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Georgia Department of Public Safety

The Georgia Department of Public Safety was created in 1937 and oversees the day-to-day operation of the Georgia State Patrol (GSP), Capitol Police and the Motor Carrier Compliance Division (MCCD). GSP troopers investigate traffic crashes and enforce traffic and criminal laws on the state's roads. Capitol Police officers prevent and detect criminal acts, and enforce traffic regulations throughout Capitol Hill. MCCD officers conduct safety inspections of commercial motor vehicles and inspect highway shipments of hazardous materials.

Georgia State Patrol



“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.

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 highway 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, 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.”*

Capitol Police

Officers with the Capitol Police 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.



Motor Carrier Compliance

The Motor Carrier Compliance Division (MCCD) performs driver and vehicle inspections of commercial motor vehicles at roadsides, inspection stations, and at carriers' terminals. The inspections range from “full” vehicle and driver inspections, which include mechanical components, to “driver only” inspections. These may also include

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inspections of vehicles transporting hazardous materials.

This division consists of the following units and programs:

- HOV Unit - responsible for the enforcement of High Occupancy Lane restrictions and communications.
- School Bus Safety Unit - responsible for the annual safety inspection of the state's 17,000 public school buses.
- Compliance Review Program/Safety Audit - consists of 20 officers who conduct interstate and intrastate compliance reviews.
- Size and Weight Enforcement - the operation of 19 permanent weight/inspection stations provides enforcement coverage on the interstates and related by-pass routes.
- Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Program - contains five federally funded and required program areas, Driver/Vehicle Inspections, Traffic Enforcement, Compliance Reviews, Public Information and Education, and Data Collection.



The mission of the Georgia Department of Public Safety is to work cooperatively with all levels of government to provide a safe environment for residents and visitors to our state. Although focused primarily on the enforcement of traffic laws and investigation of traffic crashes, the Department of Public Safety will support the efforts of all public safety agencies to reduce crime, apprehend those who commit them, and respond to natural and manmade disasters. In all of our endeavors, DPS personnel will remain committed to following our core beliefs of trust, fortitude, compassion and professionalism.

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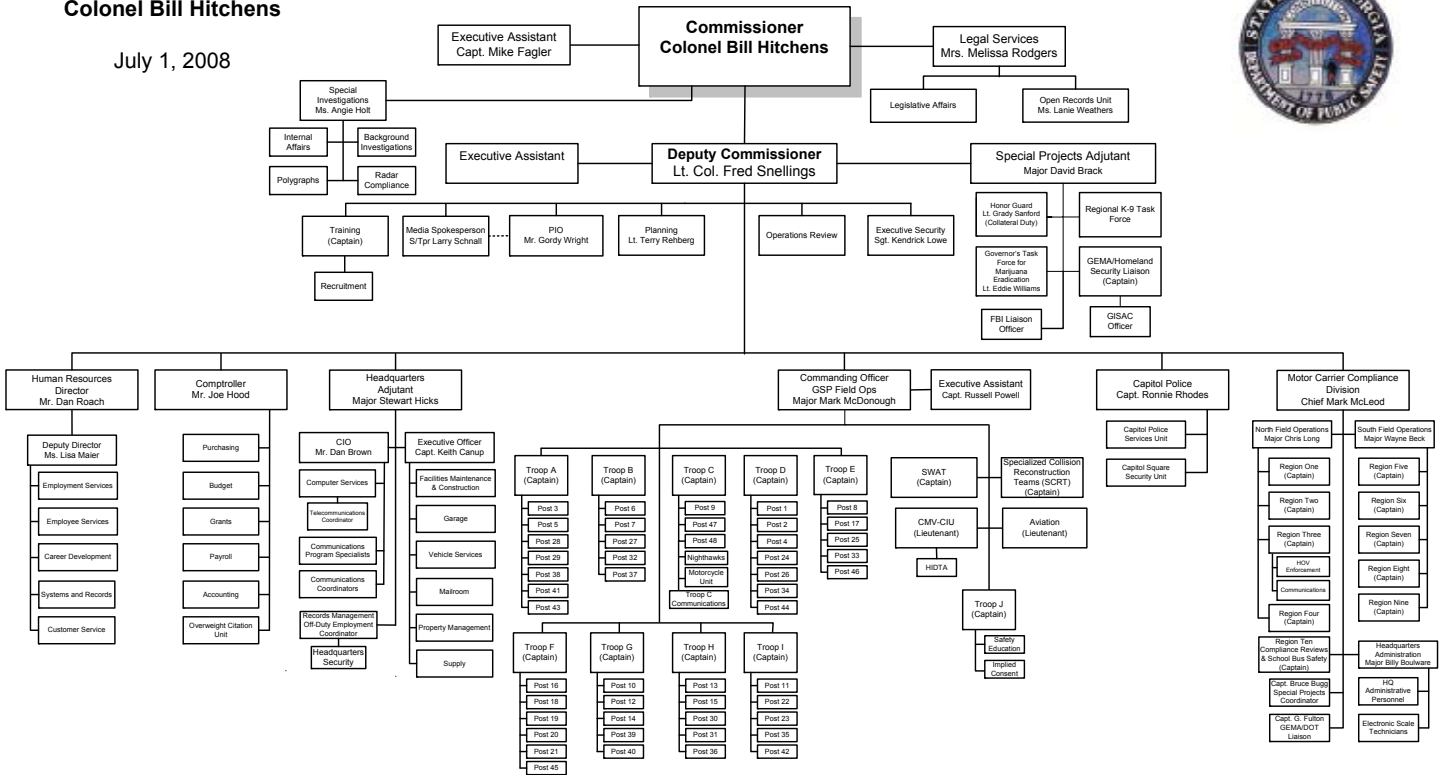
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Colonel Bill Hitchens

July 1, 2008



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**Commissioner
Bill Hitchens,
Colonel**

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Commissioner William "Bill" Hitchens is the Chief Executive of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and holds the rank of Colonel in the Georgia State Patrol (GSP). Colonel Hitchens' career spans more than 40 years of government service in the military and law enforcement. In January of 2003, Governor Perdue selected Hitchens to be the first director of the Georgia Office of Homeland Security. In May 2004, via an Executive Order by Governor Perdue, Hitchens was named Executive Commander of the G-8 Public Safety Command. In December 2004, Governor Perdue nominated Hitchens to be the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Public Safety and the Colonel of the State Patrol.

Hitchens served four years in the Marine Corps, which included a 13 month stint in Vietnam, and 28 years on the Georgia State Patrol (GSP). During his career with GSP, Hitchens attained the rank of major serving as the South Division Adjutant. A graduate of Georgia Southern University and the 130th Session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA, Colonel Hitchens has also accumulated hundreds of specialized training hours in the military, in law enforcement, and in homeland security.

He also served a year as the state president of the Georgia Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates and two years as the state president of the Peace Officers' Association of Georgia.



**Deputy Commissioner
Fred Snellings,
Lt. Colonel**

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of Public Safety**

Lt. Colonel Frederick D. Snellings, Jr. serves as the Deputy Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Public Safety. Lt. Colonel Snellings was appointed and confirmed by the Georgia Board of Public Safety on February 14, 2008. Lt. Colonel Snellings has served more than 35 years in public service. He served four years in the United States Marine. After 18 months in the Marine Corps, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant meritoriously in Vietnam. He joined the Georgia State Patrol where he served from 1972 to 1983 attaining the rank of sergeant.

In May 1983, Snellings entered on duty with the FBI as a Special Agent and was assigned to the Atlanta FBI Field Office. In August 1991, Snellings was promoted to a Supervisory Special Agent position in the Special Detail Unit, Administrative Services Division, at FBI Headquarters in Washington, DC. In April 1999, Snellings was promoted to Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Atlanta FBI Field Office where he functioned as the second-in-command of all the FBI's Criminal Operations in Georgia. After serving in the Atlanta Field Office, Snellings was appointed in April 2002 by FBI Director Robert Mueller to the New York FBI Field Office as Special Agent in Charge where he served as Executive Manager responsible for all criminal operations.

Lt. Colonel Snellings holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Morehouse College and a Master's degree in Public Administration from Brenau University. He is also a graduate of the 128th Session of the FBI National Academy, Quantico, VA.

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Major Mark McDonough, GSP Field Operations

As Commanding Officer over Field Operations, Major Mark McDonough oversees the daily operations of all Troops (A-I) and Posts (1-48), Troop J, Specialized Weapons and Tactics (SWAT), Specialized Collision Reconstruction Team (SCRT), Criminal Interdiction Unit (CIU), and Aviation.



Major Stewart Hicks, Headquarters

Major Stewart Hicks serves as the Headquarters Adjutant . In this capacity, he oversees the daily operations of Computer Services, Telecommunications and Communications programs, Facilities Maintenance and Construction, Vehicle Services, Mailroom, Property Management, Supply Records Management, and Headquarters Security.



Major David Brack, Special Projects

As Special Projects Adjutant, Major David Brack oversees the daily operations of the Honor Guard, Governor's Task Force for Marijuana Eradication, Regional K-9 Task Force, GEMA/Homeland Security Liaison, FBI Liaison, and the GISAC Officer.



Captain Ronnie Rhodes, Capitol Police Services

Captain Ronnie Rhodes oversees the day-to-day operations of the Capitol Police Services and Capitol Police Security Units, which include 20 sworn officers, 46 non-sworn security officers, and 22 Georgia State Patrol troopers.



Chief Mark C. McLeod, Motor Carrier Compliance Division

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

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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 reports directly to the commissioner. The primary function of the Legal Services Office is to provide guidance to the commissioner and to the employees of the department concerning any matters associated with the day-to-day operations 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 works closely with the Human Resources Division and the department managers to ensure compliance with all applicable State and Federal labor and employment laws. Legal Services also provides technical assistance to Human Resources in responding to inquiries made by the EEOC and the Georgia Commission on Equal Employment Opportunity.

Legal Services also works closely with 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 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 (MCCD) on issues involving commercial vehicles and represent the MCCD 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 (ALS) grant was awarded to the department in 2004 from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. The grant funds an 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 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 attorney conducts DUI/ALS training for all new troopers attending Trooper School.

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.

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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 sheriff for the county 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.

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

- Reviewed, revised or drafted 83 contracts, agreements, or memoranda of understanding between the department and other companies, agencies, or individuals.
- Opened and processed 174 legal case files which included 60 asset forfeiture cases.
- Responded to 3,888 open records requests and collected \$52,515.15 in fees associated with those requests.
- Filed 13 Safety Responsibility claims against individuals responsible for property damage to Georgia State Patrol vehicles totaling \$29,737.74.
- Opened approximately 1,572 ALS cases, filed motions and briefs in 409 cases, and represented troopers at the related ALS hearings.
- Opened 87 overweight/oversize citation cases and represented MCCD officers at 65 of the related administrative hearings.

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION (SID)

The Special Investigations Division (SID) consists of the Internal Affairs Unit, the Background Investigation Unit, the Polygraph Unit, the Permits Unit, and the support staff. Personnel assigned to the unit included one lieutenant, one sergeant first class, four internal affairs investigators (two sergeants and two corporals), five pre-employment background investigators (one sergeant first class and four sergeants), two polygraph examiners/investigators, one permit issuance specialist, one confidential secretary, an investigative assistant and one part time support person.

SID supports the mission and core beliefs of the department. The unit is dedicated to protecting the integrity of the department through ensuring adherence to the department's ethical standards, performance criteria, and commitment to public service. SID achieves this adherence by conducting a variety of investigations under its purview: internal affairs investigations, pre-employment background investigations, and violations of the speed detection device permit investigations.

Internal Affairs Unit: The Internal Affairs Unit investigates allegations of wrongdoing lodged against members of the department: Georgia State Patrol, Motor Carrier Compliance Division and the Capitol Police Services Section. SID is also responsible for investigating complaints alleging the misuse of speed detection devices by any agency bearing the department's certification. The department initiated 127 investigations, and of this number, 40 were complaint investigations conducted by field troop officers, and 87 were complaint investigations conducted by the internal affairs investigators. SID recorded 59 accusations of improper conduct, four reports of theft, three allegations of fraudulent use of the state credit card, two contentions of bias based profiling, three

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allegations of mishandling of evidence, one assertion of discrimination, one allegation of misuse of technology, three investigations into the discharge of firearms, one officer-involved shooting, and two pursuit-related incidents. In addition to conducting investigations into employee conduct/misconduct, the SID also conducted 13 speed detection device investigations, four allegations of persons impersonating an officer, and nine threat assessment evaluations.

Background Investigation Unit: The Background Investigation Unit is responsible for conducting pre-employment investigations for candidates seeking positions with the department. The Background Unit conducted 261 pre-employment investigations, an increase of 12.5 percent from 232 in 2007 and up 67 percent from 156 in 2006. Of that 261, 132 were trooper applicants, 41 were MCCD officer applicants, 52 were CSA I applicants, four were police corporal applicants, nine were secretary/clerk applicants, and seven were other applicants such as interns, mechanics and paralegals. Additionally, the Background Unit supervisor disqualified a total of 234 applicants during the background investigation process, finding past behaviors that fell outside the department's employment standards. An additional 44 applicants withdrew during the background assessment process, making the total number of pre-employment background investigations managed by the SID Background Unit 539.

Polygraph Unit: The Polygraph Unit supports the Background Unit by administering pre-employment polygraphs, and supports the SID Internal Affairs Unit by conducting issue-specific polygraphs. On occasion upon request, the Polygraph Unit also assists outside agencies by conducting issue-specific polygraphs in criminal matters. The two examiners administered a total of 396 polygraphs, a 12 percent decrease from 454 in 2007, but an increase of nearly 17 percent from 2006. Of these 396 examinations, 377 (95 percent) were pre-employment tests and 19 (5 percent) were issue-specific tests. The examiners additionally supported the SID unit by conducting eight internal affairs investigations.

The polygraph examiners also render support to the department's training staff as guest instructors during the basic trooper school classes for cadets. They assisted the G.P.S.T.C. staff by providing instruction to various basic and advance training classes, and by evaluating students during P.O.S.T. Instructor training. They also taught at the Georgia Polygraph Association conferences. One examiner serves on the Northwest Georgia Police Academy Advisory Board and is a frequent guest speaker at Kennesaw State University for its criminal justice program.

Permits Section: The Permits Section of SID administers the statewide issuance of permits to agencies who apply for speed detection device permits, to individuals seeking a wholesale/retail firearms license in order to sell handguns less than 15 inches in length, and to individuals seeking exceptions to Georgia's window tint law. The Permit Unit specialist issued/renewed 313 speed detection device permits (an increase of 62 percent from 2007), 798 wholesale/retail firearms permits with attached fees of \$26,707.75, and 219 window tint permits with attached fees of \$2,170.00. Both firearms permits and window tint exemption permits were slightly less than in 2007.

