessments, 622 uniform traffic citations, 102 IFTA citations, performed 7,723 commercial vehicle safety inspections and conducted 800 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, two hazardous material checks, conducted 23 high crash corridor checks, six regional road checks and conducted 16 safety outreach meetings.

Region 10 is responsible for the enforcement of High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane restrictions of approximately 100 lane miles in five Metro Atlanta counties (Clayton, Cobb, Dekalb, Fulton, and Gwinnett). The officers issued 4,947 citations for HOV violations and performed 756 commercial vehicle safety inspections. Officers issued 362 uniform traffic citations to commercial vehicles, 1,376 uniform traffic citations for non-commercial offenses and made 230 fugitive arrests. They assisted in Click It or Ticket details, 100 Days of Summer Heat, Governor's Challenge Program, G-TACT, capitol security, and numerous other special details.

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Region 11's responsibilities are Compliance Review, Safety Audit and School Bus Inspection. The office is located in Madison. Group Safety Audit seminars are held in Madison. The officers perform over 18,000 inspections on buses within the state. Region 11 conducted 358 compliance reviews and 1,420 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. Region 11 had 121 enforcement cases resulting in \$519,512 in civil penalties.

Other Accomplishments and Activities: In addition to their regular duties, each region participated in special enforcement activities, including the following:

- 19 permanent inspection stations are participating in the Pre-Pass program. Pre-Pass is a program that allows commercial vehicles to pass by the inspection station based on the safety fitness rating and paying a fee to the Pre-Pass program.
- In a joint effort, all MCCD regions completed 661 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 55,893 pieces of public information sheets. With the participation of all regions 233 safety meetings were conducted with 7,676 participants and 5,085 seat belt violations.
- MCCD hosted the 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 American Trucking Association's National Truck Driving Championship. MCCD had 11 officers compete in all events. The officers were tested in several areas, written exam, cargo tank inspection, hazardous materials inspection, motor coach inspection level 1, driver-vehicle inspection, and personal interview. The 2007 champion continued on to compete against officers from other states, Canada, and Mexico at the 2007 NAIC held in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

GEORGIA TARGETING AGGRESSIVE CARS AND TRUCKS (G-TACT)

With funding from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, the Motor Carrier Compliance Division of the Georgia Department of Public Safety conducted a campaign entitled Georgia Targeting Aggressive Cars and Trucks (G-TACT). The purpose of the G-TACT program is to increase the awareness of the motoring public to the dangers of poor driving behavior around commercial motor vehicles. The G-TACT campaign promotes a positive message to "leave more space". The project which incorporates partnerships with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Georgia Motor Trucking Association, Georgia State Patrol, Georgia Department of Transportation and other law enforcement agencies involves a high visibility campaign using paid advertising, innovative road signs, and aggressive enforcement. The campaign which was conducted along I-75 North in Bartow, Cherokee, and Cobb counties was very successful and well received by both commercial and non-commercial drivers. The project will continue with outreach programs and additional enforcement campaigns.



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By utilizing aggressive education and continued enforcement tactics targeted toward motor carriers who operate unsafe equipment MCCD will prevent unsafe drivers and equipment, therefore providing enhanced highway safety.

The Motor Carrier Compliance Division continues to do an exceptional job keeping the interstates, state routes and all other roads safer for the citizens of Georgia by enforcing the FMCSA rules and regulations, and size and weight.

2007 Statistics

Safety Inspections	
FY 2007	
CVSA Certified Officers	202
Inspections	88,458
Out-of-service Vehicle Violations	25,541
Out-of-service Driver Violations	13,423

Size & Weight - FFY 2007

Total Trucks Weighed	12,006,607
Overweight Assess. Written	43,655
UTCs Written	1,414

High Occupancy Vehicle - FY 2007

HOV Citation Arrest	6,120
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School Bus Inspections - CY 2007

Public Bus Inspections	18,514
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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, #2 Peachtree, and all other state-owned 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 employees, 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, Capitol Police also partners, through the Department of Homeland Security, in multi-agency assessment teams providing assessments for other government facilities.

Division security personnel manage building access and life safety systems, provide first responder services to life safety incidents, and support responses to incidents. Contract security personnel provide building access control and building security, and key control and lost and found programs.

Communications center personnel monitor 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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