



# GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

## 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

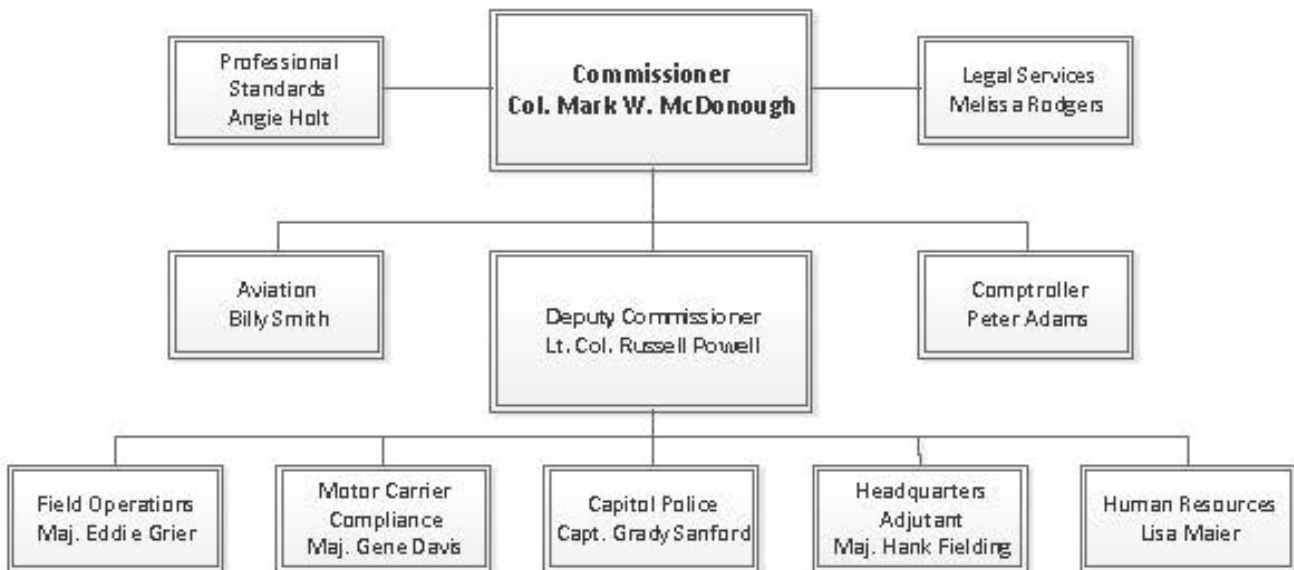
*The annual report of the Georgia Department of Public Safety including the Georgia State Patrol, Motor Carrier Compliance and Capitol Police.*

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## Georgia Department of Public Safety Division Level Organization Chart



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## History of the Department

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.

"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. To date, the Georgia State Patrol has graduated 86 Trooper Schools.

### Georgia State Patrol

The Georgia State Patrol (GSP) has 51 posts throughout the state responsible for patrolling state highways, enforcing traffic laws, and assisting other law enforcement agencies. GSP is comprised of several special operation units including: Honor Guard, Specialized Collision Reconstruction Team, Specialized Weapons and Tactics, Dive Team, Nighthawks DUI Task Force, Motorcycle Unit, Criminal Interdiction Unit, K-9 Task Force, and the Governor's Task Force/Drug Suppression.

### 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 includes mechanical components, to "driver only" inspections. These may also include inspections of vehicles transporting hazardous materials.

## 2013 Road and Bridge Dedications

Since the department was created in 1937, 27 troopers and agents assigned to the Georgia Department of Public Safety have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our citizens. The most recent was Trooper Chad LeCroy who was shot and killed following a pursuit in Atlanta in December 2010. His killer was sentenced to life without parole plus 55 years.

In 2007, the Georgia Department of Public Safety began the process to honor these members who have died in the line of duty with a section of highway, an interchange or bridge bearing named for each in an area chosen by their family. It serves as a reminder that someone from the area served with honor and paid the ultimate price in service to Georgia.

To accomplish this goal was no easy task. Family members had to be located for some of the members and support garnered from the local legislative delegations and the Georgia Department of Transportation. Once the research was finished and the locations chosen, resolutions were then introduced in the Georgia General Assembly officially naming the landmarks in memory of the fallen trooper or agent.

Local ceremonies were planned for half of the group in 2013 and the other half in 2014. The ceremonies honored each in the area where they are buried and framed copies of the legislative resolution were presented to the families. Below is a listing of the troopers and special agents and the date they were honored in 2013:

### **Georgia State Patrol Troopers**

- Sgt. Frederick Black, Jr. #8 – July 10, 2013
- Trooper John Frank Bass, #188 – November 8, 2013
- Trooper Clyde Arthur Wehunt, #217 – October 11, 2013
- Sergeant Major George W. Harrelson, #26 – October 30, 2013
- Sergeant Charles Eugene Gray, #26 – October 30, 2013
- Trooper Roy Cecil Massey, #115 – October 8, 2013
- Trooper Harvey Lewis Nicholson, #254 – October 9, 2013
- Trooper Frederick Herman Looney, #488 – October 15, 2013

### **Georgia Bureau of Investigation Special Agents**

- Garland E. Fields – October 30, 2013
- Welton Harrell – October 9, 2013



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## DPS Command Staff

**COLONEL MARK W. MCDONOUGH**  
COMMISSIONER



**LT. COLONEL RUSSELL POWELL**  
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER



**MAJOR EDDIDE GRIER**  
GEORGIA STATE PATROL  
COMMANDING OFFICER



**MAJOR GENE DAVIS**  
MOTOR CARRIER COMPLIANCE  
COMMANDING OFFICER



**MAJOR HANK FIELDING**  
HEADQUARTERS ADJUTANT



**CAPT. GRADY SANFORD**  
CAPITOL POLICE DIVISION  
COMMANDING OFFICER



## Commissioner's Office

Commissioner Mark W. McDonough is the Chief Executive of the Department of Public Safety and holds the rank of Colonel in the Georgia State Patrol. The units assigned to the Commissioner for direct supervision are Legal Services, Office of Professional Standards, Comptroller, and Aviation.

### **OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS**

During 2013, the Office of Professional Standards (OPS) was commanded by a director and an assistant director. Sworn personnel assigned to OPS included one GSP Sergeant First Class, four GSP Sergeants, one MCCD Sergeant, one GSP Corporal, one Capitol Police Corporal, two GSP Troopers First Class, and two Investigators/Polygraph Examiners. One Permit Specialist, one Confidential Secretary, and one part time transcriptionist provided administrative support. The OPS consisted of four major areas of operation: Internal Affairs (IA), Pre-Employment, Permit Issuance and Polygraph.

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. OPS 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.

During 2013, four of the IA investigators successfully attended and completed the academic and practical requirements of professional training for Psychophysiological Detection of Deception (Polygraph) and are classified as Polygraph Operators. One IA investigator successfully attended and completed the academic and practical requirements of professional training in computer forensic courses of studies and is classified as a computer forensic technician.

**Internal Affairs:** OPS investigates allegations of wrongdoing lodged against members of the Department of Public Safety, including the Georgia State Patrol, Motor Carrier Compliance Division and Capitol Police Services Division. The unit is also responsible for investigating complaints alleging the misuse of speed detection timing devices by any law enforcement agency bearing the department's permit.

During 2013, the Department of Public Safety initiated 118 investigations which were placed in five different categories: Administrative, Citizen Complaint, Speed Detection, Threat Assessment and Others. Of this number, 17 were field investigations conducted at the troop level and 101 were internal investigations conducted by OPS.

Of the 118 investigations, there were 52 administrative improper conduct, three use of force, 11 conduct unbecoming, three harassment/hostile work environment, three domestic misconduct, two PIT/pursuit, two accident investigation, one insubordination, one violation of technology policy, one lost/damage property, and 25 fell in the "other" category. The citizen complaints consisted of 28 complaints: 15 improper conduct, four misconduct during traffic stop, four

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accident investigation, two impersonating a trooper and three fell in the “other” category. The speed detection complaints consisted of 13 complaints: 10 improper use of speed detection device, one grade of roadway, one speed trap/revenue issue and one fell in the “other” category. The threat assessment complaints consisted of 16 complaints: seven threats against State of Georgia personnel and nine fell in the “other” category. The “other” complaint category consisted of nine complaints.

Of the 118 investigations conducted this year, 83 were recorded as completed and closed, which equated to a 70% completion and closed rate for the year. The IA investigator/computer forensic technician also performed three evidence requisition requests as of the close of business on December 31, 2013.

**Polygraph Function:** During 2013, 1,051 polygraph examinations which included 1,043 pre-employment polygraphs where eight were specific issue exams. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) assisted OPS by conducting 65 of the examinations. Those OPS in-house polygraphs were performed by two full-time examiners, one part-time examiner and five (part-year) internship examiners. Quality control was actively conducted on data collected, as well as videos reviewed. Testing for employment increased by over 12% during the year compared to 2012. Approximately, the same numbers are expected for 2014 due to continued processing for trooper, dispatcher, MCCD cadet and other applicants.

Five examiners completed an American Polygraph Association (APA) accredited training program during the year. These examiners are working as “intern examiners” toward achieving APA full member status. One previously trained examiner completed his requirements and was certified by the APA as a full member. Assistance from other agencies during the year included polygraph staff providing two blocks of instruction in pre-employment testing for the APA in Orlando, Florida and five blocks of instruction for the Tennessee Polygraph Association in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee and one block of instruction for the Georgia Polygraph Association. Five examiners also attended the Georgia Polygraph Association/Georgia Bureau of Investigation Seminar in Douglasville, Georgia in October.

Two new polygraph instruments, along with new polygraph chairs, were put into service during the year. This has enabled simultaneous testing of up to five examinees at one time.

Plans for 2014 include all examiners qualifying for full member status with the APA. Plans are also to continue rigorous quality control and to upgrade audio visual (AV) equipment in the existing suites and add outside monitor capability to the newly added suites.

<b>Polygraph Type</b>	<b>Number of Exams</b>
ACCOUNTANT	4
AIRCRAFT MECHANIC	3
COMMUNICATIONS OUTREACH SPEC.	
CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY	1
FACILITIES COORDINATOR	
GSP DISPATCHER	108



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MAINTENANCE MANAGER	
MCCD OFFICER CADET	36
MECHANIC	
POLICE CORPORAL	9
POST SECRETARY	3
PROCUREMENT SERVICES SPEC.	5
SECRETARY	2
SUPPORT SERVICES WORKER	
TROOPER	757
WAREHOUSE WORKER	
WEIGHT INSPECTOR	24
LEGAL SERVICES ANALYST	3
LEGAL OFFICER	1
CAPITOL POLICE	4
SAFETY OFFICER II	5
DEPUTY LEGAL DIRECTOR	1
ASSISTANT COMPTROLLER	1
MCCD OFFICER I	4
PLANNING AND POLICY SPECIALIST	1
PROGRAMMER	2
TELECOM	1
PAYROLL TECH	2
CRAFTSMAN	1
SPECIFIC ISSUE	8
GBI	65
<b>TOTAL EXAMS FOR 2013</b>	<b>1,051</b>

**Pre-Employment Function:** OPS is responsible for coordinating pre-employment investigations for candidates seeking to join the Department of Public Safety. During 2013, OPS managed 1,071 pre-employment applications from Human Resources. Of those, 554 did not meet the department's employment standards (as discovered during background investigation process) and were disqualified from further consideration; and 74 applicants withdrew prior to the completion of the pre-employment investigations. A total of 443 applicants were recommended for further consideration in the employment process. Background investigations were conducted by DPS field personnel, including GSP lieutenants, sergeants and MCCD Sergeants First Class, and assisted by OPS.

The 1,071 applicants were for the following positions:

- GSP trooper 829
- Motor Carrier (Cadet, Weight Inspector) 62

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- Dispatcher 127
- Capitol Police/Safety Officer 26
- Other (secretary, clerk, computer services technologist, mechanic). 27

**Permits Function:** OPS administers the statewide issuance of the following permits: speed detection device permits to law enforcement agencies; wholesale/retail firearms licenses to individuals/businesses seeking to sell handguns less than 15 inches in length; and permits to individuals seeking exceptions to Georgia’s window tint law.

During 2013, the Permits Unit issued or renewed 924 speed detection device permits; 1,554 wholesale/retail firearms permits with associated fees of \$53,043; and 288 window tint permits with associated fees of \$2,920.

The initiative to reduce the delinquencies of firearms dealers permit was continued and helped to increase compliance with licensing statutes. This project included acting upon information provided by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms from inspections conducted on federal firearms license holders. The program seemed to be responsible for a higher rate of renewal of firearms permits.

## LEGAL SERVICES

The Department of Public Safety Legal Services Office consists of four attorneys, one records manager, one assistant records manager, two paralegals, four customer service representatives and one confidential secretary. The Legal Services Office includes the attorney and paralegal assigned to the Administrative License Suspensions (ALS) program and the staff assigned to the Open Records Unit. The director of Legal Services reports to the commissioner. The primary function of the Legal Services Office is to provide assistance to the commissioner and to the employees of the department concerning any matters associated with the day-to-day operations of the department.