Additional Accomplishments: SID acquired an Identix live scan fingerprint device. This fingerprint scanning device allows for electronic submission of prints and same day results through both the state and federal criminal justice databanks. Formerly, manual submission of fingerprint information by ink and card sent by mail frequently took three to four months to get the results, which often delayed an applicant's certification through P.O.S.T.



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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

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 of working significant incidents/crashes utilizing the group paging system.



Additionally, the director represents the department on the Governor's Public Safety Awards Committee, serves as a member of the Public Safety Memorial Committee, coordinates the department awards program and responds to media inquiries. The director also prepares news releases for the six major holiday periods, specialized enforcement campaigns, and other releases as needed each year. He also conducts a training course in media relations to trooper cadets during GSP Trooper School.

Documents Unit: The Documents Unit 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 as custodians of public record. Documents received and filed over 1,500 types of evidence and completed more than 1,100 evidence requests. This evidence included photographs, videos, crash and incident reports, SCRT reports, subpoenas, requests for production of documents, and other documentation.

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

Publications/Website Unit: Publications is responsible for the 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 Association of Chief's of Police awards programs.

HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION

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

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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 ensure competitiveness with other law enforcement industries as well as other applicable business markets (accounting, purchasing, etc.). Assistance is provided to managers in recruiting top-notch candidates by conducting targeted and core business recruitments, assessing and evaluating job applicants, and participating in panel selections designed to attract and retain a quality workforce. Personnel Services conducts background investigations, 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 GA Work Ready. Lastly, 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), and worker's compensation files. Separated employee files are maintained and stored in this section. Entries for sick, annual and compensatory time are completed within Personnel Services.

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, and the statewide recognition 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.

PLANNING SECTION

The Planning Section provides support to all units of the Department of Public Safety by preparing studies and reports related to operations of the department. They provide assistance with the collection and analysis of information and technical assistance in the creation of databases and other computer-related information management tools in cooperation with the Computer Services Section. The Planning Section responds to

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surveys and other requests for information, and assists with planning for special events and details. This section is often called upon to assist with development and implementation of new work processes and procedures. An overview of the activities for this year include the following:

- Coordinated and facilitated the development of the agency's Strategic Plan in accordance with Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) guidelines.
- Gathered and presented information to visiting groups regarding the history, organization, management and leadership of the Georgia State Patrol.
- Prepared the annual pursuit summary report.
- Represented the department through its participation in the State and Provincial Police Planning Officer's Section of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), including attendance at its annual conference.
- Represented the department at the IACP Law Enforcement Information Managers' annual conference.
- Provided assistance to the commissioner and various division directors, through research and compilation of analyses and reports.
- Served on the Customer Service Committee and participated in quarterly meetings.
- Conducted surveys for several department members/sections utilizing the online survey tool. These surveys assisted individuals with their education, and provided direction for the department in several areas.
- Assisted in the creation and revision of numerous DPS forms.

COMPTROLLER

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

Budget

The 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 and OPB, and the House and Senate appropriation committees. Once approved by the General Assembly and signed by the Governor, the budget office prepares the annual operating budget (AOB) for OPB approval and submits subsequent quarterly allotment requests for operating funds. The AOB is monitored through monthly expenditure projections by line items and fund source projections. If necessary, an amended budget request is prepared, 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 the Specialized Collision Reconstruction Team (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.

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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.



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.

The amount of revenue for the Overweight Citations Unit that was transferred to the State Treasury was \$8,151,131.09 for Fiscal Year 2008. Revenue received from the Motorcycle Patrol Unit:

Atlanta Municipal Court:	\$ 12,623.70
Clayton State Court:	\$ 29,395.00
Cobb State Court:	\$ 47,246.73
DeKalb Recorders Court:	\$ 36,680.27
Fulton Magistrate Court:	\$290,381.15
Total:	\$416,326.85

The Department of Public Safety has 48 posts located throughout the state, and Capitol Police located in Atlanta. The 48 posts and Capitol Police collect the revenues for copies of accident/incident/citation reports requested by citizens. The total revenue collections for FY08 were \$136,942.26.

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 remitted surplus back to the State Treasury in the amount of \$943,981.85.

Payroll

The Payroll Office is responsible for maintaining all payroll related reports and processing payroll twice a month for the Department of Public Safety/Georgia State Patrol and four attached agencies. This office includes a staff of payroll paraprofessionals/ technicians and the payroll director. Payroll is also responsible for balancing and issuing W-2's to all current and former employees of DPS and the attached agencies. Some of the other payroll functions are as follows:

- Transferring monies from the State Treasury each pay period to cover payroll checks.
- Making federal tax transfer for all federal taxes; this includes employee and employer share of all federal taxes.
- Setting up all direct deposit information in PeopleSoft and making any corrections by coordinating with Wachovia Bank.
- Balancing all deduction reports and coordinating with Accounts Payable to send out checks or

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transfer monies for all employee deductions, including but not limited to garnishments, child support payments, supplemental insurance deductions, credit union deductions, savings bonds, and deferred and defined compensation.

- Reconciling, balancing and submitting retirement reports, which includes four different retirement plans, each with a different percentage for employer share.
- Balancing the health insurance report for all different health insurance plans and coordinating with Department of Community Health to resolve problems.
- Balancing and submitting 941 quarterly federal tax report, quarterly state tax report, and the quarterly report for the Department of Labor.
- Entering information for all annual leave and holiday leave payouts as necessary.
- Entering hours for all hourly employees each pay period when timesheets are received.
- Entering all overtime hours to be paid.
- Coordinating with budget office regarding all employees who are paid through grants.
- Distributing quarterly payroll calendars to all employees, and incorporating internal cutoffs dates for submission of timesheets and payroll exceptions.
- Ensuring that all personnel entries are correct in system and making any and all payroll corrections when errors are discovered.
- Completing special projects, as necessary, due to lawsuits or other requests from Legal Services.
- Researching and answering all requests on employees and former employees from IRS, Social Security Administration, retirement system, and others.

The Safetynet Unit is responsible for handling all of the commercial vehicle driver inspections performed by the Motor Carrier Compliance Division's enforcement personnel. The Safetynet Unit processed over 86,000 reports and uploaded these to the Federal MCMIS (Motor Carrier Management Information System) database. In addition, the Safetynet Unit maintains crash data on commercial vehicles through an interface with the Georgia Department of Transportation's Accident Reporting Unit. This data is also uploaded to the federal database. The Safetynet Unit is also responsible for the preparation and evaluation of the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Plan (CVSP) required annually by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration for the MCSAP funding. Grants requests and quarterly and annual reports are also prepared by this unit.



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 a Georgia highway. This office establishes the accounting policy to determine and implement internal financial controls in order to develop and institute accounting procedures for processing the collection of these monetary funds. This includes the daily depositing of these funds so these funds can be transmitted to the Treasury of the State of Georgia. This process allows this unit to monitor and maintain accounting records on these transactions. This unit processed, collected and deposited \$7,871,648.04 of monetary fines for 2008.

Additional functions performed by the Overweight Citations Unit include:

- Process non-sufficient funds (NSF) checks;
- Research and apply unapplied funds to appropriate accounts;
- Initiate refunds;

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- Link carriers' accounts to departmental accounts;
- Monitor appropriate bankruptcy cases;
- Maintain citation disputes and administrative hearing documents in coordination with the department's Legal Services Office;
- Prepare monthly financial statements and reports for the comptroller of the department;
- Issue and monitor conditional release agreements between the department and the carrier/owner-operator (when signed by both parties) which permits monetary funds to be applied in a timely manner to past due citations.

EXECUTIVE SECURITY DIVISION

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

The Dignitary Protection Unit handled 2,323 security details logging in 26,691 hours. There were 40 visiting principals from other states.

The Special Services Section screened 9,165 visitors attending tours at the Governor's Mansion during the year. There were an additional 5,055 guests attending special events. There was a total of 17,218 security hours for the Governor's Mansion Facility. The Executive Security Division logged in 3,296 training hours.

TRAINING DIVISION



The DPS Training Division consists of the GSP Training Unit and the MCCD Training Unit. The office is located at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) in Forsyth. The Training Division began 2008 with twelve sworn members, one sworn member detached to the division, and three non-sworn members.

The 86th Trooper School began on July 6, with 81 cadets assigned and is scheduled to graduate on February 20, 2009. Additionally, the unit facilitated fall and spring physical fitness/defensive tactics in-service training, firearms in-service training, pursuit liability training, and use of force simulator training for all sworn DPS officers.

The GSP Unit also conducted various remedial training sessions, a P.O.S.T. Instructor Training Class in conjunction with the GBI Training Unit and assisted several outside agencies with training assistance requests. Outside agency training included the use of force simulator for the Peace Officers Association of Georgia annual conference, active shooter training for Evans County Sheriff's Department, and Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT) training for Monroe County Sheriff's Department and others.

The MCCD Unit completed over 38 major classes including North American Standards Levels One and Two, cargo tank, and other bulk packages classes. Those receiving this training included 42 GSP troopers who form the newly designed Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit (CVEU). The unit also provided training to sub-grantee agencies that perform safety inspections. The unit received recognition from the Georgia Division Administrator

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of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Tom Marlow for their Field Training Officer (FTO) Program. Mr. Marlow encouraged MCCD to seek grant funding for the development of the program which could be applied nationally as a best practice.

2008 Training for Sworn Personnel

COURSE TITLE	HOURS	NO. OF STUDENTS	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS
85 th Trooper School (Basic)	408	45	18,360
85 th Trooper School (Extended)	999	47	46,953
Accident Reconstruction Level 1	40	424	16,960
Accident Reconstruction Level 2	40	303	12,120
Accident Reconstruction Level 4	40	9	360
ASP Tactical Baton Basic	2	5	10
Building Entries	8	21	168
CDR Analyst	32	19	608
Commander Technician	8	24	192
CIU Inservice	2/8	26	130
Commercial Vehicle Accident Investigation	40	21	840
Crime Scene Technician	40	1	40
DPS Inservice	8	44	358
Drugs That Impair Driving	8	44	352
DUI Detection & Sfst Update			
Ethics And Professionalism	2	1	2
FAA Flying While Armed	2	3	6
Field Training Officer	40	47	1880
Firearms Inservice	8	673	5,384
Firearms Requalification And Use Of Force	2/4/8	961	7,664
Firearms Simulator Use Of Force	1	153	153
FTO Update	8	130	1,040
GSP Inservice Firearms Use Of Force			
Instructor Training Course	80	16	1280
Less Lethal Training	8	65	520
Lidar Laser Certification	8	47	376
Lidar Operator (Basic)	8	2	16
Management Philosophies & Trends	8	10	80
Marijuana Id Certification Crs	16	1	16
Mobile Field Force Basic Course	4/8	180	860
O. C. Familiarization	4	2	8
Patrol Rifle	8	10	80
Physical Fitness Training	4/8	1,484	8,696
Police Counter Sniper	50	7	350
Police Counter Sniper Level 2	60	5	300
PT Inservice (Spring & Fall)	4/8	98	412
Pursuit Driving	24	8	192
Pursuit (Pit) Liability	4	726	2,904
Radar Certification (Basic)	16	71	1,136
Radar Certification	4	149	596
Rappelling	8/12	31	280
Riot Control Tactics	4/8	623	3,120
Security And Integrity	4	30	120
Special Weapons & Tactics	40	2	80
Standardized Field Sobriety Testing	24/40	4	144
Supervision Level 1	40	69	2,760
Supervision Level 2	40	47	1,880
Supervision Level 3	40	9	360
Supervision Level 2 (Gpste)	40	32	1,280
Supervision Level 3 (Gpste)	40	55	2,200
Swat Training	8	422	3,300
Tactical Rifle	8	2	16
Totals For 2008		7,279	148,024

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GEORGIA STATE PATROL - FIELD OPERATIONS

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:

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

Special Details

Troop A actively supports the Governor's Office of Highway Safety through participation in several traffic enforcement networks. Additional activities include the following:

- Troop A Strike Team (TAST)
- NASCAR races at Atlanta Motor Speedway
- Georgia Power benefit runs
- Southern National Drag Races in Commerce
- Hands Across the Border
- Operation Lifesaver train rides
- Operation "Rolling Thunder"
- Shriner's Parade and Toy Run
- Veterans Day Parade
- Blue Knights Motorcycle Club Memorial Ride
- Civil War Reenactments in Walker and Gordon counties
- University of Georgia football games
- Security details involving visits by Vice President Dick Cheney
- Governor Sonny Perdue, and other state dignitaries

One of the lieutenants serves as the Honor Guard Commander for the state, and he supervised numerous details involving from two to over 20 Honor Guard members. These details included funerals, convention openings, ceremonies, and an Atlanta Falcons game at the Georgia Dome where the Honor Guard presented the colors.



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Traffic Enforcement Efforts

Post	Traffic Stops	Arrests	Warnings
Post 3 - Cartersville	10,697	7,726	9,651
Post 5 - Dalton	10,758	8,772	10,736
Post 28 - Jasper	6,975	4,424	8,747
Post 29 - Cedartown	8,767	4,402	8,747
Post 38 - Rome	6,502	4,326	5,617
Post 41 - Lafayette	8,431	5,654	8,283
Post 43 - Calhoun	11,461	7,053	10,079

The sergeant from Post 3 serves as the supervisor in charge of the TAST. The TAST met monthly and concentrated in high population regions of the Troop focusing on DUI violations and criminal apprehension. This detail has been a huge success in arresting DUI drivers and criminals in general. Local county and city municipalities have welcomed the TAST and praised our efforts and the positive impact we have made in the communities.

On October 17, troopers from Post 5 assisted Dalton Police after a bombing in Dalton. A 78-year old man, upset over a family land dispute, drove a truck loaded with explosives into a law office. The man was killed in the explosion and an attorney was seriously injured. Troopers assisted in securing the scene and securing a building which was believed to contain more explosives until it could be cleared by the GBI Bomb Squad.

Post 28 personnel assisted the Cherokee County narcotics unit on more than one occasion when they were called upon. There were several requests made for aviation support from different agencies in our area. Post 28 Troopers also assisted with traffic control for the Tour de Georgia bicycle race in different areas and traffic control for various other mountain festivals.

Post 29 troopers were very active in Operation Rolling Thunder, a traffic enforcement activity designed to reduce fatalities in neighboring counties.

On March 11, Post 38 sergeant intervened in a barricaded gunman situation in Chattooga County. The sergeant was familiar with the suspect and used his acquaintance to gain entry into the house and get control of the weapon.

Post 41 participated in a Ghost-Out Program performed annually in Dade County. Public service announcements regarding seat belt awareness and child restraint use were also distributed to local radio and television stations.

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners donated three blackberry devices to the non-commissioned officer of Post 43 in 2007 and approved the continued service for the 2008 fiscal year. The Murray County Commissioner donated three Pro Lasers to Post 43 Calhoun. Each trooper patrols with the Stalker DSR 2x radar that was purchased by Gordon and Murray counties four years ago. This radar continues to enhance our enforcement efforts, and decrease the volume of crashes, injuries and fatalities in our area in 2008.



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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. According to the U.S. Census Bureau's resident population estimates for 2008, five of Troop B's counties are included in the 100 fastest growing US counties with 10,000 or more population.

Post 6 in Gainesville patrols Banks, Hall and White counties

Post 7 in Toccoa patrols Habersham, Franklin, Rabun and Stephens counties

Post 27 in Blue Ridge patrols Fannin, Gilmer, Towns and Union counties

Post 32 in Athens patrols Barrow, Clarke, Jackson, Madison and Oconee counties

Post 37 in Cumming which patrols Dawson, Forsyth and Lumpkin counties

Special Details

Troop B was awarded the "Top Troop" award in the GSP Troop Division of the Georgia Governor's Challenge. Captain Miller accepted the award at the GOHS luncheon. Troop B hosted six waves of "Operation Rolling Thunder" in Barrow and Oconee counties from September 2008 through December 2008. The Georgia Targeting Aggressive Cars and Trucks (TACT) campaign was held on the Gwinnett-Barrow-Jackson corridor of I-85 in Troop B during the summer. Troop B participated in Hands Across the Border in August of 2008.

Seventy-five percent of the troopers in Troop B became Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians (CPSTs) by successfully completing the NHTSA Standardized Child Passenger Safety Program. Troop B partnered with Randall Townley and the Lanier Child Passenger Safety Task Force and participated in several child safety seat checks throughout Troop B territory. Troopers also participated in joint field force exercises with Troops A and C.



One of the lieutenants coordinated the Georgia State Patrol's participation in the 2008 Police Unity Tour, a 250 mile bicycle ride from Portsmouth, Virginia to Washington, DC to raise money for the National Law Enforcement Memorial. He and two other troopers made the 250-mile ride in honor of the 186 law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty in 2007. On July 8, a bridge in Rabun County was dedicated to retired Trooper Bobby Staton. On September 13, a portion of U.S. Highway 441 was dedicated in memory of Senior Trooper Mike Fortson in Clayton, Georgia.

Additional activities include the following:

- Hands Across the Border
- SKF motorcycle escort
- Spring Nationals Drag Race
- Pinks All Out Drag Race
- Atlanta Motor Speedway
- University Of Georgia football games
- Dahlonaga Parade
- Tour de Georgia bicycle race

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- Georgia Mountain Fair
- City of Clermont Parade
- Oktoberfest in White County
- Funeral detail for a North Carolina trooper killed in the line of duty
- Immigration detail at the Georgia State Capitol
- Northeast Traffic Enforcement Network press conference
- Gilmer County Apple Festival
- Rolling Thunder

Traffic Enforcement Efforts

Post	Traffic Stops	Arrests	Warnings
Post 6 - Gainesville	19,514	15,676	13,418
Post 7 - Toccoa	8,515	7,776	7,120
Post 27- Blue Ridge	5,086	3,961	3,789
Post 32 - Athens	9,888	6,651	7,075
Post 37 - Cumming	5,988	4,357	3,453

Post 6 troopers conducted several safety talks during the year. All troopers completed the Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST) class and have participated in child safety seat checks.

Post 7 was the recipient of the MADD 2008 Hero Award for its aggressive DUI enforcement. Post 7 received the MADD 2008 Statewide Post of the Year for overall excellence and dedication in reducing alcohol-related crashes. Troopers assigned to Post 7 Toccoa participated in several waves of the Rolling Thunder Operation with GOHS in Troop B territory.

Post 27 members completed CPST training and have been active in the post territory as it relates to child safety. Post 27 assisted with several community activities. Post 27 assisted Towns County with the annual Georgia Mountain Fair, the Gilmer County Apple Festival, and several local events in the Blue Ridge area. Post 27 received the MADD GSP Post of the year by the local MADD chapter and the Appalachian Trail Traffic Enforcement Network (ATTEN).



Fifty percent of troopers from Post 32 attended child passenger safety classes which made them more aware of seat belt and child restraint violations; 1,339 seat belt and 146 child restraint citations were issued. Troopers held 30 demonstrations on how to properly install child safety seats at the post, and participated in six seat belt safety checks with area sheriff's departments to enhance public awareness of the importance of wearing seat belts and properly restraining children.

Post 37 troopers participated in several community events including the First Annual "Celebrating Safe Communities" Community Safety Fair.

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TROOP C

Troop C patrols the ever growing Metropolitan Atlanta area and focuses on increasing the awareness of safe driving while reducing the number of impaired drivers, crashes, injuries and fatalities. Troop C command oversees the day-to-day operations of three posts, a DUI task force, a motorcycle unit, and the communications center located at DPS headquarters.

Post 9 in Marietta patrols Cobb and Fulton counties (North of I-285)

Post 47 in Forest Park patrols Clayton, DeKalb, and Fulton counties (All outside I-285)

Post 48 in Atlanta patrols Cobb, Clayton, DeKalb, Fulton (All inside I-285) and Gwinnett counties

Nighthawks DUI Task Force patrols Cobb, Fulton, DeKalb, Clayton and Gwinnett

Motorcycle Unit patrols I-285 and the interstate system within the Metropolitan Atlanta area

Communications Center handles all communications for DPS headquarters and Troop C personnel

Special Details

Troop C is a unique troop largely due to the numerous special details and dignitary escorts during the year. Collectively, Troop C dedicated approximately 4,929 hours to special details. It also provided escorts for several dignitaries and provided security escorts for numerous fund raising organizations. Listed below are just a few of the details:

- VIP Tour
- Mayor's Bike Ride to the Capitol
- Escorts for Fallen Soldiers
- MDA Lock-Up's
- Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall
- Pep Boys Auto Race Atlanta Motor Speedway
- Southeastern Conference (SEC) Football Championship
- Red Carpet Tour
- Americas Competitiveness Forum
- Governor's Mansion Christmas Tours
- Police Memorial Ride
- Chick-fil-A Bowl
- 100 days Summer HEAT, Motorcycle Round-Up, Multi Agency Patrol
- Escorts for several dignitaries such as President Bush, Vice President Cheney, Secretary of Education, Secretary of Labor, and the presidents of El Salvador, Liberia, Colombia, and Guatemala.
- Tour de Georgia Bike Ride
- New Year's Eve Peach Drop



Traffic Enforcement Efforts

Post	Traffic Stops	Arrests	Warnings
Post 9 - Marietta	5,811	4,942	3,005
Post 47 - Forest Park	7,754	5,713	3,094
Post 48 - Atlanta	10,722	9,307	5,041
Nighthawks DUI	4,696	2,493	2,020
Motorcycle Unit	6,403	6,278	2,618

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In May, Post 9 personnel moved to their current location at 862 Barnes Mill Road in Marietta after relocating from Kennesaw. May, June, July and August were busy months with summer vacation traffic. Post 9 Troopers were involved in numerous motorcycle roundup enforcement days along with another MDA lock up and the ACF Security Detail.

Post 47 provides office space for several units with the department including Troop C Command, Safety Education, and the Motorcycle Unit of the Georgia State Patrol.

Many dignitaries traveled to the Atlanta area for different reasons during the year. Post 48 was responsible for the majority of the dignitary escorts. During 2008, Post 48 was responsible for the vice president of the United States, former President Clinton, the attorney general, the secretary of commerce, and the secretary of labor. During 2008, Post 48 had a total of 729 hours of dignitary security and 1,495 hours of special details.

The Georgia State Patrol Nighthawks DUI Task Force has been in operation since October of 2004 and is funded by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety H.E.A.T. grant. 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 Task Force responded to 895 open records requests in 2008. The installation of the WatchGuard software created a more efficient process for duplicating many of the 1,320 videos requested by defense and prosecuting attorneys through the Open Records Unit.

In February 2008, the Georgia State Patrol entered into an agreement with the Atlanta Police Department in which the State Patrol would investigate traffic crashes that occurred along the interstates, Georgia 166, and Georgia 400 inside the city limits of Atlanta. This would allow the Atlanta Police Department to take those officers assigned to working traffic and reassign them to answering other calls. Once the program was implemented, the Motor Unit was tasked with investigating the majority of the traffic crashes due in large part to the fact that the motorcycles could respond and maneuver through the traffic congestion faster and easier than in a patrol car. During 2008, the Motor Unit investigated 2,006 traffic crashes that resulted in 764 injuries and 7 fatalities. This was an increase in crash investigations of approximately 507 percent over the previous year where the Unit's personnel investigated 395 collisions.

Headquarters Communications Center handles all communications for HQ Personnel, Troop C Personnel, and the specialty units of Aviation, C.I.U., S.W.A.T., Safety Education, Implied Consent, and S.C.R.T. Teams. Headquarters Communications is the primary point of contact for all communication centers statewide. The communications center moved to a new and improved center which includes the Motor Carrier Compliance Division, Capitol Police, and the Georgia State Patrol dispatchers. The Communications Center has gone from the antiquated hand written accident logs to the new Computer Aided Dispatch System pertaining to accidents. This system helped the center dispatch over 6,000 crashes in the Metro Atlanta area with 5,177 actual crash reports generated and handled 37,751 traffic stops which resulted in 26,193 arrests and 16,227 warnings. Headquarters Communications participated in all Motorcycle Roundups, provided support to numerous concentrated patrols, completed criminal history checks for Georgia Department of Defense, participated in T.I.M.E. and T.R.I.P. meetings, completed all statewide holiday statistics, and completed training on the Motobridge System.



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TROOP D

Troop D Command was very busy in 2008. Pursuit critiques, use of force critiques, patrol crash investigations, post inspections, and investigating public complaints consumed a majority of the officers' time this year. In addition to these duties, Troop D Command has coordinated and executed the traffic plan for two major NASCAR Sprint Cup races in March and October. Also, we have scheduled numerous training dates, which include: firearms, pursuit liability, and mobile field force. Troop D consists of seven patrol posts:

Post 1 in Griffin patrols Butts, Henry, and Spalding counties

Post 2 in LaGrange patrols Harris and Troup counties

Post 4 in Villa Rica patrols Carroll and Douglas counties

Post 24 in Newnan patrols Coweta, Heard, and Fayette counties

Post 26 in Thomaston patrols Crawford, Pike, Taylor, and Upson counties

Post 34 in Manchester patrols Meriwether, Muscogee, and Talbot counties

Post 44 in Forsyth patrols Bibb, Lamar, and Monroe counties

Troop D investigated a total of 8,952 crashes which resulted in 5,253 injuries and 113 fatalities. In the area of enforcement, troopers made 80,150 traffic stops resulting in 57,531 arrests and 47,487 courtesy warnings. These arrests include 1,535 DUI arrests, 133 felony drug arrests, 262 misdemeanor drug arrests, 61 other felony arrests, 386 fugitive apprehensions, and 25 stolen vehicle recoveries. A total of 9,256 arrests were made for seatbelt violations and 930 arrests were made for child restraint violations. Troopers also assisted 3,275 motorists on the highways. These enforcement statistics were produced in 15,568 patrols and 166,522 hours on duty.

Special Details

Troop D also participated in numerous details this year resulting in 6,307 special detail hours. The events include, but are not limited to the following:

- Two NASCAR Sprint Cup races at Atlanta Motor Speedway,
- Emancipation Proclamation detail in Thomaston,
- Super Sunday detail in Roberta,
- School of Americas detail in Columbus,
- Georgia football games,
- Mother's Day tornado in Macon



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Traffic Enforcement Efforts

Post	Traffic Stops	Arrests	Warnings
Post 1 - Griffin	12,464	8,771	7,053
Post 2 - LaGrange	10,414	8,410	5,955
Post 4 - Villa Rica	14,290	9,488	11,127
Post 24 - Newnan	11,092	8,045	5,939
Post 26 - Thomaston	12,006	8,440	7,871
Post 34 - Manchester	8,477	5,396	5,061
Post 44 - Forsyth	9,829	8,458	3,919

In 2008, the Troop D H.I.T.T. (High Intensity Traffic Team) patrolled several problematic areas in major cities in troop territory. During the year, the 10-man team did an outstanding job producing an amazing amount of quality enforcement activity. The following cities in Troop D were areas that resulted in the highest number of DUI arrests this year: Columbus, Newnan, Macon, and Griffin. The H.I.T. Team produced a high number of quality arrests that resulted in the following enforcement activity: 1,826 arrests, 201 DUIs, 1,016 courtesy warnings, 15 felony drug arrests, 40 misdemeanor drug arrests, 4 other felony arrests, 43 fugitive apprehensions, and 1 stolen vehicle recovery. These highly motivated troopers produced these enforcement statistics in 25 patrols. These statistics are outstanding and we are very proud of the team members' dedication to duty.



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TROOP E

Troop E is located in the east central section of Georgia. The western end begins in Rockdale County at Interstate 20 and continues for approximately 150 miles to the Georgia/South Carolina line, ending in Richmond County. The posts that comprise this troop are Conyers, Madison, Milledgeville, Washington, and Thomson. The counties that are within this region are as follows:

Post 8 in Madison patrols Greene, Jasper, Morgan, and Putnam counties

Post 17 in Washington patrols Elbert, Lincoln, Oglethorpe, Taliaferro, and Wilkes counties

Post 25 in Thomson patrols Columbia, Glascock, McDuffie, Richmond, and Warren counties

Post 33 in Milledgeville patrols Baldwin, Hancock, Jones, and Washington counties

Post 46 in Conyers patrols Newton, Rockdale, and Walton counties

Troop E provided support to other troops when special details have arisen. Troop D received support during the Atlanta Motor Speedway races held in March and October. Troop E assisted Troop B personnel during the NHRA Southern Nationals Drag Race on April 25 - 27. Assistance was also provided during University of Georgia home football games in Athens. Troop H requested the troop's assistance with the Georgia National Fair, held in Perry at the National Fairgrounds in October. Troop E also participated in the following events:



Special Details

- Hands Across the Border
- Masters Golf Tournament
- The Kyle Petty Charity Ride
- Tour de Georgia bike race
- Mule Day Arts and Crafts festival
- Shady Dale Rodeo
- Morgan County Junion Deputy program
- Freedom Riders July Fourth ride
- Wal-mart Safe Kids program
- Traffic Enforcement Network activities
- Presidential Inauguration
- American Legion Motorcycle Ride from Loganville to Madison

On March 15, troopers assisted the citizens of Jefferson County during severe weather with a tornado having touched down in that county. During July and November, an enhanced effort was made in regards to commercial motor vehicles in Richmond County calling for members from all posts to assist with this G-TACT effort.