Legal Services 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.

Legal Services, the Human Resources Division and department managers work together 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 Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and the Georgia Commission on Equal Employment Opportunity, as well as with matters related to the Department of Labor.

Legal Services provides guidance and assistance with investigative matters to the Office of Professional Standards. The attorneys regularly provide training to the department’s employees during trooper school and in-service training. The Legal Services staff also responds to inquiries from the general public regarding the department and the laws it enforces.

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Members of the Legal Services Office serve as the agency representative before Administrative Law Judges in personnel appeals and other administrative hearings. They provide assistance to the Motor Carrier Compliance Division on issues involving commercial vehicles and serve as the agency representative at administrative hearings related to overweight and oversized commercial vehicles.

The Open Records Unit is responsible for processing open records requests from the public with a focus on prompt and efficient customer service. The unit also provides guidance and assistance to field staff responding to open records requests. The unit saw a significant increase in activity in 2013. There was a 22% increase in the number of Open Records requests received from 2012. (This percentage does not take into account that many requests are for multiple reports and videos at the same time.)

In 2004, the department was awarded an Administrative License Suspension (ALS) grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS). The ALS program is now part of the Nighthawk DUI Task Force grant, which was also awarded to the department by GOHS. The grant provides specific funding for an ALS attorney who serves as a department representative and assists troopers at ALS hearings, along with a paralegal who assists the ALS attorney with case preparation and record-keeping. The ALS attorney provides assistance at a majority of the ALS hearings in Troop C (metropolitan Atlanta). In addition, the ALS attorney provides assistance at ALS hearings for troopers assigned to the Nighthawks DUI Task Force South unit which covers Savannah and Statesboro, and the Nighthawks Middle Georgia unit which covers Macon and Columbus. The ALS attorney assists all other troops statewide at ALS hearings on an as-needed basis. The attorney also assists troopers statewide with questions regarding DUI and ALS issues, and conducts DUI/ALS training for all new troopers attending trooper school.

The Legal Services Office drafts legislation and reviews all proposed legislation that may impact the department. During the legislative session, staff closely monitors bills impacting public safety and disseminates information regarding legislative changes.

Legal Services reviews all asset forfeiture cases and notifies the county District Attorney and/or Sheriff for any federal asset forfeiture proceeds received by GSP which are available to them.

Legal Services coordinates with the State Properties Commission in the preparation of agreements regarding the disposal, acquisition and use of property. The office drafts resolutions, agreements and other documents relating to the construction and use of property, as well as inter-governmental agreements.

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 and interested parties.

In 2013, some of the activities performed by the Legal Services staff were:

- Reviewed, revised or drafted 85 contracts, agreements, or memoranda of understanding.
- Opened and processed 265 legal case files which included 78 asset forfeiture cases and 77 record restrictions.

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- Responded to 12,580 open records requests.
- Opened 2,323 ALS cases and filed motions and briefs in approximately 868 of those cases and served as the agency representative at the related ALS hearings.
- Opened 126 overweight/oversize citation cases and served as the agency representative at 86 administrative hearings.

## COMPTROLLER

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

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

The DPS/MCCD Concur travel office is responsible for the back office processing for all department-related travel including special events and special details.

**Facilities Section:** The Facilities Section oversees risk management which maintains insurance policies and coordinates insurance matters related to facilities, equipment and communications. This section is also a liaison to the Georgia State Properties Commission and oversees all leases for radio communication towers and DPS/MCCD facilities/offices.

**Mailroom:** The Mailroom processes all incoming and outgoing U.S. Mail and United Parcel Service packages, and maintains a postage account for the department. The mailroom is responsible for all mail delivered by courier runs from Archives, State Records Center, Twin Towers, East Atlanta Post Office and other locations.

**Accounting Section:** 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, which include Georgia Public Safety Training Center, Georgia Peace Officers Standards & Training Council, Georgia Firefighters Standards and Training Council, and the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

The amount of revenue for the Overweight Citations Unit that was transferred to the State Treasury was \$7,490,287.73 for fiscal year 2013. The Accounts Payable Section processed 8,595 checks and 7,730 electronic funds transfers.

Revenue received from the Motorcycle Patrol Unit for fiscal year 2013:

Atlanta Municipal Court:	\$ 137,751.62
Fulton Magistrate Court:	\$ 296,753.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 434,504.62</b>

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The Department of Audits performed a financial review of the accounting records for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013. As a result of this review, the department received a clean opinion and remitted surplus back to the State Treasury in the amount of \$219,313.55.

**Purchasing Office:** The Purchasing Office coordinates and monitors all department purchasing activities, which has included the procurement of pursuit vehicles, aircraft, aircraft parts, law enforcement items, communications equipment, office supplies and establishing specialized contracts within the Department of Public Safety. Purchasing has taken the lead to ensure that purchases made by department personnel are within the guidelines established by the Department of Public Safety, Georgia State Law, and the Georgia Procurement Manual which is updated and maintained by the Georgia Department of Administrative Services.

Purchasing is also responsible for overseeing the Purchasing Card (P-card) program for the department, which currently has 149 cardholders. Responsibilities include keeping field personnel apprised of all changes/updates to the program, as well as monitoring purchasing activities. This calendar year we have had the additional task of ensuring each user and their designated approver received the proper training in Team Georgia Marketplace (TGM), which enabled them to review, verify, and approve all transactions electronically

During Calendar Year 2013, DPS processed over 1,793 requisitions, and the department's cumulative expenditures using purchase orders and P-cards totaled \$26,596,033.62. Purchasing cardholder transactions totaled \$2,025,633.32.

With ongoing training and individual purchasing certification requirements, the Purchasing Office continues to improve the procurement process and guidelines as outlined in the Team Georgia Marketplace.

**Payroll Office:** 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, which include Georgia Public Safety Training Center, Georgia Peace Officers Standards & Training Council, Georgia Firefighters Standards and Training Council, and the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

Payroll is also responsible for balancing and issuing W-2s to all current and former employees of DPS and the attached agencies. In 2013, 2,051 W-2s were issued. The payroll office assists employees with any questions regarding W-2s. Other payroll functions are as follows:

- Transfer monies from the State Treasury each pay period to cover payroll checks.
- Make federal tax transfers for all federal taxes; this includes employee and employer share of all federal taxes.
- Set up direct deposit information in PeopleSoft when payroll office receives appropriate forms and banking information from employee. Payroll also works closely with Wells Fargo Bank to resolve any problems related to employee direct deposit.
- Balance all deduction reports and coordinate with Accounts Payable to send out checks or transfer monies for all employee deductions, including but not limited to tax levies, garnishments, child support payments, supplemental insurance deductions, credit union



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deductions, and deferred and defined compensation. Additionally, payroll assists employees with any questions or concerns regarding tax levies and garnishments.

- Reconcile, balance and submit retirement reports, which includes four different retirement plans, each with a different percentage for employer share. Monthly retirement reports must be corrected and resubmitted for all retroactive salary adjustments.
- Balance health insurance reports for all different health insurance plans and coordinating with the Department of Community Health (DCH) to resolve problems.
- Balance and submit quarterly 941 federal tax report, quarterly state tax report, and the quarterly unemployment report for the Dept. of Labor.
- Enter information for all annual leave, FLSA, and holiday leave payouts as necessary.
- Enter hours for all hourly employees each pay period when timesheets are received.
- Enter all overtime hours to be paid.
- Distribute quarterly payroll calendars to all employees, incorporating internal cutoffs dates for submission of timesheets and payroll exceptions.
- Ensure that all personnel entries are correct in system; making any and all payroll corrections when errors are discovered.
- Complete special projects, as necessary, due to lawsuits or other requests from the Legal Services Office.
- Research and answer all requests on employees and former employees from IRS, Social Security Administration, Retirement System, and others.

Payroll employees also work closely with the State Accounting Office (SAO) to resolve all payroll problems related to PeopleSoft.

**Excess Property Division:** Excess Property supports Georgia's state and local law enforcement agencies through the procurement of excess federal property. The Excess Property program works with a number of federal government offices to maximize support state and local law enforcement across Georgia through the management of the 1033 and 1122 Procurement programs.

**1033 Program:** Under Section 1033 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 1997, the Secretary of Defense may transfer to State and Local Agencies property that is determined suitable for law enforcement activities from the Department of Defense (DOD). The Georgia 1033 program enables Georgia Law Enforcement agencies to participate in this program and acquire DoD excess equipment to support law enforcement activities under the aforementioned Federal Guidelines 10.U.S.C. 2576a.

The program allows departments that experience budget constraint, specifically in capital outlay, the ability to obtain assets at a reduced cost. There are currently 796 agencies listed in the Excess Property database eligible to participate in 1033 Excess Property. These agencies include police departments, sheriff departments, drug task forces, marshal offices, and state law enforcement agencies.

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In 2013, 250 agencies participated in the 1033 Excess Property program. The total value of property distributed was \$11,212,408.65 for 2013. The Georgia Department of Public Safety /Georgia State Patrol received a total value of \$628,473.17. Since the beginning of the Excess Property program, September 1, 1991, to present, over \$200,339,021.30 worth of used equipment has been distributed to agencies within the State of Georgia.

The Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) conducted a Bi-annual Program Compliance Review (PCR), September 10 through September 14, 2013. LESO selected and audited 35 recipient law enforcement agencies. Georgia's 1033 Program was found in compliance and the next PCR will occur in Spring 2014.

In addition to LESO's PCR, Excess Property conducted 17 PCRs in Georgia and all 17 were found in compliance with state and federal regulations. The division also provided offsite 1033 training to 202 attendees during 2013.

**1122 Program:** The authority for the 1122 program resides with the Department of Defense. The 1122 program enables state and units of local government access to federal sources of supply to purchase equipment in support of counter-drug, homeland security and emergency response activities. The Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2009 amended 10 U.S.C. 381, to expand the procurement authority under the 1122 program beyond counter-drug activities, to include equipment for homeland security and emergency response activities.

This program affords state and local government agencies the opportunity to take advantage of discounts available to the federal government due to its large volume purchases. The implementation of this program allows state and local government agencies to efficiently utilize appropriated funds and save millions of dollars. Some benefits of the program include discounts from 10 to 54 percent when purchasing equipment suitable for counter-drug, homeland security, or emergency response activities. During 2013, Excess Property purchased \$7,729,615 in equipment. This division also provided offsite 1122 training for 202 attendees.

**Overweight Citation Unit:** The Overweight Citation Unit is responsible for collecting and processing monetary fines imposed on trucks for being overweight when issued a citation. This office establishes the policy 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.

Additional functions performed by the Overweight Citations Unit include:

- Process insufficient funds (NSF) checks.
- Research and allocate unapplied funds to appropriate accounts.
- Initiate refunds.
- 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.

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- Prepare monthly financial statements and reports for the Comptroller.
- 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.

In FY13, this unit processed, collected and deposited \$7,490,287.73 of monetary fines.

**Grants:** The Grants Administrators' duties include writing grants, preparing the reimbursement claims, maintaining budgets, and adhering to federal guidelines on spending. This section also manages all projections and expenditures throughout the year for grants.

The following grants/funds were received by the Department of Public Safety in state fiscal year (FY) 2013:

**Capitol Police:** Acquired from the Georgia Building Authority in fiscal year 2001, the Capitol Police Division is responsible for providing the security and protection of the State of Georgia Capitol complex and 17 other state-owned buildings and facilities including the Georgia Supreme Court. The use of high-tech surveillance equipment, metal detectors and highly-trained security personnel assists with accomplishing this mission. The annual budget is \$6,822,499.

**Administrative License Suspension Program and Nighthawks DUI Task Force:** In FY 2008, the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) combined the Administrative License Suspension (ALS) program with the Nighthawk DUI Task Force into one grant for \$725,100. This funding continues providing legal assistance to state troopers at civil hearings for DUI suspension of driver licenses. The grant provides for one attorney, one paralegal, travel related to court appearances, and administrative support services. This grant also continues to provide funding for the operation of multiple DUI Task Forces which include: Nighthawks North which focuses on the five-county metropolitan areas; Nighthawks Middle Georgia which focuses primarily on the Macon area and Nighthawks South which primarily focuses on the Chatham and Bulloch County areas. These units conduct concentrated patrols, road checks, and provide educational information to the public as part of their outreach efforts. The grant provides funding for 20 troopers, a unit secretary, an agency liaison, and other operational expenses. The FY 2013 grant award for both units combined was \$2,370,000.

**K-9 Regional Task Force:** The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) awarded \$365,637.00 to provide continuation funding for the Regional K-9 Task Force. The grant provides funding for the unit commander, seven deputies, a secretary, and veterinary expenses. (Only retained 54,848.55, passed remainder to Chatham County Sheriff's Office).

**SWAT/Dive Team:** Grant funds in the amount of \$148,484.96 were received from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) to provide funding for Georgia State Patrol SWAT/Dive Team supplies.