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Post	Traffic Stops	Arrests	Warnings
Post 8 - Madison	11,178	7,971	5,720
Post 17 - Washington	7,983	4,874	4,999
Post 25 - Thomson	11,132	8,796	5,422
Post 33 - Milledgeville	11,126	6,694	6,959
Post 46 - Conyers	14,403	9,700	8,986

Most of the area in Post 8 is rural with the exception of a portion of Lake Oconee in Putnam and Greene counties that has seen extreme growth in the recent past. Interstate 20 runs through our territory in Morgan and Greene counties and encompasses approximately 41 miles. Post 8 regularly assists local agencies with crash investigations, calls for assistance, and special details.

In December, Post 17 troopers assisted Oglethorpe County with their Smokey Road Christmas Parade. Troopers also helped Wilkes County with their Christmas Parades in Tignall and Washington. Post 17 also hosted a Christmas luncheon for retirees as well as post personnel and their families.

Post 25 and Troop E troopers assisted the Richmond County Sheriff's Department with a large civil disorder which utilized Troop E's Mobile Field Force. Troopers were active in supporting the East Central Georgia Traffic Enforcement Network by participating in concentrated roadchecks and safety meetings. Troopers from Post 25 and in house safety education personnel developed a safety program at the request of the Toombs Judicial Circuit Juvenile Court targeting offenders who had committed traffic violations and who are at risk.

Post 33 assisted the Milledgeville Police Department with their crashes while they were understaffed. The response times to these crashes were short and the people involved were very appreciative. Post 33 also assisted with traffic and security at the Gray Parade, and the Milledgeville parade, and sponsored the Toys for Tots program for families in need accruing approximately 200 gifts.

Post 46 conducts monthly concentrated patrols and road checks within its post territory, rotating counties each month. When conducting road checks, Post 46 personnel and the county sheriff's department participate together to increase DUI arrests. Post 46 personnel have also participated in the GOHS road checks. Post 46 has one trooper that is certified as a Drug Recognition Expert, four field training officers and three troopers that hold instructor certificates.



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Troop F

There are six posts assigned to Troop F which encompasses 22 counties. Several members received the customer service award for their actions as part of the Troop F Task Force in assisting with a house fire in Laurens County during a concentrated patrol. Troopers from each post are a part of this task force.

Post 16 in Helena patrols Jeff Davis, Dodge, Montgomery, Telfair, and Wheeler counties

Post 18 in Reidsville patrols Appling, Tattnall, and Toombs counties

Post 19 in Swainsboro patrols Emanuel, Jefferson, Johnson, and Treutlen counties

Post 20 in Dublin patrols Bleckley, Laurens, Twiggs, and Wilkinson counties

Post 21 in Sylvania patrols Burke, Jenkins, and Screven counties

Post 45 in Statesboro patrols Bulloch, Candler, and Evans counties

Special Detail

Troop F personnel assisted with various details during 2008. These details included:

- Uvalda Farm Days Festival
- Possom Hollow Festival in Laurens County
- Lumber City Festival
- Georgia National Fair in Perry
- Georgia Southern University football games
- St. Patrick's Day in Savannah
- Vidalia Onion Festival
- Glennville Sweet Onion Festival
- Beach Music Festival in Jekyll Island
- NHRA race in Commerce
- Pine Tree Festival in Swainsboro
- Million Pines Festival and Soperton
- Fourth of July Parade in Wrightsville
- Tour de Georgia bike race
- Sylvania Special Olympics
- Brooklet Peanut Festival
- Bulloch County Fair
- Chick-Fil-A Public Safety Day
- Metter Elementary School
- Nevils Elementary Safety Days
- Rattlesnake Roundup in Claxton
- Atlanta Motor Speedway Detail
- Sylvania Sampler and Sylvania Christmas Extravaganza



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Traffic Enforcement Efforts

Post	Traffic Stops	Arrests	Warnings
Post 16 - Helena	7,292	4,784	5,218
Post 18 - Reidsville	7,145	4,324	5,600
Post 19 - Swainsboro	8,634	5,811	5,585
Post 20 - Dublin	10,259	5,690	6,970
Post 21 - Sylvania	5,198	3,220	4,795
Post 45 - Statesboro	10,556	5,745	5,989

Post 16 had two troopers detached to MCCD and one on extended military leave.

Post 18's territory includes Appling, Tattnall, and Toombs counties. Included in these counties are Georgia State Prison and Rogers Correctional Institute in Reidsville. Smith State Prison is located in Glennville. The Nuclear Power Plant Edwin I Hatch is located in Appling County.

Post 19 troopers began the departmental training requirements for Accident Reconstruction Levels I, II and III. The corporal completed all levels of supervision training and one trooper completed training necessary to become a basic K-9 handler.

One trooper from Post 20 received his marijuana identification certification.

Post 21 personnel assisted with major tornado damage which occurred near Mother's Day in Burke, Jefferson, and Johnson counties. Non-Commissioned officers also attended the Burke County Emergency Management Agency graded emergency response exercise at the Plant Vogtle Nuclear Power Plant. One trooper is a member of the State of Georgia Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team and his services were called upon numerous times throughout the year in that capacity as well as maintaining their demanding training schedule.

Post 45 personnel participated in joint terrorism training with the Georgia Southern Police Department, Bulloch County Sheriff's Department, Statesboro Police Department, and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

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TROOP G

Troop G of the Georgia State Patrol consists of five patrol posts located in Americus, Thomasville, Colquitt, Cuthbert and Albany. The five posts of Troop G consists of 23 southwest Georgia counties.

Post 10 in Americus patrols Marion, Schley, Sumter, Terrell, and Webster counties.

Post 12 in Thomasville patrols Colquitt, Grady, Mitchell and Thomas counties.

Post 14 in Colquitt patrols Decatur, Early, Miller, and Seminole counties.

Post 39 in Cuthbert patrols Calhoun, Chattahoochee, Clay, Quitman, Randolph, and Stewart counties.

Post 40 in Albany patrols Baker, Dougherty, Lee and Worth counties.

Special Details

Troop G Command staff assisted Troop G personnel in a dignitary protection detail when Vice President Cheney came to Dougherty County. This has been an annual detail involving the Georgia State Patrol, US Secret Service, and local agencies since 2001. Troop G Command coordinated several training classes held in the troop during the year. The command staff also coordinates personnel to handle special details such as:

- Atlanta Motor Speedway
- Georgia National Fair
- Sunbelt Agriculture Expo
- Hands Across the Border
- Mule Day
- Rattlesnake Roundup
- Cotton Festival
- May Day Festival
- King Cotton Horse Show
- Pig Jig
- Leary Christmas Parade

In August, Tropical Storm Fay caused flooding in several Troop G counties and the command staff coordinated efforts to watch for flooding, re-route traffic due to road closings, and get supplies to affected areas.

Traffic Enforcement Efforts

Post	Traffic Stops	Arrests	Warnings
Post 10 - Americus	9,605	4,997	6,872
Post 12 - Thomasville	12,751	9,676	7,094
Post 14 - Colquitt	6,290	5,164	4,569
Post 39 - Cuthbert	5,029	3,993	5,228
Post 40 - Albany	10,801	8,756	6,662

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A number of meetings were held with DPS Headquarters, Troop G, Post 10, Sumter County Administrator Lynn Taylor, and the architects regarding plans for a new patrol post in Sumter Co. In August, it was announced that the new troop communications office would be placed at Post 10 which added to changes in the plans for the new patrol post.

Post 12 assisted other agencies during natural disasters and other calls to aid. The most prominent occurrence was the major flooding that took place in August.

Construction on the new post in Colquitt began in late 2007 and was completed in July of 2008. Post 14 personnel occupied the new patrol post on July 8.

Troopers at Post 39 responded to Clay County's search for a sexual predator who had removed his leg monitor. The violator was captured that evening in a wooded area near a local creek.

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TROOP H

Troop H is made up of five patrol post that cover 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.

Post 13 in Tifton patrols Berrien, Cook and Tift counties.

Post 15 in Perry patrols Houston, Macon, Peach and Pulaski counties.

Post 30 in Cordele patrols Crisp, Dooly and Turner counties.

Post 31 in Valdosta patrols Brooks, Echols, Lanier and Lowndes counties.

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

Special Details

Troop H personnel assisted or participated in several details and annual events during 2008. Troopers assisted in the Georgia National Fair providing many troopers each day for traffic control and security inside the fairgrounds. Troopers from Troops G, E, F, I, D, E and J also assisted with these duties. In September, troop personnel participated in the annual "Hands Across the Border" event. This event is a joint effort between the Georgia State Patrol, Florida Highway Patrol, Governor's Office of Highway Safety and many local police agencies that emphasizes seatbelt and child restraint usage. 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. Additional details include the following:

- Founders Day in Nicholls
- Sweet Potato Festival in Ocilla
- Wild Chicken Festival in Fitzgerald
- Christmas Parade in Douglas and Fitzgerald
- Independence Day festivities in Douglas
- Homecoming Parade in Pearson

Traffic Enforcement Efforts

Post	Traffic Stops	Arrests	Warnings
Post 13 - Tifton	11,258	7,862	6,790
Post 15 - Perry	12,084	10,104	6,488
Post 30 - Cordele	11,976	8,337	8,483
Post 31 - Valdosta	8,688	7,877	7,486
Post 36 - Douglas	9,920	7,142	8,648

Post 13 troopers have developed their own grilling team and have volunteered to cook for organizations such as the March of Dimes and the American Cancer Association. Troopers also volunteered to cook for a neighborhood cookout at the Brookfield Mews Housing Complex. Post 13 partnered with The Patticake House which is a child advocacy organization whose mission is to make a brighter and happier Christmas for abused and foster children in this area. This partnership helped to raise over \$80,000 in funds and in kind donations which helped over 450 kids have a Merry Christmas.

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Post 15 troopers were called upon to provide a vice-presidential motorcade detail from the Macon Airport to Perry. Post 15 is involved with local schools and civic clubs when called upon to conduct safety talks. Post 15, personnel along with approximately 350 troopers from the state provided traffic support for the Georgia National Fair held in Perry from October 2 - 12.

Post 30 assisted the sheriff's departments and police departments in its area of enforcement, as well as other post areas of enforcement. Troopers from Post 30 assisted with details including the NASCAR events at Atlanta Motor Speedway, the Georgia National Fair in Perry, and closing of roadways in the Thomasville area when the roadways became flooded by heavy rainfall. In August 2008, troopers from Post 30 assisted the Dooly County Sheriff's Department by patrolling Unadilla when the city was without a police force. Post 30 also assisted the Dooly County Sheriff's Department, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, and the Georgia Department of Revenue in August by serving search warrants at various establishments in Unadilla that were serving alcohol without a license.

Post 31 participated in several regional Governor's Office of Highway Safety traffic network meetings and checkpoints throughout the year.

Post 36 troopers assisted with security at area football games and provided traffic control in all four counties. In April, troopers provided security for a high profile murder case in Atkinson County. They also assisted the Altamaha Drug Task Force serving arrest warrants on five separate occasions.

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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. Points of interest and responsibility within the troop include Georgia Ports Authority terminals in Savannah and Brunswick, 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.

Post 11 in Hinesville patrols Liberty, Long, and McIntosh counties.

Post 22 in Waycross patrols Ware, Brantley, Bacon, Clinch, Charlton, and Pierce counties.

Post 23 in Brunswick patrols Glynn, Camden, and Wayne counties.

Post 35 in Jekyll Island

Post 42 in Rincon patrols Chatham, Bryan, and Effingham counties.

Special Details

Troop I personnel participated in the annual “Hands Across the Border” campaign at the GA/FL and GA/SC state lines. Troop personnel participated in GTACT in Chatham County in January and in a Marshal Round-up in April that resulted in capturing 13 fugitives and clearing 53 warrants. Personnel participated in the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety seatbelt blitz in troop territory in November. Events that required security from Troop I personnel include the Beach Music Festival on Jekyll Island, the Georgia National Fair in Perry, Tour de Georgia in Savannah and the Easter Celebration in Folkston. Troop I was represented by 19 troopers at the MADD Luncheon in March. Five troopers successfully attended and completed a Child Passenger Seat certification class, training them in how to properly install and inspect child seats. Troop personnel also participated in other community events, as listed:

- EMS Day
- Brantley County Jr. Police Academy
- “Shop with a Cop”
- Boy Scouts of America Camporee
- National Night Out

Additionally, several troopers stopped by local high schools in the troop that were holding alcohol-free proms, to help promote the dangers of drinking and driving. Troop I personnel participated in an annual softball tournament in Waycross to help raise money for battered women and children shelters in the area.



In appreciation of Troop I personnel’s efforts throughout the year, a Troop I Day was held in October where co-workers met and enjoyed a time of golf and fellowship. Awards were given to employees to show appreciation in areas of excellent service. Post commanders presented a Civilian Employee of the Year Award and Trooper of the Year to employees that met certain customer service and performance criteria. Also, Troop Command presented a DUI Recognition Award to the trooper in each post that had the highest number of DUI arrests, as of the end of October.

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Traffic Enforcement Efforts

Post	Traffic Stops	Arrests	Warnings
Post 11 - Hinesville	8,261	6,162	6,616
Post 22 - Waycross	7,312	4,709	5,623
Post 23 - Brunswick	11,992	9,571	9,390
Post 35 - Jekyll Island	2,409	964	2,068
Post 42 - Rincon	13,857	10,098	7,764

Several occurrences during the year attracted attention from local and national news media. In February, Post 42 personnel helped secure the area after an explosion at the Imperial Sugar Refinery near Savannah, which ultimately claimed the lives of 14 workers. Tornadoes made their marks in the troop; one touched down in Effingham County in March that affected the power in Savannah, thus cutting the St. Patrick's Day activities short. On Mother's Day in May, tornadoes struck McIntosh County causing millions of dollars worth of damage to area businesses and homes.

Troop officers and troopers responded to the area to provide security and assistance to local law enforcement. Also in May, a 1,200-acre wildfire in Brantley County had Post 22 personnel watching the area closely, with the 600,000 acre wildfire in Ware County from April, 2007 still fresh on their minds. The Brantley County fire was brought under control and extinguished with no damage to structures or homes. Troop officers participated in the statewide hurricane exercise in May and attended a Lessons Learned Workshop in August at FLETC, following the Virginia Tech school shootings. Troop officers, the chief communications equipment officer, and senior communications equipment officers visited the Florida Highway Patrol Communications Headquarters in Jacksonville to view the communications center and get an idea of how the troop communications centers will work.

Post 35, Jekyll Island is a post as unique as the Georgia State Patrol itself. The Jekyll Island post provides duties parallel to city 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's hidden treasures. During 2008, 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 firework festivities. August brought the Beach Music Festival that required assistance from troopers from across South Georgia. Troopers initiated 131 criminal investigations with 86 being cleared. From these investigations, 35 arrests were made.

In August, Troop I employees came together in a more somber tone, as members of the department remembered the second anniversary of Cpl. Mike Young's passing. Friends and family members gathered together to dedicate mile marker 29 on Interstate 95 as the "Corporal Michael Douglas Young Memorial Interchange". The newly-formed Troop I DUI Task Force, the "Maddawgs," is named after him to commemorate his legacy in the troop. In December, members gathered again for the groundbreaking of a long overdue patrol post in Glynn County, which will house Post 23, Troop I Communications, and Troop I Command. The building is expected to be completed by October 2009.



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GEORGIA STATE PATROL - SPECIALIZED DIVISION

TROOP J

Troop J is comprised of the following units: Troop J Command, Implied Consent, and Safety Education. Presently, these units consist of 24 sworn uniform members and one support staff member that provide a broad range of services on a statewide basis.



Implied Consent Unit (ICU)

The mission of the Georgia State Patrol's Implied Consent Unit is to effectively administer and oversee the State's breath alcohol testing program. In cooperation with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, the unit and its sworn GSP personnel are responsible for inspecting and maintaining all evidential breath testing devices in Georgia. Currently, there are nearly 600 instruments statewide in over 158 counties. ICU personnel conducted 1,905 instrument inspections and documented over 4,398 hours of service related matters.

In addition to performing regular maintenance and inspections of all breath testing instruments, the members of ICU provide crucial expert testimony in DUI related court cases for state, area, and local law enforcement agencies statewide. Members regularly responded to open records requests, documenting 149 collectively. Manual open record requests are gradually declining due to availability of electronic submission and availability of GBI/DOFS records. ICU members spent 206 hours in court and other legal proceedings regarding intoxilyzer operation and instrumentation.

ICU personnel are also responsible for the training and certification of all breath testing device operators. This was conducted through approximately 36 two-day basic operator courses and 38 four-hour refresher courses. Through these courses, 994 new operators representing 234 different agencies were certified. Additionally, 1,688 existing operators were recertified.

ICU personnel issued 949 arrests, 1,076 warnings and 190 motorist assists. The members also supplemented field operations during annual events such as the Atlanta race detail, Dahlonega Gold Rush detail, Georgia National Fair, and troop concentrated patrols. The Implied Consent Unit also supplements Troop J operations during the planning and implementation of events such as Bicycle Ride Across Georgia, Georgia Power Cancer Run, Girls State, and the Special Forces Operation One Voice military run.

Major initiatives were developed and undertaken including program presentation at traffic enforcement network meetings and the portable breath test device repair program. All ICU members were recognized by MADD on March 21 for their outstanding dedication to traffic safety in Georgia.

Safety Education Unit (SEU)

The mission of the SEU is to promote the safe operation of motor vehicles and reduce the number of crashes, injuries and fatalities in Georgia through education and enforcement. To this end, SEU troopers expended 1,759

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hours conducting 1,576 safety programs. The recipients of these programs were schools, civic clubs, employee groups, military bases and various other organizations.



Unit members conducted 2,091 public relations visits with the purpose of making the public more aware of the efforts of the GSP towards highway safety.

SEU troopers issued 1,120 citations (including four DUI arrests), 1,192 warnings and assisted 189 stranded motorists. SEU troopers aggressively participate in holiday patrol efforts, sustained enforcement drives and concentrated patrols.

SEU troopers dedicated 2,047 hours participating in many special details. SEU served as 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

Bike Ride Across Georgia, the 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 Kids Leadership Conference, Uniformed Safety Education Officers Workshop Conference in Colorado Springs, Operation One Voice military run, Hands Across the Border events, Perry Fair, Heart and Soul of Georgia Bus Tour, Camp Civitan (for handicapped children), St. Patrick's Day detail, Georgia Highway Safety Conference, dignitary protection details and other special events.

The unit also shows its commitment to community involvement by its participation in PRIDE (Parents Reducing Injuries and Driver Error) classes, Drive Smart expos at high schools and conducting defensive driving classes, and child safety seat programs. SEU troopers serve their communities as civic club members and in community service oriented fraternal organizations. They take active roles as both participants and instructors in their local traffic enforcement networks.

SEU troopers serve the department as instructors at GPSTC and assist with regional training for other departments and GSP. The corporal serves the department as a chaplain and a senior trooper is a member of SOG SWAT.

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AVIATION

Over the past 34 years Aviation 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. 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.

Facilities and Equipment

Currently, the division's assets consist of 15 helicopters, three airplanes, six hangars, 13 pilots, six aircraft mechanics, and one administrative support personnel. Inventory consist of two Bell 407 helicopters, five Bell 206 helicopters, six OH-58 helicopters, two Bell UH-1 helicopters, one Cessna 182 airplane, one Cessna 402 twin engine airplane and one motorized glider. Additionally, 11 troopers from field posts and five non-departmental peace officers have been trained as tactical flight officers to operate the forward looking infrared camera system to support search and rescue missions seven days a week, 24 hours a day. Another unique component to both the pilots and the tactical flight operators is the law enforcement training and practical road experience gained prior to becoming a member of the Aviation Unit. This experience proves invaluable because they understand how law enforcement agencies work and interact with each other during emergencies.



Technology

Forward Looking Infrared Camera systems have been placed on six different aircraft located at each one of our 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. The integration between NVG's and the FLIR has required a concerted program development and training syllabus that requires certification and proficiency flights on an ongoing basis to maintain currency.

Partnerships

Aviation and the State of Georgia SWAT team work together with the use of the Bell UH-1H and OH-58 platforms. Vital support has been given for SWAT call-outs. Aviation is able to provide air transport, fast roping or rappelling, and airborne surveillance and aerial gunnery for suppression and protection. Aviation also provided aerial transport at any time day or night, placed them in the desired location, and provided a bird's eye view via data link to the tactical commander. This is also a capability that no other state aviation unit has developed or are 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 provides aircraft, 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 Aviation. 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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2008 GSP Aviation Division Flight Request by Agency

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Flight Request</u>
Georgia State Patrol	822
Sheriff Departments	272
Police Departments	59
Other State Agencies	14
Georgia Bureau of Investigation	48
Lt Governor's Office	13
Other Federal Agencies	9
Emergency Management Agency	32
Governor's Office	12
Georgia Department of Corrections	4
Other County Agencies	5
Drug Enforcement Administration	4
Local Drug Task Force	7
Department of Natural Resources	12
Lo-Jack	3
Military	10
All other	110
United States Secret Service	7
Schools	9

2008 GSP Aviation Division Flight Statistics

<u>Mission</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Search / Missing Person / Fugitive (Day)	71	157.0
Search / Missing Person / Fugitive (Night)	37	73.2
Search Escapee Fugitive (Day)	65	144.4
Search Escapee Fugitive (Night)	51	136.4
*Aircraft Shuttle	184	247.1
DownLink	6	19.2
Executive 10-5	31	60.0
FLIR Training	13	20.7
Fly Over / Funeral Detail	16	31.6
GSP 10-5	43	110.2
Governor's Task Force	189	839.6
GTF Special	53	114.9
Maintenance Flight	61	116.8
NVG Flight Training	61	76.6
Other Agency 10-5	18	49.5
Photo Flight	144	197.3
Property Search	30	57.0
Static Display	52	56.5
Surveillance / Observation Flight	78	187.7
Training Flight	110	195.8
*Other	43	96.3

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

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

* NVG Flight Time: 406.2 hrs

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CRIMINAL INTERDICTION UNIT (CIU)



The Georgia State Patrol's Criminal Interdiction Unit is a statewide unit tasked with the pro-active enforcement of traffic and criminal laws. The unit consisted of five small teams spread across the state assigned to work major interstate corridors. CIU averaged 12 members during 2008. Team members also assisted with several high profile federal cases which resulted in large contraband seizures.

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

CIU Activity Totals

CIU members investigated 60 crashes, made 2,535 arrests, 7,578 warnings, 21 DUI arrests, 140 felony drug arrests, 64 non-drug felony arrests, 61 misdemeanor drug arrests, made 207 criminal apprehensions, assisted 1,244 stranded motorists, recovered 116 stolen vehicles, and conducted 9,415 traffic stops.

CIU members seized over 733 kilograms of marijuana, 12 kilograms of cocaine, and 1,561 dosage units of other dangerous drugs. They seized 24 weapons, located eight hidden constructed compartments, and recovered 133 items of stolen or counterfeit property.

Additionally, CIU members assisted other agencies in seizing over 614 kilograms of marijuana, 474 kilograms of cocaine, 48 kilograms of methamphetamine, 18 weapons, and located another eight hidden constructed compartments. In total, the CIU members initiated or assisted in making a total monetary impact of more than \$55,378,505.58 against organized crime elements operating in the State of Georgia.

Counter-Terrorist Task Force (CTTF)

CIU continues to be a core component of the state's Counter-Terrorist Task Force. This assignment has resulted in an increase in training requirements and additional responsibilities. 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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SPECIALIZED WEAPONS AND TACTICS TEAM (SWAT)

Recognizing that the presence of a highly trained, highly skilled law enforcement tactical unit has been shown to substantially reduce the risk of injury or loss of life to citizens, police officers, and suspects, and recognizing that a well-managed team response to critical incidents usually results in the successful resolution of critical incidents, it is the intent of the State of Georgia SWAT Team to provide a highly trained and skilled tactical team as a resource for all law enforcement agencies in the State of Georgia in resolving critical incidents.



The State of Georgia SWAT Team was requested to assist with 36 critical incidents during the year. Some of the incidents were resolved prior to the team's arrival, by the requesting agency. Others lasted hours, and one incident, a surveillance detail on a marijuana field, lasted five days. The majority of our requests were to assist with a barricaded gunman or a hostage situation. Others ranged from manhunts, VIP security details, surveillance details, warrant services for other government agencies, to an armed gunman on campus and one active shooter threat. Each incident was resolved without any harm to a hostage, a team member, or a suspect by our team.



SWAT was awarded a federal grant from Homeland Security of over \$180,000. The majority of this amount was designated to create the State of Georgia Dive Team. The mission of the Dive Team is to assist other agencies with critical incidents, recoveries or any other special need which requires working in water. There were over three dozen applicants from across the state for the one dozen positions. The divers underwent an intense initial training phase that included advanced open water training, rescue training as well as enriched air training. This will be followed by monthly specialized training.

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SPECIALIZED COLLISION AND RECONSTRUCTION TEAM (SCRT)



The main mission is to provide a means by which fatal crashes can be investigated thoroughly by specially trained investigators and properly document evidence in collisions to be used for successful court prosecution. SCRT also gathers statistics in order to save lives by avoiding future collisions.

SCRT has five teams of specially trained investigators stationed in the cities of 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.

SCRT recorded a total of 235 new cases resulting in 214 deaths. This is a decrease in 65 cases over 2007 (22 percent). This substantial reduction in cases opened is due in part to a change in the SCRT criteria required for SCRT involvement. Research into past SCRT investigations revealed that a significant

amount of SCRT resources were expended investigating cases that were not prosecuted. As anticipated, SCRT experienced a sizeable reduction in the number of cases opened. SCRT was still involved in 26 percent of all fatalities that GSP worked and an estimated 13 percent of the reported statewide fatal crashes. SCRT members closed 294 cases during the year.

Team 1 – Calhoun

Team 1 opened 39 cases in 2008, which resulted in 45 deaths. These figures represent a decrease of 32 percent in the number of cases opened (57 in 2007). Team 1 reconstructed a number of high profile cases this year. In December, Team 1 assisted DPS Internal Affairs and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) at the scene of an officer involved shooting. All SCRT teams benefited from the detachment of one MCCD officer per team to assist with those investigations involving commercial vehicles.

Team 2 – Gainesville

Team 2 opened 53 new cases, which resulted in the deaths of 49 individuals. These figures represent an increase of 26 percent in the number of cases opened (42 in 2007). Team 2 also assisted the GBI with analysis of roadway evidence found at the scene of a suspected murder.

Team 3 – Forsyth

Team 3 opened 62 cases, which resulted in 42 fatalities. These figures represent a decrease of 17 percent in the number of cases opened (75 in 2007). Team 3 reconstructed five crashes involving pursuits.

Team 4 – Reidsville

Team 4 opened 47 new cases that resulted in 53 fatalities. These figures represent a decrease of 27 percent in the number of cases opened (64 in 2007). In May, Team 4 was called to investigate a crash involving a vehicle that was fleeing local law enforcement after an armed robbery of a commercial store. The crash ended with the death of the suspect.

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Team 5 - Valdosta

Team 5 opened 34 new cases resulting in 35 deaths. These figures represent a decrease of 45 percent in the number of cases opened (62 in 2007). In August, Team 5 investigated a crash involving a tractor trailer, school bus, pickup, minivan and a pedestrian. The complicated crash resulted in 15 injuries and one fatality.

Enforcement

During the year, SCRT adjudicated 169 cases. Of the cases that were forwarded for prosecution, SCRT had a conviction rate of 99 percent for the year. Only one defendant was found not guilty during trial. Eighty-two percent of these convictions were guilty pleas as a result of the overwhelming evidence developed in our cases. In addition to our crash reconstruction duties, SCRT investigators logged 16,049 enforcement hours while patrolling 727,833 miles during 2008. SCRT investigators issued 821 citations and warned 1,304 during the year.

SCRT attended 5,686 hours of training, and instructed for an additional 4,037 hours. In an effort to bring the newer team members up to the training level of the original team members, Institute of Police Technology and Management (IPTM) was selected to provide advanced training conducted at GPSTC. SCRT members received advanced and refresher courses in commercial vehicle crash investigation during the summer.

Training

SCRT is responsible for all crash investigation courses currently taught to troopers. In an effort to raise the standards for all troopers in the area of traffic crash investigation, the command staff implemented a plan to require that most troopers attend the first three levels of traffic crash reconstruction. The SCRT Support Services Section was tasked with the mission to train all field personnel needing this training. By the end of the year, field troopers had successfully completed the first two levels of reconstruction training. SCRT members also participated in the collision investigation training during Trooper School. SCRT Support Services also combined efforts with the South Carolina Association of Reconstruction Specialists (SCARS) to host their annual reconstruction summer conference that was held in Atlanta in July. SCRT continued to receive advanced training in computer animation during the year as we continue to build the forensic animation capabilities of the unit.