**SWAT Bearcat:** Grant funds in the amount of \$240,531.00 were received from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) to provide funding for Georgia State Patrol SWAT Team purchase of a Lenco Bearcat.

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**Aviation:** Grant funds in the amount of \$344,075.00 were received from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) to provide funding for Georgia State Patrol Aviation Division to purchase Forward Looking Infra-Red (FLIR) unit.

**Aviation Equipment:** Grant funds in the amount of \$43,034.00 were received from the Georgia Forestry Commission to reimburse Department of Public Safety for the installation of the cargo hook system.

**Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP I & II):** Grant funds in the amount of \$77,506.36 were received from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) to provide funding for Georgia State Patrol to upgrade the PSAP equipment.

**Capitol Police Bomb Dog:** Grant funds in the amount of \$173,429.50 were received from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) to provide funding for Georgia State Patrol to purchase new supplies and equipment for K-9 bomb dogs.

**SWAT Tahoe and Robot:** Grant funds in the amount of \$263,583.57 were received from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) to provide funding for Georgia State Patrol to purchase a new Tahoe and bomb robot.

**CJCC Trooper School:** The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) received \$110,123.00 to provide funding for Georgia State Patrol Trooper Schools. The grant provides funding for personal services.

**Motorcycle Law Enforcement Demonstrations:** Grant funds in the amount of \$6,092.70 were received in FY 2013 from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to reimburse overtime and fuel costs related to the Motorcycle Law Enforcement demonstrations.

**Mobile Field Force:** Grant funds in the amount of \$44,391.60 were received in FY 2013 from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) for mobile system communication upgrades.

**Governor's Task Force:** The Federal Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) awarded \$575,000.00 to provide air and ground search and destroy missions for marijuana eradication efforts in Georgia.

**Computer Services:** Grant funds in the amount of \$45,000.00 were received from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) to provide funding for Georgia State Patrol to obtain Encryption software for GSP radios.

**Overtime Reimbursements:** In FY 2013, the Department of Public Safety (Georgia State Patrol) worked with various federal agencies and received reimbursement of overtime expenses and other law enforcement expenses related to joint operations. The federal agencies that the department conducts joint operations with are: Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE),

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Department of Justice (DOJ) and Atlanta HIDTA. During FY 2013, DPS was reimbursed \$170,886.83 for overtime expenses.

**Presidential Inauguration:** In FY 2013, the Department of Public Safety received reimbursement in the amount of \$78,671.18 for transportation and personnel cost for representatives assigned to assist with the 56<sup>th</sup> Presidential Inauguration.

**Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP):** Effective July 1, 2005, the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety was reorganized per House Bill 501 and the Department of Public Safety was designated as the lead MCSAP agency for the State of Georgia. For Federal fiscal year 2013, MCSAP funding was granted in the amount of \$5,835,886.29. The mission of the MCSAP program is to improve commercial motor vehicle safety on Georgia's highways by reducing crashes, fatalities and injuries. Each year, new goals and objectives are outlined in a Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Plan (CVSP) and monitored throughout the plan year. During the 2013 federal fiscal year, the Motor Carrier Compliance Division (MCCD) performed 84,455 commercial motor vehicle inspections.

**New Entrant Program:** The Department of Public Safety's Motor Carrier Compliance Division is responsible for conducting the New Entrant program for the State of Georgia. Pursuant to federal regulations, within 18 months of a receipt of New Entrant registration, a motor carrier based in Georgia must undergo a safety audit performed by the Motor Carrier Compliance Division. The audit ensures that the motor carrier has complied with the minimum safety standards necessary to continue operating after initially receiving a U.S. D.O.T. number. For the federal fiscal year of 2013, the Department of Public Safety's Motor Carrier Compliance Division operated on a federal grant awarded in the amount of \$1,269,872.79. During the federal fiscal year, MCCD officers performed 1,289 safety audits.

**Georgia Targeting Aggressive Cars And Trucks:** The Department of Public Safety's Motor Carrier Compliance Division began the Georgia Targeting Aggressive Cars and Trucks (GTACT) campaign in 2007. The GTACT program is a high-visibility traffic enforcement program. It uses communication, education and enforcement in high-risk corridors to reduce fatalities and injuries from unsafe driving behaviors by passenger vehicles and commercial motor vehicles. Originally begun in the State of Washington, Georgia was the fourth state in the nation to implement this highly successful, federally funded campaign. The enforcement blitz for each campaign corridor typically runs for three to five days per week with follow-up blitzes scheduled later. Enforcement campaigns include officers from the MCCD, Georgia State Patrol and other local law enforcement jurisdictions.

For the federal fiscal year of 2013, the Department of Public Safety's Motor Carrier Division was awarded \$703,163.17 for the operation of GTACT and pertaining to GTACT. The 2013 campaign includes corridors in Bryan, Chatham, Effingham, Bartow, Gordon, Dougherty, Tift, Worth, Columbia and Richmond counties.

**Safety Data Improvement:** The Department of Public Safety's, Motor Carrier Compliance Division (MCCD) has a Safety Data Improvement (SADIP) grant to improve the department's crash data. The goal of the SADIP grant funding is to provide assistance to facilitate the collection of accurate, complete, and timely data on all large commercial truck and bus crashes



that involve a fatality, injury, or a vehicle towed from the crash scene. MCCD collects data to report to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) in order to update inventories and monitor compliance of motor carrier companies, measure the condition of vehicle fleets, track the driving records of licensed operators, and record crashes involving commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) on public roadways. High-quality, timely data in each of these areas is crucial to the mission of improving the safety of CMVs. MCCD also uses the data to identify problem carriers and to plan for the best use of limited resources to improve safety. For the federal fiscal year 2013, the Department of Public Safety's Motor Carrier Division was awarded \$29,122.05.

**Passenger Carrier:** In an effort to increase safety outreach and enforcement on passenger carriers the Motor Carrier Compliance Division conducts statewide strike forces. Passenger carriers are directed, on a random basis, into the one of 19 inspection stations located on the main interstate systems in Georgia. As the passenger carrier would be considered en route unless empty, the inspection would mainly consist of a Level 2 or Level 3 inspection. For the federal fiscal year 2013, the Department of Public Safety's Motor Carrier Division was awarded \$48,990.00 to purchase equipment for inspections.

## **AVIATION**

The Georgia State Patrol Aviation Division operates 24/7 to provide air support to the Georgia State Patrol and in support of public safety interest for the citizens of Georgia. The division fleet is comprised of 15 helicopters and one Cessna 182 airplane. There are six field hangars located in Kennesaw, Albany, Gainesville, Perry, Reidsville, and Augusta.

### **GSP Aviation Field Hangars**

- **Kennesaw Hangar** (patrols NW Georgia, including Metropolitan Atlanta)
- **Albany Hangar** (patrols Southwest Georgia)
- **Gainesville Hangar** (patrols Northeast Georgia)
- **Perry Hangar** (patrols West Central Georgia)
- **Reidsville Hangar** (patrols Southeast Georgia)
- **Augusta Hangar** (patrols Eastern Georgia)

Aviation performs search and rescue missions utilizing FLIR (Forward Looking Infra-Red) camera systems. Many missing persons and criminals have been located using this technology. Other missions supported by GSP Aviation include: manhunts, aerial photography, aerial surveillance, natural disasters, SWAT missions, fire suppression, microwave downlink, executive transport, and static displays (high schools and colleges, civic groups, local law enforcement agencies, and air shows). This division has become the leader nationwide in its innovative use of helicopters for marijuana suppression which earned the unit the coveted Helicopter Association International Hughes Law Enforcement award.

Aviation completed the following activity during January through December 2013:

- Conducted 1,535 flights for 2,783.1 flight hours.
- Flew 305.7 flight hours utilizing Night Vision Goggles.

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- Purchased three Bell 407 helicopters. Helicopters are utilized for search and rescue, firefighting, transport personnel and supplies, conduct external load operations and can carry a total of seven personnel.
- Conducted 260 flights at 906.7 hours for marijuana eradication.
- Conducted 264 day/night searches at 452 flight hours for missing persons and fugitives.
- Overall percent of finding subjects for search results was 54.9%.



## Deputy Commissioner's Office

Lt. Colonel Russell Powell, Deputy Commissioner, oversees the daily operations of several divisions, including GSP Field Operations (Troops A - I, SCRT, SWAT, GSP Dive Team, Nighthawks DUI Task Force, Criminal Interdiction, Honor Guard, and Implied Consent), Motor Carrier Compliance Division, Capitol Police, Headquarters, Human Resources, Recruiting, Off Duty Employment, Public Information Office, Training, Records Management and HQ Security, Governor's Task Force, Regional K-9 Task Force, K-9 Training and Certification, FBI Liaison, GOHS Liaison, GISAC Officer, and D.T.F. Detachments.

### TRAINING



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, Georgia. The Training Division is responsible for facilitating basic and advanced training for all members of The Georgia State Patrol, Motor Carrier Compliance, and Capitol Police. The DPS Training Division maintains training records for all members, as well as reporting training to The Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) Council. Upon request and with the approval of the Commissioner, the Training also provides basic and advanced training to local agencies. Sworn DPS members received a grand total

of 239,215 P.O.S.T. credited hours for 2013

**GSP Training Unit:** The GSP Training Unit graduated the following trooper schools: the 91<sup>st</sup> on March 22, in the Post 50 Auditorium with 15 new troopers; the 92<sup>nd</sup> on July 12, with 23 new troopers; and the 93<sup>rd</sup> on November 22, with 18 new troopers. The 94<sup>th</sup> trooper school began on July 28<sup>th</sup>, with 40 new cadets.

The unit conducted the following training for the department: Spring and Fall Firearms In-service, Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT), Spring and Fall Physical Fitness In-service, Driving Simulator Training, Patrol Rifle, Pursuit Liability with Due Regard, Below 100, Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE), Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST), Traffic Incident Management Systems, Accident Reconstruction 1 – 5, Field Training Officer (FTO) Refresher, Driving Instructor, and POST Instructor.

**MCCD Training Unit:** The MCCD Training Unit is responsible for the professional development, training, and the continuing education of 208 MCCD Law Enforcement Officers. During 2013, MCCD Instructors provided 15,478 hours of individual instruction through core classroom instruction leading to the initial certification of NAS Inspectors and continuing

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education in general hazardous materials, cargo tank, bulk packaging, motor coach, radiological materials and securement. Additionally, MCCD instructors provided instruction for the professional development of supervisors. MCCD instructors provide a minimum of 20 hours of in-service instruction for each MCCD officer, as required by Georgia Peace Officer's Standards and Training, including firearms training, first aid and CPR, as well as federal and state legal updates. The MCCD training Unit offers and coordinates commercial vehicle inspection courses, the required field training for newly trained commercial vehicle inspectors, drug interdiction courses, and other law enforcement specific courses to state, local, and out-of-state law enforcement officers.

The MCCD Unit conducted the following training for the department: North American Standards Parts A, B, and State, ARIDE, TRUCAM, Cargo Tanker, General Hazardous Materials, Motor Coach Inspection, Other Bulk Packages Training, Honor Guard, FTO, Weight Inspector, LIDAR Instructor and Operator, Passenger Vehicle Inspection, and Advanced EVOC.

Training also conducted several classes for outside agencies including Active Shooter Response, P.I.T. Training, Firearms Training, Police Patrol Rifle, SFST, and ARIDE Training.

## 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, opening ceremonies, post dedications, and other special details where color guards are required or deemed appropriate.

The Georgia State Patrol Honor Guard participated in 86 details during 2013. Honor Guard members represented the State of Georgia, Georgia Department of Public Safety

and the Georgia State Patrol in 11 Fallen Trooper Memorials, 28 Presentation of Colors details, 47 Funerals/Memorial Services.

Several members were also selected to participate in events during National Police Week 2013 in Washington, DC. The Honor Guard members were detached May 12 thru May 16, 2013 to participate in the Annual Candlelight Vigil and the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service. This event was significant in that members represented the Department in remembering fallen department members.



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## **REGIONAL K-9 TASK FORCE**

The K-9 Training and Certification is comprised of two state agencies; Georgia State Patrol and Capital Police. The unit has two types of detection K-9s; narcotics and explosives. Their primary responsibility is to assist local, state and federal agencies.

The K-9 Training and Certification Unit is responsible for maintenance training and yearly certification of the DPS K-9 teams. This unit consists of three certified K-9 instructors that are responsible for 11 K-9 teams. In 2013, the Unit performed 2,112 hours of maintenance training and 352 hours of certification. The unit also assisted five other outside agencies with their K-9 team's training and certification.

There are eight narcotic K-9 teams which were deployed 156 times. These deployments resulted in seizures of 147 kilograms of marijuana, 3.5 kilograms of cocaine, 11 kilograms of methamphetamine and \$2,829,107 in U.S. currency. The Narcotic K-9s teams also performed 13 school demonstrations.

There are three explosive K-9 teams which performed 449 sweeps and 11 calls for service. No explosive devices were located.

The visibility and reliability of our teams helped to deter further narcotics criminal activity in Georgia. The visibility of our explosive K-9 teams also helped to deter criminals from performing acts of terrorism against our state and helped ensure the safety of our residents.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

The Human Resources Division provides human resources services including recruitment, job development, compensation analysis, policy consultation, personnel transactions/benefits processing, employee relations and career development for more than 1,600 employees of the Department of Public Safety. In addition, four agencies with more than 225 positions/employees which include Georgia Public Safety Training Center, Georgia Peace Officers Standards and Training Council, Georgia Firefighters Standards and Training Council, and the Governor's Office of Highway Safety who are administratively attached to DPS.

**Director's Office:** The director provides overall direction, leadership, and management of the agency's human resources services to support the department's mission, goals and workforce needs. The director provides consultation to the leadership and management on workforce related matters, and works closely with Legal Services to ensure compliance with departmental policies, state personnel board rules, and federal and state laws.

**Employment and Career Development:** The Human Resources Division works closely with hiring managers to attract and retain a qualified workforce. Human Resources staff conducts targeted recruitments, assesses and communicates with job applicants as they move through the hiring process, and participates in interview and selection processes. Human Resources staff compiles applicant data and works closely with the Office of Professional Standards to process applicants through background investigations. In an effort to continuously



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provide opportunities for growth and advancement for sworn personnel, testing and assessment centers are coordinated through Human Resources in partnership with the University of Georgia.

**Employee Relations:** The Human Resources Division is responsible for helping to increase the effectiveness of the Georgia Department of Public Safety by developing and supporting efforts to improve the employee-management relations climate within the department. This is done by providing programs, such as the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) and the Critical Incident Support Team, to address critical workforce needs and by consulting with individual employees and managers to address specific workplace issues. Internally, issues are raised by either employees or managers and are most often initiated in disciplinary actions, complaints, grievances, the request for review of a performance evaluation and charges of discrimination. Externally, the unit responds to actions filed with the Georgia Committee on Equal Opportunity (GCEO), the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), the Georgia Department of Labor, and the State Personnel Board, as well as state and federal courts. Formal investigations are often conducted in order to address both internal and external complaints.

**Employee Benefits and Transaction Services:** Throughout the year Human Resources responds to numerous requests for information related to benefits and assists employees in resolving benefit problems. Human Resources staff processes the actions that are administered throughout the department and the attached agencies, including employee transfers, promotions, new hires and terminations. Employment records, which includes the personnel file (201), confidential file (beneficiary, medical and health related information), Worker's Compensation files, and separated employee files are maintained and stored in this section. Human Resources is responsible for maintaining accurate leave balances for all employees and providing support and consultation to managers to ensure timely and accurate time-keeping records are kept according to state and federal laws.

**Training Services:** Human Resources staff provides technical training in human resources related topics in support of the training division and the command staff of the agency. Topic areas include Unlawful Harassment Prevention, Discipline, and Performance Management.

## **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 51 Georgia State Patrol posts, 10 Motor Carrier Compliance regions and Capitol Police.

**Director's Office:** The 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.

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Additionally, the director represents the department on the Governor's Public Safety Awards Committee, serves as a member of the Public Safety Memorial Committee and coordinates the department awards program. He also conducts a training course in media relations to trooper cadets during GSP Trooper School.

**Documents Unit:** PIO 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 evidence and completed evidence requests, which included photographs, videos, crash and incident reports, SCRT reports, subpoenas, requests for production of documents, and other documentation. The Documents and Graphics Units also completed requests from the Open Records Units which included photograph and CD/DVD duplication.

**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.

**Media Relations:** PIO responds to media inquiries and prepares news releases for the six major holiday periods, specialized enforcement campaigns, and other releases as needed each year.



## HEADQUARTERS ADJUTANT

### Administrative Services Division

The Administrative Services Division of the Georgia State Patrol oversees several divisions: Fleet, Communications, Facilities, Supply, Property, and Maintenance, all of which are administered by the Headquarters Adjutant of the Department of Public Safety.

The **Fleet Division** is responsible for the purchase of vehicles allotted to the Department by the Legislature. It is also responsible for equipping, issuance, and maintenance of these vehicles. Fleet, also known as the Garage, maintains a staff of mechanics and electronic specialists to accomplish these tasks. Also, Fleet will manage other vendors such as Wright Express for fuel, and ARI for vehicle repairs and tracking.

The **Communications Division** is responsible for the infrastructure needed to allow Troopers and communication centers to operate, and handle the daily operations for providing statewide public safety. The infrastructure is comprised of, but not limited to tower structures, mobile and portable radios, base stations, control stations, and other items needed by troopers and communication centers. The Communications staff is comprised of sworn and civilian personnel, tasked with purchasing, installing, updating, and maintaining this infrastructure.

The **Facilities Division** is responsible for guiding the post/troop commanders in the construction of new posts, as well as repairs to current buildings. It is also responsible for approving certain requests for purchases and repairs to items belonging to those facilities.

**Supply** is responsible for the purchasing, storing, and issuance of items needed by troopers, operators, and posts to carry out daily operations. Items range from clothing, forms, and uniform brass, to standard equipment.

The **Property Division** is responsible for the inventory and tracking of data for the department. This division maintains assets that meet DOAS Inventory requirements, as to the recording of serial numbers, issuance of decals and their recording. They also are responsible for items that are no longer serviceable; the removal of these items from inventory and the surplus of said items by DOAS rules and regulations.

The **Maintenance Section** is responsible for the upkeep of the headquarters facilities. This section is primarily responsible for the headquarters facility, but will assist in the maintenance of other outlying buildings owned or leased by the department. They are responsible for many actions including, but not limited to grounds keeping, construction, plumbing, roof repair, and HVAC.

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Administrative Division staff attended and completed the following tasks and projects for 2013:

- Reconfigured vehicle consoles, push bumpers, and light bars to accommodate the vehicle model change.
- Purchased items to equip two trooper schools for the 2013 calendar year.
- Received and cleared approximately 1,500 Supply requisitions.
- Purchased and processed 211 new vehicles for the department as follows: 191 Chargers, seven Tahoes, four Suburbans, four trucks (F150, F350, F550, F650 Rollback Wrecker), and five Harley Davidson motorcycles.
- Processed paperwork for 481 departmental claims (accident/incident), to include the at fault, third party fault, animal related, weather related, and Pursuit/PIT. Of the 481 claims, 22 of those vehicles were totaled.
- Inspected, provided assistance and made recommendations to resolve problems with radio communications, including repairs to existing tower sites.
- Completed several tower repairs with allotted funds for tower repair. More still to follow.
- Spent \$670,701.00 on vehicle repairs and \$216,207.00 was recouped from DOAS Risk Management for totaled vehicles.
- Stripped and sold 231 vehicles in which 170 were sold at auction bringing in \$459,955.00, 27. These vehicles were sold to other law enforcement agencies, and 34 were transferred to other agencies in the state. Total auto sales for 2013 were \$580,855.00.
- Initiated the remodel/building of Post 51 Gwinnett.
- Resurfacing of the HQ parking lot, and repair of a sink hole.
- Initiated the building of Post 52 Hartwell Post.
- Assisted the Command Staff with obtaining Legislative Funding for the contract instead of the department funding a state project alone.

**Communications Unit:** The DPS Communications Unit provides support to DPS officers in the area of land mobile radios, as well as the operation of the DPS Radio Shop. The Communications Director also serves as the Interoperability Project Coordinator, focusing on the installation and operation of the Georgia Interoperability Network (GIN). The GIN is the Homeland Security initiative to provide communications between public safety answering points (PSAPs) and Georgia State Patrol dispatch centers.

During 2013, the Communications Unit completed or initiated the following:

- Provided assistance and made recommendations to resolve problems with radio communications, including repairs to existing tower sites through site inspections.
- Completed several tower repairs with allotted funds.
- Initiated a new troop-wide Repeater Project, providing engineering support and coordination to expand the radio coverage into critical areas within a GSP Troop.
- Obtained approval to purchase a new radio set up for DPS vehicles. The new radios are Motorola Dual Band APX 7500, capable of VHF and 800 frequencies in the same unit.
- Aligned the department with possible upcoming FCC P25 compliance.
- Maintained agreements with Tennessee and South Carolina to allow several of our northern posts to communicate over their 800MHZ Trunked radio systems.
- Coordinated the modifications with the FCC to reflect the new repeater operations.

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- Reviewed, monitored, and coordinated for the repair of radio equipment to ensure that repairs were conducted effectively and in a timely manner.
- Participated in the NIFOG Workshop.
- Participated in several state and federal exercises and conferences.
- Participated in the preliminary meetings of the National Broadband Initiative.
- Coordinated the GIN/Motobridge Upgrade to the LETPP using grant funds.
- Renegotiated the Motorola Motobridge service contract.
- Began working with Florida Highway Patrol and GEMA in reference to connecting the GIN and FIN Motobridge Networks.
- Began an inventory process around the state's 911 centers and verifying Motorola equipment/placing decals and going to tower sites to verify serial numbers and decal numbers. •
- Attended numerous special details setting up communications via the Mobile Command Bus, Interop Trailers, or both at natural disasters where infrastructure was down, or at concerts where tower service was lacking or non-existent.
- Coordinated communications centers repairs on radio and phone recorder installation throughout the state.
- Managed Motobridge/radio equipment audits at all communication centers.
- Scheduled installation of equipment for new DPS vehicles, cadet vehicles and transfers for GSP troopers, Capitol Police officers, MCCD officers, Governor's Mansion personnel, and all specialty units (CIU, SCRT, SWAT, Nighthawks, and Implied Consent).
- Maintained the inventory of all DPS equipment such as the portables and accessories, etc. - antennae, batteries, chargers, clips, speaker microphone, mobiles, GPS antennae, video systems, printers, printer inverters, docking stations, docking station inverters, and repeaters (FutureComs and VRS 750 repeater).

## **DPS Technology Section**

The DPS Technology Section serves the needs of the department's almost 1,600 employees in the areas of personal computers, servers, land mobile radios, and telecommunications. It also provides direct support to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) through a Memorandum of Understanding through which DNR law enforcement officers utilize the DPS CAD/RMS system.

**Technology Director and Staff:** The Technology Director works with the DPS Command Staff to develop and implement technology related initiatives and policies. The director also provides direct support for special programs and works closely with the Comptroller in the area of strategic planning. During 2013, the Technology Director attended several meetings and seminars regarding the proposed Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network, and served on the advisory board to plan the 2013 Georgia Digital Government Summit.

In 2013, the Computer Aided Dispatch/Records Management System (CAD/RMS) Administrator ensured that data related to users, their permissions and access, and the general configuration of the system was maintained. In addition, the administrator assisted the Communications Director in the technical administration of the Georgia Interoperability Network (GIN), the State of Georgia's interoperable public safety radio network.



**Computer Services Unit:** The Computer Services Unit is responsible for providing support to DPS employees in areas related to computers, servers, and telecommunications.

The Help Desk Support Team provides direct support to users who are experiencing problems in using issued computers, whether desktop or mobile. This team also installs and upgrades various operating systems and software applications used by the various DPS functions.

The Network Services Team maintains the many servers and vast networks that keep DPS employees connected. These include the core servers and equipment needed to keep the network operating, as well as content and service related servers such as the Microsoft Exchange E-Mail Server and the MyDPS SharePoint Portal.

The Development Team consists of programmers who not only develop custom applications to meet the needs of various units, but also assist with the implementation of commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) applications purchased by the agency. The Development Team also provides assistance in writing queries and producing reports to deliver data from the various DPS databases to facilitate decision making by DPS Command.

The Telecommunications Coordinator manages the department's telephone systems and data circuits, and arranges for new installations and relocations as needed.

During 2013, the Computer Services Unit initiated or completed the following:

- Transitioned several physical network servers into an integrated virtual environment as a part of the Server Virtualization and Consolidation Project. This project will reduce the amount of labor necessary to maintain DPS servers and provide a more secure network.
- Supported the Training staff by providing and setting up mobile data terminals (MDTs) for use by cadets assigned to the 93<sup>rd</sup> and 94<sup>th</sup> GSP Trooper Schools.
- Assisted with the establishment of several new facilities.
- Established and maintained a website for the Regulatory Compliance Unit of the Motor Carrier Compliance Division (MCCD).
- Continued the upgrade of all DPS computers to the Windows 7 operating system.

## **Headquarters Security**

Headquarters Security provides security for Headquarters personnel by maintaining 24 hour security of the grounds and buildings. This unit is staffed by a sworn officer and cadets on duty 24 hours a day with the primary duties of ensuring that the headquarters complex of the Georgia Department of Public Safety is properly secured and by providing a safe work environment for the employees of the department. There are five key responsibilities of Headquarters Security: 1) monitoring the main entrance, the outside grounds, as well as the inside halls and all doors; 2) patrolling the parking lots; 3) ensuring that all employees or authorized personnel entering into the building show the proper employee identification upon request; and checking all visitors entering the building and making sure they are properly logged in; 4) informing the radio room of any unusual activity; and 5) providing relays for the department to include deliveries of documentation to other state agencies and financial institutions, transporting departmental staff to and from the airport and other destinations.