Special Details

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 Attorney's Council. SCRT members continuously receive requests for future presentations and demonstrations.

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COMMUNICATIONS/HEADQUARTERS

The Communications/Headquarters Division seeks to provide faster, friendlier and easier service which furthers the agency's customer service goals. This division provides support services to the agency 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 is comprised of Facilities, Maintenance, Garage, Vehicle Support Services, Supply, Property Management and the Mailroom.

The Chief Information Officer 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. The CIO has been involved with analyzing and reworking existing business processes and developing the capability to use new tools to reshape the enterprise's physical infrastructure and network access.



CAD/RMS Update

This project includes hardware, software, training, installation, and configuration services to install nine dispatch centers and 830 vehicles with software products. It is estimated to require the installation of nine Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD), one Records Management System (RMS), one administrative system, and 830 Mobile Data Terminals (MDT) in the vehicles with the capability of mapping, Auto Vehicle Locator (AVL), field reporting, text to voice, citations, and crash reporting. The vehicles require custom consoles, docking stations for the laptops, printers, cabling and GPS receivers.

The building of the Troop C (Atlanta) Communications/CAD Center began in January. Training for users began on February

3. Training for the troopers on their MDTs began on March 10. Training for the troopers covered self-dispatching, electronic citations and warnings, and officer profile settings. After two to three separate training classes, we went live with the Troop's CAD and MCT users together.

The Records Management System went online the second week of August with training for the first four troops during the month. Troopers received training on the "new" crash report and incident report at that time. The total cost for the project is \$13,048,170 of which \$1.9 million is state funds. The remainder is State Highway Safety money (9.2 million) and Federal Homeland Security dollars.

Benefits

Currently, many local agencies already have an in-car electronic data capability. By moving in this direction we can achieve information interoperability with other law enforcement agencies and develop a Compstat approach to the use of traffic enforcement assets aimed at high crash corridors. Decisions will be data driven and will concentrate on outcomes in reduction of traffic accidents, injuries, and fatalities. This is in line with the goals set forth in Georgia's Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

The officer will be able to perform many of the traditional dispatching functions directly from his patrol vehicle. The by-product is a direct reduction in the workload of the dispatcher which allows moving toward the regionalization concept. This is done by reducing the number of dispatchers while still being able to provide services to a

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greater number of officers in a much larger geographic area. With current staffing levels, troopers support the dispatch function to the tune of 40,000 man hours each year; equating to the loss of 5,000 eight-hour enforcement patrols.

For the officer, the GPS capability of an in-car electronic system provides for increased officer safety. In any emergency situation, the exact location of the officer's patrol vehicle is known and help can be directed to his exact location. Because of the same GPS locating ability, officers are accountable for being on their assigned routes at the assigned times.

Overall productivity of the officer will be enhanced. Currently, any administrative function of our troopers is supported at the physical location of the post. When an accident is worked, the trooper must travel to the post to type his report. The same is true of an arrest requiring an incident report. By providing in-car computers, the administrative support of the trooper will move straight into the vehicle where he conducts his work. This places the trooper on patrol for more of his shift and increases overall presence, visibility, and contact with the motoring public. By staying on route, response times to accident scenes will be reduced giving the citizen faster service. Additional savings will be realized by reduced gasoline consumption because of trips made to the post solely for administrative support reasons.

Interoperability Update

The State of Georgia is in the final phases of its effort to establish the Georgia Interoperability Network (GIN). When completed next summer, the GIN will provide an Internet-based backbone for enhanced interoperable communication among public safety radio operators throughout Georgia.

Planned GIN installations will link 141 county and city sites (most of them at 911 centers), 52 state agency sites, and three mobile communications vehicles with satellite connectivity to the network. Georgia

Emergency Management Agency (GEMA)-Office of Homeland Security (OHS) has funded GIN at local sites and most state agency sites through Department of Homeland Security grant funds.



Managed by the Georgia State Patrol, the network offers public safety a variety of new capabilities, including: 1) interoperable communication for public safety agencies at the local level regardless of equipment being used; 2) interoperability with neighboring agencies having overlapping radio coverage; 3) dispatch back-up capability with other agencies to support continuity of operations; 4) the ability for dispatch conferencing involving multiple departments and agencies; 5) interoperable communications statewide in major emergency events; and 6) interoperability with other public safety agencies in adjoining states.

The GIN is the major component of the statewide interoperable communication system, but its power and versatility have been enhanced by local, state and federal investments. Local investments to date total over \$700,000. GIN costs are just a little over \$18 million dollars to date.

The state's Communications Interoperability Plan has three primary objectives: 1) completion and use of the GIN; 2) expansion of regional radio systems in Georgia; and 3) continued use of area All-Hazards Councils to obtain local participation in the SCIP throughout the state.

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A major trend in interoperability in Georgia is toward regional communication systems, or systems that provide interoperability for public safety agencies across multiple counties. Four multi-county radio systems will receive upgrades thanks to a \$25 million grant Georgia obtained through the Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) program. The state is also using funds from the DHS Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) to supplement locally funded interoperability projects. GEMA-OHS is the program administrator and manager of DHS grants in Georgia, including HSGP and PSIC.

Regional public safety radio systems expanded through PSIC will enable radio operators to roam seamlessly through multi-county areas and will increase spectrum efficiency by increasing 700/800 MHz channel utilization. The enhancements focus on areas prone to natural disasters and urban areas susceptible to terrorism, and will better cover Interstates 20, 85, 95 and 75. The PSIC grants identified four regional radio systems for improvement.

The **Coastal Georgia** system upgrade will build out the 700/800 MHz Southeast Georgia Regional Radio Network (SEGARRN) and expand into Bulloch County, an adjacent inland county that hosts hurricane evacuees from the coast. The enhancement will improve interoperability in Screven, Effingham, Chatham, Bryan, Liberty, Glynn and Camden counties.

The **West-Central Georgia** project in Columbus and LaGrange will upgrade the existing 800 MHz West-Central Georgia Regional Radio System for improved coverage of the I-85 corridor. A new transmission tower and five-channel 800 MHz intelligent repeater site will benefit Troup, Harris and Muscogee counties.

West Georgia will expand the current 800 MHz Western Area Regional Radio System (WARRS) with a new communications shelter and microwave network, and new transmission sites in Haralson, Carroll and Heard counties.

Northwest Georgia will expand its 700/800 MHz Northwest Georgia Interoperable Communications Network by converting its intellirepeater site to 10 channels, upgrading a site in Catoosa County and adding sites in Dade and Walker counties. The three counties will be able to communicate with public safety agencies in Chattanooga, TN. Each phase in the three-phase process will build additional infrastructure for each regional system. Phase one began in March 2008 and Phase Three is scheduled to conclude by October 2009.

While PSIC is a one-time grant, the HSGP is an annual funding mechanism for building and sustaining national preparedness capabilities in each state. HSGP grants are supplementing locally funded projects in selected Georgia counties, with priority being given to projects with regional interoperability impact.

For example, in FY09 HSGP made awards to provide equipment needed to operate the GIN system in all GEMA Area 2 counties (southwest Georgia) and to complete the Oconee Area regional radio system. Additionally, the money is providing system equipment for digital communications between Rockdale and Walton counties and the acquisition of three new mobile communication vehicles (MCVs) to serve Georgia.

Our department's efforts include:

- Programming of all radios with mutual-aid channels in mobile units.
- Operate on all 36 800 MHz systems throughout the state with local governments.
- Replace mobile radio inventory in the field to be both "analog" and "digital" capable.

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- Transitioned to “digital” radio systems for dispatch where available, i.e. Atlanta and UASI system.
- Installation of 30 Motobridges to facilitate communications consolidation and interoperability. The remaining 16 sites to be completed by 2009.
- Hired a program manager for the GIN.
- Continue outreach and training to local governments.

Communications Coordinator

The coordinator is responsible for radio communications across the state which includes radios, towers, dispatch consoles and remote facilities in support of the radio systems for the department. He performed over 53 site inspections, provided assistance and made recommendations to resolve problems with radio communications, including repairs to 12 existing tower sites. He provided engineering support that resulted in the installation of four new radio sites to expand the radio coverage of the troops into critical areas. During the year, the focus was identifying outdated radio equipment and making recommendations to purchase new equipment compatible with changing technology, including radios for 22 posts and consoles for five posts. He coordinates with many private individuals, commercial organizations, and government agencies to ensure the radio communication requirements of the department continue to improve. He coordinated with local government agencies for Troop personnel to communicate on their existing trunked radio systems. He 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. He has programmed the troop vehicle VHF radios for 15 posts to include radios belonging to MCCD personnel. During the year, he supported two Kings Bay exercises which tested the ability of the department to communicate with federal, state and local public safety organizations. Finally, he reviewed, monitored, and coordinated for the repair of radio equipment to ensure repairs were conducted effectively and in a timely manner.



Special Projects Coordinator

The Special Projects Coordinator completed 16 GSP sites to finish the consolidation of four separate troops radio communications into new state of the art centers. He managed the development of local sites for the Georgia Interoperable Network (GIN) and assisted in the marketing, planning, and installation of PSAP locations. He completed his COML certification as a communications unit leader and assisted 43 local government requests in the development of communications interoperability by conducting training and providing technical assistance. He also assists GEMA in the State Communications Interoperability plan as well as working with reprogramming of radios, re-banding, communications exercises, and technology refresh.

Communications Program Specialists

There were two communications program specialists. An emphasis on communications training is advancing the department into the future and the implementation of communications procedures is providing the department with better trained, more equipped communications officers. The responsibilities are as follows:

- Oversee the operations and development of a statewide training program for communications procedures;
- Ensure uniformity by implementing policies and procedures for communications personnel;

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- Monitor district supervisors and employees on the implementation of departmental guidelines;
- Establish operational and security plans for communications centers, ensuring state and federal compliance;
- Evaluate and ensures that contracts and equipment meet standards.

Major accomplishments include:

- Attended CCSA Orientation/Training/Meetings.
- Attended three CCSA Motobridge classes.
- Implemented Motobridge Roll Call.
- Conducted training five security and integrity classes for new employees/recertification, including two classes for trooper school, and four classes for other law enforcement agencies.
- Implemented online security and integrity training for all DPS employees.
- Implemented online GCIC record validation for DPS.
- Participated in two Kings Bay Motobridge exercises.
- Assisted with Beach Music Festival, Jekyll Island.
- Attended 2008 TAC Conference.
- Assisted with post inspections and GCIC audits.



Records Management

A first lieutenant serves as the department's records management officer. He is responsible for providing assistance with the creation of new forms and for providing information to the appropriate personnel when duplicate forms or conflicts exist. He coordinates with the Computer Services Unit in creating and maintaining a central clearinghouse, accessible by all members of the department, for forms designed for use on the computer. He also consults with Legal Services to determine the retention period for all new forms. When submitted forms are approved, they are assigned a DPS number by the records management officer and added to the master form list. The records management officer also serves as the liaison with the State of Georgia Archives to comply with statutory retention schedules.

Headquarters Security

The first lieutenant also serves as supervisor for Headquarters Security. Headquarters Security is responsible for the security of the Headquarters facility and grounds. Some of the duties include opening and closing headquarters; identifying all visitors; monitoring all entrances and exits; monitoring traffic for the credit union; making deposits for revenue, the overweight unit, and the credit union; and patrolling the grounds. Headquarters Security also handles relays to and from Headquarters.

Off-Duty Coordinator

As the department's off-duty coordinator, the first lieutenant oversees the outside employment requests. Outside employment requests are sent to the off-duty employment coordinator through the proper chain-of-command. The off-duty coordinator is tasked with the responsibility of maintaining all files and data entry related to off-duty employment for all employees hired by the department.

Computer Services

The Computer Services Section completed several major projects, regularly assisted users and continued support for all DPS hardware and software systems, including the following.

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- Continued to support over 1,500 users, 1,100 PCs, 30 network servers, 80 Local Area Networks, 35 off-the-shelf programs, 25 software applications, 230 mobile office systems, 90 handheld communications devices, 56 cell phones and 370 iDEN radios. Answered and closed over 4,432 calls for user support;
- Created the RFP, participated in the evaluation and worked with the vendor to successfully start the CAD, Mobile Office and RMS project for GSP. Installed the necessary network and server infrastructure to support the project. Established initial mobile computer image that included secure communication over public data network, full disk encryption, MS Office applications and CTS applications. Established and tested the GCIC Communications Center interface;
- The Southeast Transportation Security Council (SETSC) recognized DPS for their efforts in the development and deployment of the Georgia Cargo Theft Alert System (www.GaCargoTheft.com). This web site takes reports on cargo and equipment thefts from throughout the Southeast and distributes them to hundreds of SETSC members and law enforcement officers;
- Consolidated and converted data communication sites throughout the state in an effort to reduce cost. They converted 42 of 48 post sites from MPLS Frame Relay to DSL with an average saving of \$300 dollars per site. This resulted in approximately \$20,000 per month in telecommunications cost savings;
- Successfully installed the necessary infrastructure and software systems to integrate the DPS Troop C Communications Center with Atlanta 911. This allowed Troop C CEOs to view and respond to Atlanta CAD calls for service;
- Implemented the online duty roster application. This online system replaced a time consuming paper process and also allowed management access to state, troop and post manpower levels through a MyDPS interface;
- Developed and implemented the www.GaInterOP.com web site to support the Georgia Interoperable Communications Project;
- Finalized portal design and implemented MyDPS sites for Human Resources, Planning, Records Management, Administration, Troop C and Technology. Replicated e-mail public folders, policies and employee pictures to MyDPS;
- Developed numerous online dashboards and reports including position status, head count, CRMS / GSP activity, "Who's Working Now" and duty roster summary;
- With the Comprehensive Records Management System (CRMS), we continued to support over 900 users, developed and implemented over 16 system upgrades and supported 542 requests for assistance;
- Developed and deployed 10 upgrades to the Overweight Truck Information System (OTIS) for MCCD. These upgrades included many improved features for officers, management and the Overweight Enforcement Unit;
- Successfully installed and configured the Cymphonix Internet traffic scanner for HQ users. Cymphonix combines the key elements of content filtering, application control and threat management to provide Internet Security for DPS Internet users;
- Modified the DPS Crash Reporting application to enable automated updates of new software versions and produce Adobe files of all GSP crash reports. This facilitated the online retrieval of all crash reports statewide through a MyDPS interface;
- Implemented the final phase of our plan to create a disaster recovery site for all major DPS applications



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(Mail, SQL databases and general files);

- 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;
- Through the use of our Barracuda mail content filtering appliance, we blocked over 15 million SPAM and virus-laden emails from entering DPS user mailboxes and processed over two million valid emails;
- Assisted with the technical implementation of the WatchGuard in-car video system and provided users with technical support for damaged systems and disks;
- Upgraded 60 MCCD officers with new laptops;
- Installed reconditioned PC in all posts so troopers can download data from their Tasers.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

The Administrative (or General Services) Division is responsible for providing many services to all aspects of the department, which include, but are not limited to: Fleet Management/Vehicle Services, DPS Radio Shop, Physical Property Inventory, Supply, Headquarters Maintenance, the DPS Mailroom, and managing new post design and construction, as well as maintenance of existing buildings and grounds. They are often tasked with unexpected or specialized support duties such as arranging for posts or units to acquire needed items through the State Surplus Property Program.