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In addition, Headquarters Security, upon the availability of a sworn officer, conduct vehicle inspections which includes checking the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), reporting the condition of the VIN, and checking the VIN through GCIC/NCIC by confirming the status of the vehicle through the communication center.

During 2013, Headquarters Security performed the following:

- Signed in 1,357 visitors into the Headquarters building
- Conducted 75 vehicle inspections
- Delivered and pick-up approximately 125 packages from the state capitol, employee's retirement system, Bank of America, and Wells Fargo bank.
- Delivered approximately 20 employees to the Airport and other destinations.
- Placed one call for service to Banner Security Systems.

**GEMA Liaison:** The GEMA/Homeland Security Liaison represents the department and is responsible for attending all emergency management, Homeland Security and other meetings designated by the Commissioner and/or Command Staff. The liaison served on committees and subcommittees coordinating the department's roles and responsibilities for potential manmade and/or natural disasters. The liaison represented the department at hurricane related conferences in and out of state as well as assisted with disaster-related training exercises. The Liaison occupied the GEMA State Operations Center (SOC) during declared state of emergencies and coordinated the department's efforts in the recovery phase of the emergency.

The GEMA/Homeland Security Liaison serves on the Child Abduction Recovery Team (CART). CART is made up of nine state agencies that respond to abducted, missing, or run-a-way children. These agencies provide support to the local law enforcement agency in the recovery of the child.

In addition, the GEMA/Homeland Security Liaison served on the Child Exploitation and Computer Task Force (ICAC) and coordinated efforts to serve arrest warrants on internet predators against children.

Major activities and events for 2013 include:

- Attended Homeland Security Task Force meetings.
- Participated in hurricane preparedness meetings/exercises.
- Developed a workable escort plan for former Governor and President Jimmy Carter in the event of his death.
- Monitored and assisted with North Georgia tornadoes.
- Taught Smoke/Fog In-service.
- Developed an Incident Management Team for DPS.
- Assembled and trained a GSP lieutenant from each troop to handle SNS Project issues
- Taught at Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Law Enforcement Summits.

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- Taught at the following SNS Law Enforcement Summits:
  - Fulton/Clayton August 1, 2013
  - Gainesville August 20, 2013
  - Laurens September 12, 2013
  - DeKalb/Gwinnett November 14, 2013
  - Columbus November 20, 2013

Along with C.A.R.T., the GEMA Liaison received in calls reference to Mattie's Call. Established by the Georgia General Assembly in 2006, Mattie's Call is an emergency missing alert for disabled or elderly persons. The alert is an investigative tool that can only be activated by a local law enforcement agency. During 2013, the liaison was contacted by Coweta County Sheriff's Office for assistance from GSP on searching for a 78-year old missing woman. After a four day search, the missing woman was found alive.

The GEMA/Homeland Security Liaison remained on call seven days a week /24 hours a day for C.A.R.T., ICAC, and to fill requests coming from GEMA/Homeland Security as a supporting agency to state and local governments.

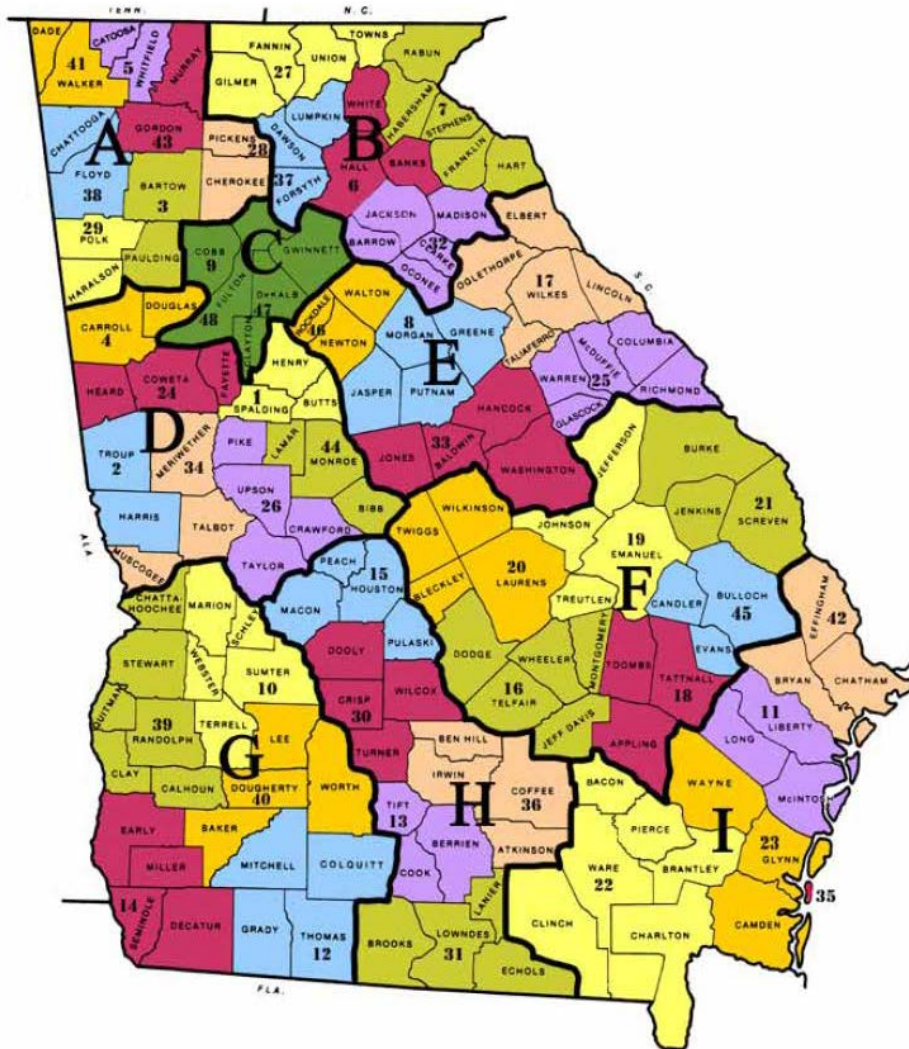


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## GEORGIA STATE PATROL

Although focused primarily on the enforcement of traffic laws and investigation of traffic crashes, the Georgia State Patrol supports the efforts of all public safety agencies to reduce criminal activity, apprehend those involved, and respond to natural and manmade disasters. Public safety is a 24-hour responsibility. Stranded motorists and motor vehicle crashes require that troopers work around the clock. As of December 31, 2013, there were 824 troopers.

The Georgia State Patrol is divided into 51 patrol posts within 10 geographic troops and six specialized units, including Criminal Interdiction, Implied Consent, Specialized Collision Reconstruction Team (SCRT), Specialized Weapons and Tactics (SWAT), GSP Dive Team, Governor's Task Force, and the Regional K-9 Task Force. The Command Officer and his staff are located at the Department of Public Safety Headquarters in Atlanta.





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## Troop A

Troop A Command is located in Bartow County at Post 3 in Cartersville. The troop headquarters is situated just off I-75 and Ga#20. Troop A is encompassed of 14 counties that are patrolled by troopers stationed in six geographic locations.

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

In 2013, Troop A Command was involved in numerous events including an EF-3 tornado that impacted a large section of Bartow and Gordon counties. The approximate 136-165 miles per hour high winds caused numerous vehicle rollovers which resulted in one fatality and 17 injuries. Troopers assisted with search and rescue, and assisted local agencies with providing aid to residents in Bartow and Gordon counties. Troop A also provided manpower for one of the largest civil war reenactments in the southeast during the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the civil war by managing the roadways and a pedestrian venue in Walker County.

Troop A participated in several operations with the Tennessee Highway Patrol, including the annual Hands Across the Border events in both the summer and the fall travel seasons. Troop A actively participated in the Mountain Area Traffic Enforcement II Network, Appalachian Traffic Enforcement Network, and the Western Region Traffic Enforcement Network meetings. Troop A received third place among the Georgia State Patrol Troops for the Governor's Challenge Awards sponsored by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. In addition, Troop A attended the annual Mothers Against Drunk Driving Golden Shield Awards which recognized troopers for their accomplishments in the enforcement of impaired driving laws.



Post	Crash Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	DUI Arrests	Vehicle Stops
Post 3	3,784	27	7,164	18,111	331	13,812
Post 5	2,300	12	7,108	17,036	391	12,639
Post 28	1,117	15	3,465	7,644	117	6,466
Post 38	1,197	19	5,814	15,110	228	12,375
Post 41	1,189	13	5,648	9,094	155	7,492
Post 43	1,186	21	6,201	11,405	197	9,276
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>10,773</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>35,400</b>	<b>78,400</b>	<b>1,419</b>	<b>62,060</b>



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## Troop B

Troop B patrols 20 Northeast Georgia Counties. Troop B members are stationed in five geographic locations.

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

Troop B participated in several special details and community events throughout the year including, but not limited to the University of Georgia Home Football Games and DUI Strike Patrols; troopers participated in GOHS traffic enforcement network meetings; escorted the Governor detail from 441 to Rabun County High School Fine Arts Center; Hands Across the Border in Rabun County in August; Night of Blue Lights in Oconee County; Barrow County Public Safety Day; Ride for the Troops Motorcycle Ride; Toys for Tots Jeep Ride; NHTSA regional conference in Tennessee; Police Unity Tour in Washington DC, Presidential Inauguration detail in Washington DC; POAG Conference on St. Simons Island; ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Aviation hanger at the Hall County Airport; “Ghost Out” presentation with Forsyth County Sheriff Office at Forsyth County High Schools at the beginning of Prom season; BUI/DUI media tour on Lake Lanier in Hall County; 100 Days of Summer Heat media event in Forsyth County; Forsyth County Public Safety School Tour; and the Lumpkin County Sheriff Office table top discussion exercise.

In October, Troop A held a road dedication ceremony in Blue Ridge for Tpr. Clyde Wehunt who was killed in the line of duty in Fannin County in 1950.



Post	Crash Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	DUI Arrests	Vehicle Stops
Post 6	3,378	15	9,201	13,563	427	15,254
Post 7	1,844	23	5,184	8,304	255	8,995
Post 27	1,255	17	3,893	6,603	205	6,652
Post 32	4,172	28	6,982	10,882	451	10,362
Post 37	1,581	14	3,793	6,010	145	5,878
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>12,230</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>29,053</b>	<b>45,362</b>	<b>1,483</b>	<b>47,141</b>

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## Troop C

Troop C covers the ever growing Metropolitan Atlanta area and oversees the day-to-day operations of four patrol posts, a DUI Task Force, a Motorcycle Unit, and the Communications Center located at DPS Headquarters. Troop C Headquarters is located at the Georgia State Patrol Special Operations Center at Charlie Brown Airport. The SOC is a newly acquired State building with a multi-function facility. The SOC has a state of the art Training Facility; Airport Hanger and Airport access; State of Georgia SWAT/DIVE Team Headquarters; a full service bay for the Motor Unit, and a Troop wide evidence room.

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

Troop C troopers concentrated efforts towards crash investigations for the Metro Atlanta area to specifically target the interstates in Cobb and Gwinnett counties and the City of Atlanta. In Fall 2012, the Georgia Department of Transportation partnered with the Department of Public Safety to add additional troopers to the Metro Atlanta Interstates to focus on traffic crashes and incidents. After a noticeable decrease in congestion and roadway clearance times from traffic incidents and crashes in previous years, DOT funded 70 additional troopers in Metro Atlanta. In October 2012, 35 troopers were added to Post 9 in Marietta to focus on Interstate 75 and Interstate 285 in Cobb County. In April 2013, the creation of Post 51-Gwinnett was completed with the addition of 35 troopers to focus on the Interstate 85 corridor in Gwinnett County. Due to an increase in manpower and responsibilities, Troop C troopers drastically increased efforts in every category. Troop C Troopers increased crash investigations by 107%; increased traffic stops by 121%; increased arrests by 125%; increased warnings by 118%; and increased DUI arrest by 23%.



Post	Crash Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	DUI Arrests	Vehicle Stops
Post 9	3,355	0	24,267	30,876	116	40,403
Post 47	1,971	3	10,317	6599	46	12,438
Post 48	2,734	3	8400	12,454	59	12,900
Post 49	2,478	0	14,600	11,960	27	20,396
Post 51	2,051	0	18,526	27,488	68	34,112
Nighthawks	163	5	4463	9460	1,669	12,001
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,752</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>80,573</b>	<b>98,837</b>	<b>1,985</b>	<b>132,250</b>

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## Troop D

Troop D consists of seven patrol posts, the Troop D Specialized Collision Reconstruction Team, the Middle Georgia Nighthawks DUI Taskforce and the Troop D Communications Center. It is tasked with covering 20 counties in the central and west-central portion of the state. There are a large number of state routes within the territory, and many of the urban areas within the troop experience a high volume of traffic virtually around the clock.

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

During 2013, Troop D Communications Center handled 92,957 CAD calls. This total also includes calls from the Motor Carrier Compliance Division and the Department of Natural Resources. Troop D is one of the busiest troops in the state that experiences one of the highest crash volumes. An increase in population combined with numerous construction projects contribute to this problem.