During the 2008 fiscal year, **Property Management** processed 3,064 additions with acquisition costs totaling \$7,968,771.39, and 3,928 deletions valued at \$3,767,986.43. There were 20 lightning damage claims from the field that were filed in an estimated loss to the department of \$51,620.00 of which \$44,120.00 was recuperated from insurance settlements.

Maintenance completed or assisted with several renovation projects in addition to their regular duties. Some of those projects included the Headquarters Radio Room, the Headquarters Media Room, Lt. Colonel's Office, a fourth bay in the DPS radio shop, Post 6's temporary facility, the front lobby of Headquarters and the new office space for Legal Services.

The **DPS Garage** began the CAD/RMS vehicle installation program and completed the board/console installs in 50 percent of the cars in our 1,200-plus vehicle fleet. This was in addition to preparing and equipping 96 cars for cadet troopers and performing routine maintenance as well as emergency repairs.



The **DPS Radio Shop** worked in conjunction with the DPS Garage to make the RMS/CAD install program a success. After the installs, the Garage tested the equipment to ensure it functioned properly. Watch Guard video cameras began to be installed to replace the older VHS version. This unit equipped 258 vehicles with the new Watch Guard camera systems. The Radio Shop processed approximately 200 help desk tickets and installed approximately 208 two-way radios.

Vehicle Support Services processed the paperwork and brokered the purchase of 116 new vehicles for

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the department. In addition to these 116 vehicles, 63 received were purchased from the previous year; totaling 179 new pursuit vehicles. Vehicle Services issued 139 new Dodge Chargers and five Ford Crown Victoria pursuit vehicles during the fiscal year. In addition, 20 Chevrolet Tahoes and 19 Harley Davidson motorcycles were also issued. A total of 277 departmental vehicle accidents were processed and 212 vehicles were stripped and sent to surplus. Vehicle Services was largely responsible for coordinating fleet maintenance with Automotive Resources International (ARI). This was a huge undertaking that required many meetings and process refinements.

Building and Property Management Division

oversees the planning and construction of new facilities and the renovations of existing ones. Construction for Post 14 in Colquitt was completed and the post opened for business while construction began on Post 25 in Grovetown, Post 46 in Monroe, Post 23 in Brunswick, Post 6 in Gainesville, as well as renovations on the building slated to house our Motor Unit. While actual groundbreaking did not occur, plans were finalized to begin construction on Post 10 in Americus and Post 3 in Cartersville. The following posts are scheduled to open in 2009: Post 25 is scheduled to open in September 8, 2009; Post 46 is scheduled to open September 15, 2009; Post 23 is scheduled to open September 21, 2009; and Post 6 is scheduled to open sometime in December 2009.

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SPECIAL PROJECTS

Honor Guard

The Georgia State Patrol Honor Guard represents the State of Georgia and the Department of Public Safety at events such as funerals, memorial services, details where a color guard is required and other functions as deemed appropriate. In order to ensure proper representation and coverage throughout the state, the Honor Guard is comprised of a north unit and a south unit. Each unit is comprised of 14 sworn members and on occasions, both units are required to function as one. The Georgia State Patrol Honor Guard was involved in 29 special details throughout the State of Georgia, which included 12 funerals and 17 color guard details. In addition, several of these details exposed the Georgia State Patrol Honor Guard to the nation, as well as the world. Two such events were the Honor Guard's participation in the opening ceremony of an Atlanta Falcons NFL Football Game and the presentation of the colors at the Church of the Apostles Public Safety Recognition Ceremony, which was broadcast worldwide.



GEMA/Homeland Security Liaison

The liaison officer's responsibilities include attending all emergency management, Homeland Security and other meetings designated by the commissioner and/or command staff. The officer serves on committees and subcommittees to coordinate the department's roles and responsibilities for potential manmade 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 liaison officer will occupy the State Operations Center (SOC) during a declared state of emergency and coordinate the department's efforts in the recovery phase of the emergency. The liaison officer served as the Primary Emergency Support Function 13 coordinator. She assisted in the SOC during Hurricane's Fay, Hann, Gustav, and the South Georgia floods. She attended numerous Hurricane-Contra Flow workshops and table-top exercises. The liaison officer worked closely with surrounding states during their hurricanes and floods. She monitored severe weather and reported her concerns to the affected personnel. She worked to upgrade state emergency plans that will affect operations during disasters. The liaison officer served on the Traffic Incident Management Enhancement (TIME) board and the Child Abduction Recovery Team (CART). She monitored homeland security issues and reported to the command staff with her findings. The liaison officer is on call seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

Governor's Task Force for Drug Suppression (GTF)



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, Department of Natural Resources, and the Department of Defense. The Drug Enforcement Administration and the Civil Air Patrol also provide personnel. The mission of this unit is to detect the cultivation/manufacturing of illegal drugs (Marijuana), identify and arrest suspects, and harvest and destroy illegal drugs within the boundaries of the State of Georgia.

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CAPITOL POLICE SERVICES DIVISION

The Capitol Police Division is tasked with the responsibility of providing primary law enforcement and security duties for the State Capitol, the Coverdell Legislative Office Building, the Judicial Building, Two Peachtree, and all other state owned buildings located on Capitol Hill. These buildings house constitutional, legislative and judicial officers of the state, in addition to the state employees that occupy offices in each of these buildings.

Police Services

The Capitol Police Services section is comprised of 20 sworn police officers that respond to public safety issues and secures and protects the State's assets, the resources, personnel, and visitors, from interruption, or destruction. In addition to its daily responsibilities, the Capitol Police Division establishes and manages access and security policies for the Capitol Square area in conjunction with building tenants, government leadership and GBA, and is responsible for planning and providing security and law enforcement services for all public events in the Capitol Square area including but not limited to:

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



Capitol Security

The Capitol Police Security section controls and monitors access to the State Capitol, Coverdell Legislative Office Building and the Judicial Building. Capitol Police Security consists of three safety officer supervisors and 46 non-sworn security officers. Additionally, the security staff provides assistance to the Capitol Police Services section as Capitol Hill events are scheduled, and adequate security measures are implemented for each event. While most events are held on the Washington Street side of the State Capitol, some individuals or groups request assembly permits for a Capitol Hill gathering and utilize the surrounding areas of the Capitol.

Contract Security

The department also contracts with the private security firm, Allied Barton Security, to monitor and control access to all the other state facilities on Capitol Hill. These buildings include the Health Building, Archives Building, Two Peachtree Building, and the Sloppy Floyd Building or otherwise known as the Twin Towers.

Detached GSP Troopers

In November, the Capitol Police Division was assigned 22 troopers that would be assisting the Capitol Police Division. Troopers were assigned to secure the Georgia Court of Appeals, the Georgia Supreme Court, 47 Trinity, 244 Washington, 254 Washington, 270 Washington, and 19 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive.

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Legislative Detail

Each year, beginning in January, the Capitol Police Division is delegated the responsibility of monitoring and providing security for the Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly.

Communications

The Communications Center personnel made the long anticipated move to the Headquarters Communication Center. In addition to day to day duties, personnel monitor life-safety, video surveillance and, building elevator systems, manage building access controls, conduct security background checks for numerous state agencies, and monitor all of the duress alarms on Capitol Hill.



Activity

Capitol Police made 1,260 arrests from traffic stops, stopped 1,937 vehicles, inspected 124 suspicious packages, impounded 149 vehicles, investigated 122 traffic crashes, and 114 thefts. Security staff made a total of 21,827 security checks, located 2,105 unsecured doors, and unlocked 100 building doors, 199 parking decks and courtyard areas. The communication personnel answered 115 duress alarms, 56 fire alarms, and 178 elevator entrapments.

Events

There were a total of 90 events during the year that required security and police presence. Listed below are a portion of the larger events that required Capitol Police and security officer staffing:

- **January 22** - Georgia Right to Life – A memorial for the unborn
- **January** - Georgians for Choice – Pro-choice rally
- **February 12** - ABATE – Rally for motorcycle rights and safety
- **March 11** - Georgia Municipal Association – Awareness for bicycling
- **March 28** - GOHS – Share the Road kickoff and news conference for summer travel safety
- **August 6** - Georgia State Senate – Energy Independence rally
- **September 22** - Amnesty International – Rally against the death penalty (Troy Davis execution)
- **October 19** - Paul Boggle Foundation – Holocaust Memorial and Commemorate African Slavery
- **November 2** - SCLC – Encourage political activism
- **November 3** - Democratic Party of Georgia – Political Rally

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MOTOR CARRIER COMPLIANCE DIVISION

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 75 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), the annual Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) grant statement to the FMCSA. The CVSP contains five required program areas: Driver/Vehicle Inspections, Traffic Enforcement, Compliance Reviews, Public Information/Education, and Data Collection. Twelve other local municipalities participate as sub-grantees in the MCSAP program conducting commercial vehicle inspections. The Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit consists of 40 Georgia state troopers who were trained to conduct MCSAP inspections.

Compliance Review Program

This program is one of the five elements of the MCSAP plan. The Compliance Review unit consists of nine 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, accidents, 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 eighteen months of receipt of new entrant registration. The Safety Audit Unit is comprised of 13 officers that are also cross trained to conduct compliance reviews.

Public Information and Education Program

This program involves extensive outreach by the Motor Carrier Compliance Division to the general public, drivers, carriers, industry groups, law enforcement agencies and the judiciary. MCCD also develops, prints, and distributes over 62 separate informational brochures and handouts on commercial vehicle safety topics.

HOV Operations Unit

This unit is responsible for the enforcement of HOV lane restrictions. HOV lane operations are conducted by

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sixteen 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 officers also conduct Motor Carrier Safety inspections and enforce truck lane restrictions in the metro Atlanta Area. There were three 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. Through re-organization during August, the operations center was combined with DPS Troop C Operations Center and relocated to Headquarters.

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. MCCD instructors provided 26,609 hours of training to 293 officers which included 82 officers in North American Standard Inspections, 42 officers in Hazardous Materials, 55 officers in Cargo Tank Training, and 73 officers in Other Bulk Packaging training. The training section unit provides a minimum of 20 hours of annual in-service training as required by P.O.S.T. including annual firearms qualification. 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 which consists of 10 MCSAP certified officers 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.

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Safety Inspections - CY 2008

CVSA Certified Officers	231
Inspections	86,191
Out-of-service Vehicle Violations	10,548
Out-of-service Driver Violations	7,921

Size & Weight - CY 2008

Total Trucks Weighed	6,756,068
Overweight Assess. Written	40,816
UTC's Written	14,816

High Occupancy Vehicle - CY 2008

HOV Citation Arrest	6,120
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School Bus Inspections - CY 2008

Public Bus Inspections	18,514
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CHIEF ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

Chief Mark C. McLeod

MCCD HQ ADMINISTRATION:

Major Billy Boulware

FIELD OPERATIONS:

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT

OF

PUBLIC SAFETY

MOTOR CARRIER COMPLIANCE DIVISION

HEADQUARTERS STAFF:

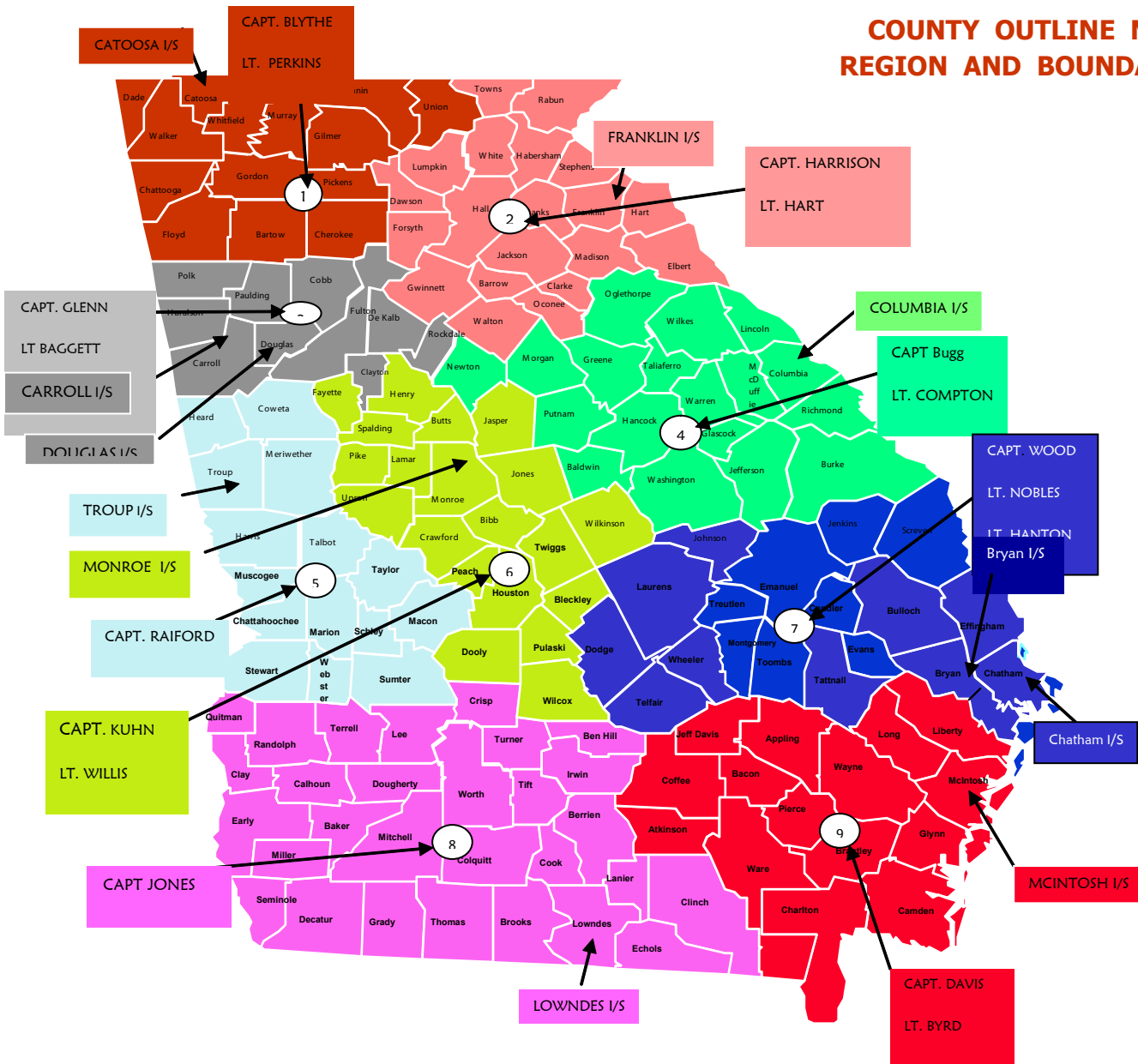
Captain Gwendolyn Fulton

Captain Bruce Bugg

Lieutenant Teresa Cooper

MCO 3 Mary Ann Smith

COUNTY OUTLINE MAP REGION AND BOUNDARIES



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Regional Accomplishments

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 19 officers issued 3,713 overweight assessments, performed 10,307 commercial vehicle safety inspections, issued 1,249 uniform traffic citations, 222 IFTA citations and conducted 2,448 dyed fuel inspections. The officers also conducted eighteen safety outreach events, including Teen P.R.I.D.E. Program and the National Life Saver event. They participated in 32 special enforcement activities including concentrated traffic checks, multi-agency joint enforcement details such as CVSA Operation Air Brake, FMCSA Be Ready Be Buckled, Over the Limit Under Arrest, 100 Days of Summer Heat, Hands Across The Border, Hazardous Materials Checks, High Crash Corridor Checks, GTACT (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 D.U.I. simulation goggles to teens and adults. During this reporting period, four troopers completed North American Standard training, three officers completed Cargo Tank training, and three officers completed Other Bulk Packaging training.