Troop D handled the traffic for the NASCAR race at the Atlanta Motor Speedway. Troop D also participated in the annual Toys for Tots program, collecting 5,677 toys and over \$3,410 in monetary donations. In addition, Troop D participated in the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) Governor’s Challenge Awards, GOHS Hands Across the Border event in Columbus, GA, the MADD Golden Shield Awards, GOHS Road Check in Spalding County, Operation Rolling Thunder in Bibb and Houston counties, and the GOHS Safety Caravan in Macon, GA.



Post	Crash Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	DUI Arrests	Vehicle Stops
Post 1	1,075	8	2,794	6,464	87	6,137
Post 2	1,260	19	5,664	8,238	159	8,712
Post 4	4,209	31	6,219	14,455	333	10,659
Post 24	1,591	11	5,279	6,247	183	7,253
Post 26	727	6	3,315	7,011	116	6,147
Post 34	615	11	2,475	5,387	107	5,858
Post 44	840	7	5,140	5,059	128	6,290
Nighthawks	37	0	1,724	3,552	707	4,393
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>10,354</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>32,610</b>	<b>56,413</b>	<b>1,820</b>	<b>55,449</b>

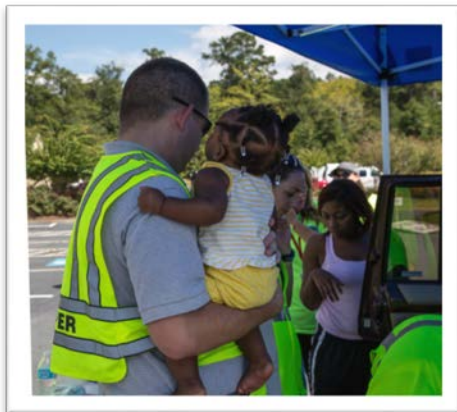
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## Troop E

Troop E is located in the eastern central section of the State of Georgia. The northern end begins in Rockdale County at Interstate 20 and continues south-easterly for approximately 150 miles of the interstate to the Georgia/South Carolina line, ending in Richmond County. The posts that comprise this troop are as follows:

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

Fuel costs and personnel shortages have caused Troop E to have limited resources for special details. It has been a challenge to staff posts, provide patrol presence, and detach personnel out of Troop territory to provide assistance to other Troops as has been customary in the past.



During the first week of April 2013, the Masters' Tournament takes place in Augusta. Numerous dignitaries attend this event and troopers provide escort for them from various parts of the state. Also, Augusta receives numerous visits from the Governor and Lt. Governor at different times of the year and troopers provide assistance to them as well.

On September 6 - 7, 2013, troopers from each post held a Concentrated Patrol during the "Border Bash" in Augusta; personnel from all posts participated. During this event the following activity was generated: 97 citations, 16 DUIs, and 219 warnings.

Post	Crash Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	DUI Arrests	Vehicle Stops
Post 8	466	11	3,468	8,758	182	10,619
Post 17	565	7	4,004	6,720	251	8,449
Post 25	1,434	12	6,019	6,544	422	7,620
Post 33	604	6	3,862	9,681	200	9,015
Post 46	1,353	28	5,670	13,648	207	12,702
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4,422</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>23,023</b>	<b>45,355</b>	<b>1,262</b>	<b>48,405</b>

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## Troop F

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

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

Troop F personnel assisted with many different special details during calendar year 2012. The Georgia Governor’s Office of Highway Safety sponsored several traffic safety details that Troop F was involved in. These included:

- Click It or Ticket
- 100 Days of Summer Heat
- Operation Zero Tolerance
- Hands Across the Border
- Give Kids a Boost
- Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

Troop F also participated in the Toys for Tots Campaign. During the 2013 campaign, Troop F personnel collected 4,400 toys and collected \$5,067. The photo below shows SFC Dale Watson of Post 19 Swainsboro with Santa and some of the toys that were collected during their toy drive.



Post	Crash Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	DUI Arrests	Vehicle Stops
Post 16	599	20	3,477	8,379	226	8,838
Post 18	671	7	3,834	7,490	380	7,337
Post 19	595	14	2,954	7,612	162	8,419
Post 20	911	18	4,146	7,647	214	7,629
Post 21	720	19	3,264	6,013	241	6,034
Post 45	1,936	22	3,087	5,985	175	6,416
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5,432</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>20,762</b>	<b>43,126</b>	<b>1,396</b>	<b>44,673</b>



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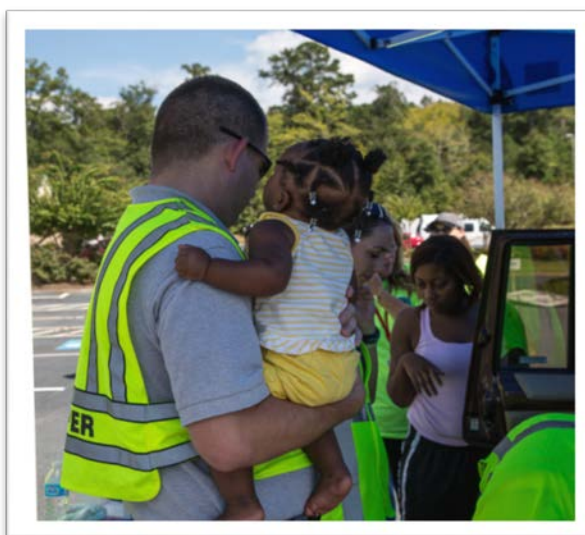
## Troop G

Troop G of the Georgia State Patrol consists of five patrol posts that are located in Americus, Thomasville, Colquitt, Cuthbert, and Albany. The five posts in Troop G cover 23 southwest Georgia counties. As of December 31, 2013, there were 54 sworn personnel, 16 CSA's, and six secretaries in Troop G, inclusive of the command staff.

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

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 Operation One Voice, Georgia National Fair, Hands Across the Border, Sunbelt Ag Exposition, Road Side Memorials for Fallen Troopers, MADD, and Child Passenger Safety Technicians.

Post	Crash Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	DUI Arrests	Vehicle Stops
Post 10	531	8	3,659	9,603	235	10,441
Post 12	625	16	4,873	9,459	352	10,346
Post 14	448	15	3,073	7,834	281	9,323
Post 39	253	4	2,422	7,713	161	7,819
Post 40	629	9	5,020	11,408	302	11,938
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,486</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>19,047</b>	<b>46,017</b>	<b>1,331</b>	<b>49,867</b>



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## Troop H

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

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

Throughout the year, troopers remained highly visible with increased vehicle stops and license checkpoints. We conducted quarterly “Troop Concentrated Patrols” and our goal was to have Troopers focus on the old adage of “look for your warnings and the arrests will come.” Troopers across the Troop continued our initiative of conducting school safety checks to make sure our children are learning in a safe environment. Each post participated in Operation C.A.R.E., 100 Days of Summer Heat, Click it or Ticket, Operation Zero Tolerance, Hands Across the Border and conducted monthly nighttime seatbelt enforcements. The Troop H Task Force has been used extensively throughout the year for patrols on I-75 and other areas for DUI enforcement. Traffic stops and license checks also increase our visibility and provide an opportunity for us to educate the public in a positive manner. Troop H also participated in a Rolling Thunder Detail on July 20, 2013.



Troop Communications logged 339 HIT confirmations, 49 relays, 24 vehicle pursuits and entered 32 abandoned vehicles.

Post	Crash Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	DUI Arrests	Vehicle Stops
Post 13	1,196	12	5,326	13,979	318	12,892
Post 15	1,350	13	6,249	11,226	294	11,884
Post 30	769	10	3,382	10,894	166	10,487
Post 31	1,610	13	7,116	15,428	388	14,343
Post 36	957	10	5,144	11,445	282	10,943
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5,882</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>27,217</b>	<b>62,972</b>	<b>1,448</b>	<b>60,549</b>

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## Troop I

Troop I has five patrol posts that cover 15 Southeast Georgia counties extending 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 the 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 Coastguard Marine Safety Office, and the Okefenokee Swamp and Wildlife Refuge.

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

The last three waves of the commercial vehicle safety initiative called GTACT (Georgia Targeting Aggressive Cars and Trucks) led by the Motor Carrier Compliance Division. Troopers from the Waycross and Brunswick posts participated in the campaign to target high-risk corridors. In January, Troop I sent five troopers to Washington D.C. to participate in the Presidential Inauguration.



In March, as in past years, troopers were called upon to assist the Savannah-Chatham Metro Police in securing the parade route during the 189th St. Patrick's Day parade and celebration in the city. This annual event draws thousands of visitors to the area, and is considered one of the largest celebrations in the nation. On March 28, 27 troopers travelled to the Annual MADD Awards banquet to be honored for their DUI enforcement efforts. Fifteen of these troopers had between 25 and 49 DUI arrests for 2012; eight had 50-99 arrests and four had between 100 and 149 DUI arrests.

Post	Crash Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	DUI Arrests	Vehicle Stops
Post 11	392	7	4,052	8,521	230	9,996
Post 22	498	17	3,478	6,102	233	6,891
Post 23	692	18	5,417	6,298	265	8,272
Post 35	95	0	738	2,154	31	2,549
Post 42	692	21	5,133	7,505	198	10,308
Nighthawks	109	0	1,929	5,871	532	5,946
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,478</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>20,747</b>	<b>36,451</b>	<b>1,489</b>	<b>43,962</b>

## **Implied Consent Unit (ICU)**

The Implied Consent Unit trains, maintains and administers the breath alcohol testing and certification program for all law enforcement agencies in Georgia subject to the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and Georgia Bureau of Investigation Rules and Regulations. This unit is comprised of 16 troopers who are strategically and operationally positioned throughout the state to conduct the daily operations of the unit which will be elaborated on below. ICU members remain on-call around the clock for emergency instrument repairs and courtroom availability. In addition to their regular enforcement responsibilities, ICU members provide a broad range of specialized services designed to compliment field operational needs.

In cooperation with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, these sworn GSP members are responsible for inspecting and maintaining all evidential breath testing devices in Georgia. Currently, there are nearly 500 instruments statewide in all 159 counties. During 2013, the Implied Consent Unit conducted 1,753 instrument inspections and documented over 3,707 hours of service related matters.

In addition to performing regular maintenance and quarterly inspections of these breath testing instruments, ICU provides crucial expert testimony in DUI related court cases for state, and local law enforcement statewide. Members regularly respond to manual Open Record Requests, although formal Open Records Requests were almost eliminated due to the transition toward electronic submission and availability of GBI/DOFS records. ICU members also spent 318 hours in court and other legal proceedings, serving as expert witnesses regarding Intoxilyzer operation, theory and instrumentation.

The Implied Consent Unit is also responsible for the training and certification of all evidential breath testing device operators. In 2013, this was conducted through 20 two-day basic operator courses which certified 403 new I5000 operators, 34 four-hour refresher courses which recertified 1,180 existing I5000 operators, and 58 four hour transition courses which certified 1,612 officers to conduct test on the I9000. These courses are taught at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center and Regional Police Academies. In addition to these training classes the Implied Consent Unit teamed up with the GOHS to deliver I9000 Transition Classes in Savannah, Augusta, Canton, Rome, Jesup, Lawrenceville, Columbus and Athens. The Implied Consent Unit was also instrumental in the selection, design and instrumentation of the CMI Intoxilyzer 9000, as the official evidential breath testing instrument to succeed the CMI 5000 beginning in mid-2013. This will entail a three-year phase-in process ultimately designed to convert all statewide instruments to the technologically advanced CMI Intoxilyzer 9000 by the end of 2015.

Implied Consent Unit personnel put forth commendable effort toward public safety during 2013 by issuing 412 arrests, 1,511 warnings and by conducting 1,468 vehicle stops. ICU also supplemented field operations on many levels with troop-related special patrols such as the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah, GSP Honor Guard details and holiday enforcement efforts. ICU also coordinated the planning and implementation of several events such as the Georgia Power Cancer Run, Boys State, Special Forces Operation One-Voice-One-Run, the Annual Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education Bus Trip Across Georgia, as well as the GOHS "Hands Across the Border" sobriety checkpoints and media events.

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Major initiatives continued during 2013 included eight safety program presentations and course training at 42 GOHS Traffic Enforcement Network meetings across the State and the DPS Portable Breath Test (PBT) device repair and service program. The PBT repair and service program remains functionally equipped and centrally located at Post 15 Perry and Post 3 Cartersville where ICU personnel coordinate PBT repairs for all DPS officers. Expansion efforts in this initiative have ensured that functional PBTs are in the hands of officers quickly and at a significant cost savings to the Department. During 2013, members of the Implied Consent Unit documented 371 PBT repairs that required 196 hours. The Implied Consent Unit also issued new Intoximeter FSTs (PBTs) to graduating members of the 92<sup>nd</sup>, 93<sup>rd</sup>, and 94<sup>th</sup> GSP Trooper Schools.

Also during 2013, the Implied Consent Unit continued the collateral responsibility of conducting Excess Property audits through the Department of Defense 1033 program. After continued specialized training, ICU members expended 1,926 hours conducting numerous agency audits throughout the State. Implied Consent Unit personnel also assisted with the federal Program Compliance Review. Through the contributions of the Implied Consent Unit and the Excess Property program, the State of Georgia was credited with doing a commendable job of following all regulations and guidelines required under the federal 1033 program. A “Compliant” rating was given to the state and its 1033 program by the DLA Law Enforcement Support Office.

## SWAT and Dive Team



The State of Georgia SWAT Team (SWAT) provides a highly trained and skilled tactical team as a resource for all law enforcement agencies in the State of Georgia in resolving critical incidents.

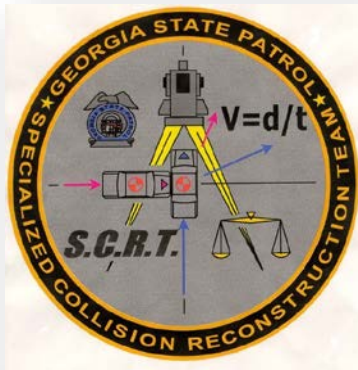
SWAT was requested to assist with 24 critical incidents during the calendar year 2013. Some of the incidents were resolved prior to the team’s arrival, by the requesting agency, others lasted hours. The majority of the requests were to assist with a barricaded gunman or a hostage situation. Others ranged from an active shooter, woodland searches, VIP security details, warrant services for other government agencies, as well as special requests for security details. Each incident was resolved without any serious harm

to a hostage, team member or suspect.

The State of Georgia Dive Team was requested nine times during 2013. The majority of requests were to recover a drowning victim. Other requests were for evidence recovery, mostly weapons used in violent crimes. 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.



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



SCRT originally covered five regions (Teams 1-5) and reported to SCRT Command. In April 2012, due to budget restraints (Zero Based Budgeting) and the fact that SCRT is an expensive unit to man and equip, work began to restructure SCRT under the field division and place it under the GSP Commanding Officer in an effort to maintain SCRT as an asset. To do so required that every SCRT fall under the command of their respective Troop Commands (A-I). This was done by utilizing the existing SCRT personnel based on where they lived to construct nine smaller troop SCRTs. This was done in phases and the first new team, SCRT-C, was introduced on January 1, 2013, in

Atlanta. The other troop teams began work in their respective troops on April 1, 2013. On top of the cost saving benefits, other benefits included an even distribution of SCRT manpower among the troops, better response times, better access to SCRT personnel and their assigned SCRT duties. SCRT personnel added personnel in each troop to assist with other enforcement, patrol, disaster relief and civil disturbance details.

## Motor Carrier Compliance Division

The primary focus of Motor Carrier Compliance Division is the enhancement of highway safety in regards to commercial motor vehicles. MCCD officers perform in-depth complex safety inspections of the commercial vehicle, its operator, and the load to ensure that they pose no identifiable risk to the safety of the motoring public.

### SIZE AND WEIGHT ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement of laws and regulations relating to size and weight of commercial motor vehicles and loads are 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 208 officers allows for monitoring and enforcement efforts on other roadways within the state.



### Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety

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

**Compliance Review Program (Investigation and Safety Analysis):** This program is one of the five elements of the MCSAP plan. The Compliance Review unit consists of 8 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 driver's hours of service, maintenance and inspection of vehicles, driver qualification 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 the preparation of civil penalty cases for prosecution of serious safety violations found during these reviews. All compliance review officers are trained in Compliance, Safety, and Accountability (CSA). One officer has been selected as an Investigation and Safety Analysis (formerly known as Compliance Review) instructor and teaches this course nationwide.

**New Entrant Program:** The New Entrant program is responsible for performing safety audits on new interstate motor carriers based in Georgia within 12 months, (four months for passenger carriers) of receipt of new entrant registration. The Safety Audit Unit is comprised of 12 officers who are also cross trained to conduct compliance reviews and CSA investigations.

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**Public Information and Education Program:** This program involves extensive educational outreach by the Motor Carrier Compliance Division to the general public, drivers, carriers, industry groups, law enforcement agencies and the judiciary. MCCD distributes over 62 separate informational brochures and handouts on commercial vehicle safety topics. This information is distributed by the officers at the weigh stations to the general public. Our regional officers work closely with The Georgia Motor Trucking Association, the general public and are also responsible for arranging and attending functions that focus on the commercial motor vehicle industry and the general public. MCCD also promotes the Georgia Targeting Aggressive Cars and Trucks (GTACT) campaign that sends a positive message to the motoring public to “leave more space.” This is accomplished by conducting enforcement activity in high crash corridors and outreach activities in the selected geographical locations. This project also utilized partnerships with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Georgia Division, Georgia Motoring Trucking Association (GMTA), and various industry entities, state and local law enforcement personnel.

**HOV/HOT Operations Unit:** This unit is responsible for the enforcement of High Occupancy Vehicles (HOV) and (High Occupancy Toll) HOT lane restrictions. HOV lane operations are currently conducted by 13 officers (including unit supervisors) who are responsible for patrolling over 100 HOV and HOT lane miles in the metro Atlanta area. HOT lanes went into effect October 2011. HOT lanes have been assigned four full-time officers patrolling the I-85 and Hwy 316 corridor. The effort put forth by these officers is designed to ensure compliance with HOV and HOT 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 as well as other agency assistance, traffic control assistance and enforcement regarding violations of all other state laws when encountered during the course of their assigned duties.

**School Bus Safety:** The School Bus Safety Unit consists of 11 MCSAP certified officers who are responsible for conducting safety inspections on approximately 20,000 public school buses statewide. The unit also conducts annual inspections on over 600 Head Start buses. 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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## Annual Statistics

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### Law Enforcement Statistics

#### Safety Inspections CY 2013

<b>CVSA Certified Officers</b>	<b>208</b>
<b>Inspections</b>	<b>84,203</b>
<b>Out-of-service Vehicle Violations</b>	<b>13,115</b>
<b>Out-of-service Driver Violations</b>	<b>6,284</b>

#### Size & Weight CY 2013

<b>Total Trucks Weighed</b>	<b>13,427,044</b>
<b>Overweight Assess. Written</b>	<b>46,440</b>
<b>UTC's Written</b>	<b>7,456</b>

#### High Occupancy Vehicle CY 2013

<b>HOV/HOT Citation Arrest</b>	<b>5,464</b>
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#### Commercial Bus Inspections CY 2013

<b>Commercial Bus Inspections</b>	<b>1,329</b>
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#### School Bus Inspections CY 2013

<b>School Bus Inspections</b>	<b>19,450</b>
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The Motor Carrier Compliance Division is divided into 22 weigh stations within nine geographic regions and two specialized units. One Specialized Unit, operating within Region 3, is the HOV/HOT Enforcement Unit. This unit is located in the Metro Atlanta Area at 320 Chester Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia. The other specialized unit is the Safety Compliance Unit which consists of the New Entrant Safety Audit, Compliance Review, and School Bus Safety identified as Region 10. Region 10's office is located in Madison, Georgia. The Administrative Staff for MCCD is located at the Headquarters for the Department of Public Safety in Atlanta.





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## Regional Accomplishments

**Region 1** is responsible for 17 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 region has 21 MCCD officers, six civilian weight inspectors. Region 1 personnel issued 5,807 overweight assessments totaling \$ 916,024.00, performed 10,538 commercial vehicle safety inspections, issued 1,785 uniform traffic citations, and conducted safety inspections of hazardous material shipments. As a result of these regulatory compliance inspections of commercial motor vehicles, drivers, and shipments of hazardous materials, 83 violations were noted, 1,404 commercial motor vehicles were placed out of service, and 1,362 commercial vehicle drivers were placed out of service. Region 1 also participated in numerous special law enforcement details such as the GOHS Traffic Enforcement Network events, Motor Coach inspection details, Click It or Ticket, Georgia Motor Trucking Association, CVSA National Road Check, CVSA Operation Air Brake, CVSA Operation Safe Driver, and an FMCSA national passenger carrier safety detail. Numerous educational outreach training sessions were also conducted with both industry and municipal and county law enforcement personnel.



**Region 2** is responsible for 20 counties located in North East Georgia. Region 2 operations center around the Franklin County Inspection Station located on I-85 at mile marker 169. Region 2 has 21 MCCD officers. The officers issued 4,502 overweight assessments totaling \$ 691,059.00, performed 9,500 commercial vehicle safety inspections, 619 drivers out of service and discovered 12,261 safety violations and placed 835 vehicles out of service. Our officers also issued 1,937 uniform traffic citations. Region 2 conducted safety and outreach meetings ranging from trucking companies to technical colleges. Region 2 officers participated in the “Gold Rush” held in Dahlonega, GA, Motor Coach Strike Force Detail, GMTA Truck Rodeo, CVSA Annual National Road Check, Operation Safe Driver, Honor Guard Details, and GOHS Hands across the Border and Brake Safety Week and the Georgia Forestry Commission Truck Inspections. Officers from Region 2 held a GTACT campaign in Gwinnett, Clarke and Barrow counties concentrating on traffic enforcement on and around Commercial Motor Vehicles. Officers from Region 2 attended the Northeast Traffic Enforcement Network meetings on a monthly basis representing Motor Carrier Compliance Division for the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety. Region 2 officers attended various training earning 4,878 training hours.

**Region 3** is responsible for nine counties located in the Metro Atlanta area, and includes HOV and HOT operations. Region 3 operations center around the Douglas County Inspection Station, located on I-20 eastbound at mile marker and the Carroll County Inspection Station located on I-20 westbound at mile marker 15. The Region has 13 MCCD Officers, nine MCCD HOV Officers, 1 Trooper and 11 Weight Inspectors assigned to the inspection stations. Region 3 officers issued 6,789 overweight assessments totaling \$864,513.35. The officers performed 9,689 commercial vehicle safety inspections and issued 6,499 uniform traffic citations. The officers participated

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in special events such as, school career day programs, Truck Driver Rodeo Competition, CVSA Operation Air Brake, and GTACT. The officers attended training on the North American Inspection Standards, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Advanced Roadside Impairment Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) and Weights and Measures Training. Additionally, Region 3 officers conducted several safety and outreach meetings, responded to approx. 230 motor vehicle accidents involving commercial vehicles. Region 3 field officers received 4,295 hours of training during 2013.

**Region 4** is responsible for 18 counties in east Middle Georgia. Region 4 operations center on the Columbia County Inspection Stations on I-20 at mile markers 187 and 188. The regions 20 officers issued 3,529 overweight assessments resulting in weight fines of \$550,930.63, performed 6,079 commercial vehicle safety inspections having 13,102 violations observed, placed 626 vehicles and 559 drivers out of service, issued 725 uniform traffic citations and 21 IFTA citations with 21 unsafe vehicles. MCCD officers participated in joint effort road checks with local law enforcement, Georgia State Patrol, adjoining MCCD Regions, Department of Revenue, and Georgia Office of Homeland Security, CVSA Operation Air Brake and Operation Safe Driver, Motor Coach Strike Force, Hands across the Border, 100 Days of Summer Heat, and Click It or Ticket. Officers attended and assisted road checks with local traffic enforcement networks including the East Central and Central Region Traffic Enforcement Networks. Officers participated in the FMCSA 72-hour operation road check. In addition to attending regular Georgia Motor Trucking Association meetings, the inspection stations hosted several events to allow GMTA personnel and officers to conduct courtesy inspections for their members. Region 4 officers also assisted with judging the 2013 GMTA Truck Driving championships held on Lake Lanier Islands. Region 4 officers conducted several outreach programs in attempts to promote safety by explaining DPS rules and regulations to various owner / operators in the trucking industry. Region 4 had six officers become certified with the Lidar speed detection device to help fulfill the CMV speed enforcement requirements. One officer is a member of the department's Critical Incident Support team having responded to help with three debriefings and numerous contacts. This officer has obtained seven of seven required training courses which will grant him an international certification in Critical incident support. Region 4 has three officers whom are members of the Department of Public Safety's Honor Guard. These officers attend regular honor guard training and conduct many details throughout the year, including awards banquets, conventions and funerals. These efforts from Region 4 personnel resulted in a positive impact to the motoring public. Region 4 training classes have been Driving Simulator, Spring Firearms, PIT Refresher, Cargo Net, Below 100, Pursuit Liability, Due Regard, ARIDE, ALERRT (Fall Firearms), T.I.M.S, and Fall PT.



**Region 5** is responsible for 18 counties in West Georgia. Region 5 operations center around the Troup County Inspection Stations located on Interstate 85 at mile marker 23. The Region ended the year with eight officers, four cadets, and four weight inspectors. The officers and

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weight inspectors issued 2,552 overweight assessments totaling \$379,484.70, performed 4,994 commercial vehicle safety inspections, and issued 1,422 uniform traffic citations. The officers participated in 25 joint agency concentrated enforcement activities which included Governor's Office of Highway Safety road checks, CVSA Operation Air Brake, National Road Check, National Brake Safety Week, GTACT, Click It or Ticket, Hands Across the Border, Zero Tolerance, and road checks with local agencies within the region.