Region 2 is responsible for 20 counties located in north Georgia. Region 2 operations center around the Franklin County Inspection Station located on I-85 at mile marker 169. The 27 officers issued 4,986 overweight assessments, performed 7,182 commercial vehicle safety inspections, issued 2,410 uniform traffic citations, 55 IFTA citations and conducted 2,535 dyed fuel inspections. Region 2 conducted 35 safety outreach meetings, and participated in multi-agency joint efforts such as, a joint agency dyed fuel check with the Georgia Department of Revenue, Hands Across the Border, and Gold Rush event in Dahlonega, annual motor coach inspections, 100 Days of Summer Heat, Click It or Ticket, CVSA Operation Air Brake, Over the Limit Under Arrest, FMCSA's, and Be Ready Be Buckled. During July officers participated in the GTACT campaign on I-85 including Gwinnett, Jackson, and Barrow counties.

Region 3 is responsible for 10 counties located in the Metro Atlanta area, to include HOV operations. Region 3 operations center around the Douglas County Inspection Station, located on I-20 mile marker 43 and the Carroll County Inspection Station located on I-20 at mile marker 15. The 18 officers issued 4,986 overweight assessments, performed 7,182 commercial vehicle safety inspections, issued 2410 uniform traffic citations and performed 2,535 dyed fuel inspections. 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, CVSA Operation Air Brake, FMCSA's Be Ready Be Buckled and GTACT. The officers attended training on Motor Vehicle Criminal Interdiction, Cargo Tank Inspection, and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing. They also assisted with security during special events at the Capitol.

Region 4 is responsible for 18 counties in East Georgia. Region 4 operations center around the Columbia County Inspection Station located on I-20 at mile marker 187. The 20 officers issued 2,946 overweight assessments, performed 7,118 commercial vehicle safety inspections, 1,375 uniform traffic citations, 33 IFTA citations and conducted 1,952 dyed fuel inspections. M CCD officers participated in joint effort road checks with local law enforcement and Georgia Office of Homeland Security, CVSA Operation Air Brake and Operation Safe Driver, Hands Across the Border, 100 Days of Summer Heat, Click It or Ticket, Over the Limit Under Arrest, and FMCSA's Be Ready Be Buckled. Officers participated in May Fest festival, and GMTA Truck Rodeo. During November a week long enforcement effort with M CCD officers, GSP, Columbia County Sheriffs Department, McDuffie County Sheriffs Department, and Richmond County crime suppression unit was conducted along the I-20 corridor in Columbia County.

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 2,076 overweight assessments,

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performed 5,462 commercial vehicle safety inspections, 2,062 uniform traffic citations and conducted 1,649 dyed fuel inspections. The officers participated in nine joint agency concentrated enforcement activities which included Tornado Security Detail, Easter Security Detail, CVSA Operation Air Brake, National Road Check, Click It or Ticket, Hands Across the Border, Over the Limit Under Arrest, FMSCA's Be Ready Be Buckled, and Georgia National Fair.

Region 6 is responsible for 20 counties in South Central Georgia. The operations center around the Monroe County Inspection Station located on I-75 at mile marker 190. The 26 officers issued 10,240 overweight assessments, performed 11,355 commercial

vehicle inspections and conducted 1,084 dyed fuel inspections. They conducted 23 concentrated patrols all of which were located high crash corridors. They conducted 11 safety outreach meetings and three judicial outreach meetings. Region 6 assisted with the Easter detail and fire security in Atkinson County, and assisted with Georgia National Fair in Perry. The officers participated in Annual Motor Coach Check, Hands Across the Border, 100 Days of Summer Heat, Click It or Ticket, CVSA Operation Air Brake, Over the Limit Under Arrest, FMCSA's Be Ready Be Buckled, Hazardous Materials check and High Crash Corridor checks.

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 3,333 overweight assessments, 1,337 uniform traffic citations, performed 9,460 commercial vehicle safety inspections, 28 IFTA citations and conducted 4,498 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 twenty three officers. They also participated in Hands Across the Border, CVSA Operation Air Brake, 100 Days of Summer Heat, Over the Limit Under Arrest, FMCSA's Be Ready Be Buckled, and Savannah Saint Patrick's Day Parade. The G-TACT campaign was conducted along the I-95 corridor in February.

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 6,837 overweight assessments, 3,698 uniform traffic citations and performed 8,004 commercial vehicle safety inspections. They participated in special details such as Easter Security, Motor Coach Expo, Georgia National Fair, 100 Days of Summer Heat, Click It or Ticket, CVSA Operation Air Brake, Over the Limit Under Arrest, and FMCSA's Be Ready Be Buckled. The Sunbelt Motor Coach detail proved successful this reporting period. Officers inspected 59 motor coaches resulting 109 vehicle violations and 22 driver violations.

Region 9 is responsible for 15 counties in Southeast 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 2,102 overweight assessments, 702 uniform traffic citations, 50 IFTA citations, performed 7,171 commercial vehicle safety inspections and conducted 1,421 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, 23 high crash corridor checks, six regional road checks and conducted 16 safety outreach meetings. The officers also participated in 100 Days of Summer Heat, Click It or Ticket, CVSA Operation Air Brake, Over the Limit Under Arrest, and FMCSA's Be Ready Be Buckled.

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Region 10's responsibilities are compliance review, safety audit and school bus inspections. The office is located in Madison. The officers perform safety inspections on each school bus within the state. Region 10 conducted 392 compliance reviews and 1,873 safety audits on motor carriers throughout the state. The officers had 127 enforcement cases resulting in \$492,210.00 in civil penalties. These officers are also required to conduct commercial vehicle inspections, as well as conduct the required number of inspections to maintain certification.

Other Accomplishments and Activities

In addition to their regular duties, each region participated in special enforcement activities such as Sunbelt Agriculture Exposition, the annual Motor Coach Inspection, Hands Across the Border, 100 Days of Summer Heat, Click It or Ticket, CVSA Operation Air Brake, Over The Limit Under Arrest, FMCSA's Be Ready Be Buckled, special Hazardous Materials checks, High Crash Corridor checks and Georgia Targeting Aggressive Cars and Trucks (G-TACT).

During the year, 19 permanent inspection stations participated 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 program. MCCD officers issued 40,816 overweight assessments totaling \$7,890,456.00. MCCD also participated in the following activities:

- Officers assisted in Mobile Field Forces and 11 officers made up the Honor Guard Unit.
- In a joint effort, all regions (231 NAS certified officers) completed 733 significant crash reports involving commercial vehicles with a serious injury, fatality, or significant road closure, resulting in 442 post crash inspections. Through public outreach MCCD has distributed 46,856 pieces of public information sheets. With the participation of all regions, MCCD conducted 196 safety meetings with 8,047 participants and 5,140 seatbelt 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. Eleven MCCD officers competed in all events. The officers were tested in several areas, written exam, cargo tank inspection, hazardous materials inspection, motor coach inspection level one driver-vehicle inspection and personal interviews. The 2008 Champion continued on to the Nationals in Houston, Texas to compete against officers from other states.
- Additionally, the G-TACT project continued in 2008, with the first wave conducted in February along I-95 in Chatham County. The first wave was very successful and produced positive feedback from the commercial and non-commercial drivers. This effort resulted in 446 inspections, 52 out of service drivers, 41 out of service vehicles, 771 citations, 888 warnings, and 2,105 total contacts. There were two other waves of the GTACT campaign conducted. In July, the second wave focused on the I-85 corridor in Gwinnett, Jackson, and Barrow counties. This campaign resulted in 417 inspections, 30 Out Of Service drivers, 25 Out Of Service vehicles, 811 citations, 928 warnings, and 2,156 total contacts.



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The third wave included I-20 corridor in Columbia, Richmond and McDuffie counties. The effort resulted in 121 inspections, 10 Out Of Service drivers, eight Out Of Service vehicles, 922 citations, 329 warnings and 1,372 total contacts. The G-TACT campaign promotes a positive message to “leave more space”. The project 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, involving a high visibility campaign using paid advertising, innovative road signs, and aggressive enforcement. MCCD officers attended 14 public outreach functions communicating G-TACT campaign.



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Description	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	MCCD	Total	
ACCIDENT NUMBER	8962	4755	5176	8953	2459	2951	1451	3644	1980	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	128	0	40459
ACCIDENT HOURS	18462	9271	9104	17719	5252	6337	3602	6525	4231	107	55	6	3	0	131	0	162	4	80971	
FATALITY NUMBER	112	129	16	113	90	123	72	86	79	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	821
INJURIES NUMBER	5460	3727	1949	5255	2040	2291	1527	2626	1824	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	0	26722
SPEEDING 1-10 MPH OVER	534	98	96	1980	283	73	883	56	702	24	8	0	0	0	0	46	0	2	5	4790
SPEEDING 11-15 MPH OVER	7027	4458	2997	8834	6155	2538	6384	3685	3678	285	128	1	5	0	238	0	35	23	46471	
SPEEDING 16-20 MPH OVER	6240	6071	994	9459	6781	4662	4745	6889	4504	610	196	1	9	0	423	0	4	15	51603	
SPEEDING 21+ MPH OVER	5248	3366	8938	7351	5320	4283	3754	4689	3887	504	122	5	11	0	363	1	11	10	47863	
ARREST DUI ALCOHOL/DRUGS	1371	1459	1123	1537	970	1663	918	1494	1240	5	6	0	0	0	21	0	4	0	11811	
ARREST MECHANICAL DEFECTS	277	525	136	409	285	220	312	314	267	2	8	0	0	0	25	0	1	2	2783	
ARREST M/H TRUCKERS	283	12	275	168	241	159	179	223	71	6	4	0	0	0	100	0	0	16	1737	
ARREST M/H OTHER	6975	4613	4973	6793	2749	2793	1644	3892	2649	75	74	0	9	0	268	1	554	14	38076	
RECKLESS DRIVING	146	104	120	162	156	37	32	109	38	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	7	0	920	
ARREST M/H TOTAL	27818	20694	19377	36525	22699	16269	18672	21128	16965	1505	542	7	34	0	1393	2	618	69	204317	
FELONY DRUG ARREST	96	137	61	133	94	180	73	104	153	0	0	0	0	0	152	0	8	0	1191	
NON-DRUG FELONY ARREST	103	89	122	61	70	129	53	55	86	1	2	0	0	0	66	0	1	0	838	
MISD DRUG ARREST	179	234	54	262	132	265	164	181	257	0	1	0	0	0	61	0	11	0	1801	
ARREST LITTERING	51	23	8	66	13	27	5	24	20	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	239	
SEAT BELT ARREST	5256	8158	2043	9256	7137	4464	6203	8576	6136	283	130	0	0	0	108	0	117	13	57880	
CHILD RESTRAINT ARREST	530	742	185	930	859	1724	1212	1685	833	58	13	0	0	0	18	0	32	0	8821	
ARREST OTHER TRUCKERS	71	0	158	46	114	44	30	100	22	5	4	0	0	0	6	0	0	10	610	
ARREST TOTAL INTERSTATE	10495	3962	22636	17115	7505	3323	0	8506	7009	515	194	7	20	0	1957	0	9	13	83266	
WINDOW TINT ARREST	681	754	793	1675	1486	506	513	1797	888	16	12	0	0	0	137	0	31	0	9289	
JUVENILE ARREST	410	278	49	464	206	165	186	351	180	11	4	0	0	0	5	0	0	3	2312	
OTHER NON M/H	6301	7021	5413	6865	4592	4954	4793	6374	5175	180	101	2	3	0	462	0	666	9	52911	
SUSPENDED / REVOKED LICENSE	823	839	347	1010	643	1021	626	941	769	26	10	0	0	0	113	1	83	0	7252	
UNINSURED MOTORIST	591	468	412	752	349	435	301	464	227	18	10	0	1	0	54	0	93	0	4175	
ARREST OTHER TOTAL	14611	18465	9438	21010	15375	13705	13943	20201	14544	583	279	2	4	0	1172	1	1042	22	144397	
TOTAL ARRESTS	42429	39159	28815	57535	38074	29974	32615	41329	31509	2088	821	9	38	0	2565	3	1660	91	348714	
WARNING SPEEDING	20839	12017	4557	16535	13740	14988	13219	12350	11288	1312	526	9	21	0	1738	5	36	55	123235	
WARNING MECHANICAL DEFECTS	11111	7857	1525	8764	4798	5541	8100	7020	6228	203	176	0	2	0	726	4	5	5	62065	
WARNING M/H TRUCKERS	124	5	147	106	113	281	272	139	83	38	9	0	0	0	406	0	0	23	1746	
WARNING OTHER M/H	8978	3704	3772	7506	3305	3824	2291	4491	4523	320	204	1	2	0	2682	1	502	17	46123	
WARNING M/H TOTAL	40928	23578	9854	32805	21843	24353	23610	23861	22039	1835	906	10	25	0	5146	10	543	77	231423	



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