**Region 6** is responsible for 22 counties in Central Georgia. The operations center around the Monroe County Inspection Station located on I-75 at mile marker 190. The Region ended 2013 with 16 MCCD officers and seven civilian weight inspectors. The officers issued 9,036 overweight assessments totaling \$1,201,957.75, issued 867 uniform traffic citations, and performed 7,052 commercial vehicle inspections. They conducted 28 concentrated patrols, 14 of which were located in high crash corridors. Of the 14 high crashes corridor concentrated patrols, 10 were Passenger Carrier Strike Force campaigns. They conducted 17 safety and outreach meetings.

**Region 7** is responsible for 18 counties located in South East Georgia. 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 conducts safety inspections of commercial motor vehicles (primarily trucks and buses), inspects highway shipments of hazardous materials, and enforces laws and regulations that govern vehicle size and vehicle weight. Region 7 operates three permanent inspection stations. The stations are equipped with Pre-Pass and "weigh in motion" systems to screen vehicles. Region 7 has 24 motor carrier mobile officers patrolling side roads. Within Region 7 are three counties listed in the top 15 Georgia counties with fatalities involving commercial motor vehicles. Region 7 conducts "Concentrated" enforcement efforts in these High Crash Corridor areas. The officers issued 4,321 overweight assessments totaling \$710,657.00, performed 12,451 commercial vehicle safety inspections, 930 drivers out of service and discovered 22,997 safety violations and placed 1,304 vehicles out of service. Our officers inspected 1,037 trucks with hazardous-material cargo. Our officers also issued 1,466 uniform traffic citations. Region 7 conducted outreaches and safety meetings ranging from trucking companies to the local school system. Region 7 officers were part of security for the Saint Patrick's Day Parade and Luke Brian Farm Tour Concert. Officers also participated in many safety details; CVSA Annual National Road Check, Operation Safe Driver, Operation Air Brake, GMTA Courteous Safety Check, GOHS Zero Tolerance and Click it or Ticket. Region 7 held a GTACT campaign in February, March, April, October, November and December months concentrating on traffic enforcement on and around commercial motor vehicles.

**Region 8** is responsible for 20 counties in South Central and South West Georgia. The Lowndes County Inspection Stations are located on I-75 at mile marker 23 and there is one semi-permanent inspection station located on GA 273 Spur in Early County. The Early County site has an office type modular building and is equipped with pit scales. The Region has 15 MCCD officers, three cadets and three civilian weight inspectors. Region 8 personnel issued 6,335 overweight assessments totaling \$921,899.76; 2,101 uniform traffic citations, performed 7,359 commercial vehicle safety inspections, and conducted 572 safety inspections of hazardous material shipments. As a result of these regulatory compliance inspections of commercial motor vehicles, drivers, and shipments of hazardous materials, 17,739 violations were noted, 793

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commercial motor vehicles were placed out of service, and 518 commercial vehicle drivers were placed out of service. Region 8 also participated in numerous special law enforcement details such as the GOHS Traffic Enforcement Network events, the Sunbelt Agricultural Expo Motor Coach inspection detail, Department of Revenue's Code Red, 100 Days of Summer Heat, Click It or Ticket, CVSA National Road Check, CVSA Operation Air Brake, CVSA Operation Safe Driver, and an FMCSA national passenger carrier safety detail. Numerous educational outreach training sessions were also conducted with both industry and municipal and county law enforcement personnel.

**Region 9** consists of 16 southeast Georgia counties with two permanent McIntosh County Inspection Stations located on I-95 northbound and southbound at mile marker 55. The region also has a satellite station on Georgia 38 in Long County. The 17 field officers assigned to Region 9 consists of one captain, one Lieutenant, two Sergeant First Class, two sergeants, 11 mobile officers, three weight inspectors. The officers issued 3,350 overweight assessments totaling \$516,804.63, issued 3,403 uniform traffic citations and performed 8,532 commercial vehicle safety inspections. They participated in 29 special enforcement activities including concentrated traffic checks in our high commercial vehicle crash corridors, multi-agency joint enforcement details and division wide enforcement efforts such as Hands Across the Border, Passenger Carrier Strikeforce, Saint Patrick's Day Parade, Shop With A Cop, GTACT, Air Brake checks, Seatbelt checks, Log Book checks, HM Checks, Leave More Space enforcement details and the 2013 National Road Check. Additionally, region officers participated in all holiday patrol activities and Click It or Ticket / Zero Tolerance campaigns. Also, Region 9 officers participated in 34 safety outreach events, including the Georgia Motor Trucking Association Truck Check., National Life Saver event, and Health Fairs and Judicial outreach programs to the court systems in the region. They provided seminars and public information to trucking companies in reference to regulations and general safety issues.



**Region 10** responsibilities include Compliance Review, Safety Audit and School Bus Inspections. This Region has 37 officers. The office is located in Madison. Officers perform safety inspections on each of the approximate 20,000 public school buses within the state. Region 10 conducted 402 Compliance Reviews and 1,690 safety audits on carriers throughout the state. Officers had 150 enforcement cases resulting in \$485,900 in civil penalties. These officers are also required to conduct commercial vehicle inspections and maintain the required number of inspections for certification.

## **Other Accomplishments and Activities**

- MCCD officers issued 46,440 overweight assessments totaling \$6,776,290.00 during 2013. MCCD officers also collected \$144,122.50 in delinquent citations from companies on the impound list during this reporting period.
- MCCD officers assisted in Mobile Field Forces and 19 officers in the department's Honor Guard Unit.
- In addition to HOV and HOT activities and statistics incorporated into the full Region 3 report, the HOV/HOT Traffic Unit made 461 custodial arrests, including 290 fugitive arrests, and recovered 17 stolen vehicles.
- In a joint effort from all Regions, a total of 208 NAS certified MCCD officers have completed 726 Significant Crash Reports involving commercial vehicles with a serious injury, fatality, or significant road closure, resulting in 419 post crash inspections.
- 2013 Georgia Targeting Aggressive Cars and Trucks (GTACT) project continued with two enforcement details held in Regions 2, 5, 7 and 9.
- The first detail ran from January through April and the second detail ran from October through December with officers assigned to Interstate Highways and US/State Routes in Bartow, Gordon, Columbia, Richmond, Chatham, Bryan Effingham, Tift, Dougherty and Worth counties. GTACT officers performed 2,541 inspections, 3,309 Uniform Traffic Citations, 497 CMV speeding citations, 573 Non-CMV speeding violations and 3,003 warnings.
- Several public outreach events were held to promote GTACT. Officers were assigned to Welcome Centers in Chatham, Camden and Lowndes counties to meet with the motoring public and discuss safe driving habits. Printed educational brochures were given out to the public during these events. Officers also attended events at the Georgia Motor Trucking Association Truck Driving Championship and promoted GTACT.
- MCCD Awards:
  - 2013 CARE Conference – P.S.A. Competition 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
  - FMCSA 2013 MCSAP Leadership Award – Data Quality Improvement
  - TIME Task Saver Award for the Move Over Law, 2013 Driver's Manual



## **CAPITOL POLICE**

The Department of Public Safety's Capitol Police Division is tasked with the responsibility of providing primary law enforcement and security duties for the Georgia State Capitol, the Coverdell Legislative Office Building, 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. The division consists of Capitol Police Division Command, Capitol Police Services, Georgia State Patrol Post 50- Capitol Hill, Capitol Hill Security, and private security firm Allied Barton Security, Inc.

**Capitol Police Division Command:** Capitol Police Division Command consists of the director (captain) assistant director (corporal), one sergeant first class and one secretary. The command staff is responsible for overseeing the operations of Capitol Police Services, Georgia State Patrol, Post 50-Capitol Hill, Capitol Hill Security, and private security contractor, Allied Barton Security Inc. The command staff regularly consults with the offices of the constitutional officers and executive leadership of the Georgia Building Authority, ensuring that the security of persons and property on Capitol Hill remain the top priority. Additionally, they are responsible for all administrative functions of the unit, including procuring all equipment and supplies, facilitating Capitol Hill access for all DPS members, and building maintenance issues. In 2013, members of the command staff conducted several courses of In-service training for DPS personnel, as well as CPR and safety seminars for the tenants on Capitol Hill.

**Capitol Police Services:** The Capitol Police Services section of the division is comprised of 20 sworn police officers and one clerk. Capitol Police officers respond to public safety issues, and secure and protect the state's assets, resources, personnel, and visitors on Capitol Hill. In addition to the day to day operations, the Capitol Police Division establishes and manages access and security policies for the Capitol Square area in conjunction with building tenants, government leadership, and the Georgia Building Authority. This unit is also 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

**Georgia State Patrol, Post 50-Capitol Hill:** The troopers of Post 50 control the access into the State Capitol by checking all state employees, guests, and other personnel for valid identification. This includes screening all incoming packages, deliveries, and mail. They provide security for all elected officials, state employees and guests at the State Capitol. The troopers of Post 50 conduct patrols in and around the buildings located on Capitol Hill. Troopers are also required to secure the Georgia Court of Appeals, Georgia Supreme Court, and the Coverdale Legislative Office Building. In November 2013, five new trooper positions were allocated for assignment to Post 50, bringing the total staffing to 24 troopers and one post secretary.

**Capitol Hill Security:** The Capitol Police Safety Officers control and monitor access to the State Capitol, Coverdell Legislative Office Building, and the Judicial Building. The Capitol Police Security section consists of three safety officer supervisors, and 38 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 have been held on the Washington Street side of the State Capitol, some individuals or groups periodically request to utilize the surrounding areas of the Capitol for special events.

**Contract Security:** The department also contracts with private security firm, Allied Barton Security, to monitor and control access to all other state facilities on Capitol Hill. These buildings include the Two Peachtree Street building, the Sloppy Floyd Building (Twin Towers), One Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive building, and the Judicial Courtyard.

**Capitol Hill EOD K-9 Unit:** In 2013, the Capitol Police Division had three explosive detection canines assigned to the unit. The canines and their handlers were responsible for responding to suspicious package notifications on Capitol Hill and also upon request from other law enforcement agencies throughout the state. In January 2013, the Capitol Police Division was awarded a grant from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency for two additional canines for the unit. The grant allocated funds for the purchase of the canines, vehicles and equipment, uniforms for the officers, and food and maintenance supplies for the canines. The unit completed 871 training hours in 2013. Additionally, the unit conducted 449 sweeps and responded to 11 suspicious package/bomb threat call outs.

**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. The 2013 Legislative Session detail was under the supervision of Sgt. Ricky Parham.

**Communications:** The Capitol Police Division's Communications personnel monitor life-safety, video surveillance, and building elevator systems. Furthermore, they manage building access controls, conduct security background checks for numerous state agencies, and monitor all of the duress alarms on Capitol Hill.

In the spring, DPS, in conjunction with the Georgia Building Authority, launched Capitol Hill Alerts. Capitol Hill Alerts is an emergency alert notification system designed to notify the tenants on Capitol Hill of emergencies such as bomb threats, suspicious packages, and fires. Nearly 20,000 email users signed up to receive the alerts. In addition to email, users can also receive the alerts via text and telephone. Capitol Police Division personnel assisted users with signup issues and provided feedback to GBA with issues and problems with the new system. Division and communications personnel sent out alerts for a bomb threat and suspicious package within the first few months of the system going live.

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## Activity

<b>Sworn Officer Activity</b>	
Arrests from Traffic Stops	1,453
Vehicle Stops	3,483
Suspicious Package, Persons, and Vehicle Reports	694
Impounded Vehicles	165
Traffic Crashes	230
Calls for Service	3,160
<b>Non-Sworn Security Activity</b>	
Security Location Checks (non-sworn officers)	27,245
Unsecured Doors	2,124
Unlocked Building Doors	50
Unlocked Parking Decks and Courtyard Areas	74
<b>Communications Activity</b>	
Duress Alarms Answered	106
Fire Alarms Answered	168
Elevator Entrapments	190
GCIC Hits	80

**Mail Services:** In April 2013 the Capitol Police Division created the Mail Services Unit which consists of one supervisor and one temporary employee. The unit is not only responsible for the distribution of mail within the division, but are also tasked with screening all incoming mail for the offices of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Legislature, and Supreme Court. The unit screened a total of 91,142 pieces of mail.

**Special Details and Events:** The Capitol Police Division headquarters building has a 297-person capacity auditorium that is available for DPS events and may also be reserved by other State of Georgia agencies. Several state agencies, including GA DPS, held training sessions, ceremonies, and conferences in the auditorium throughout the year. Troopers and officers from the Capitol Police Division participated in the 2013 Toys for Tots campaign by sponsoring several toy drives. There were a total of 100 events requiring security and police presence for 2013. Listed below are a portion of the larger events that required Capitol Police, GSP Post 50, and Safety Officer staffing:

**January 8, 2013**

Georgia Latino Alliance for Human Rights  
Rally for immigration reform.

**January 22, 2013**

Georgia Right to Life  
Memorial for unborn.

**January 19, 2013**

Guns Across America  
Public gun demonstration.

**February 07, 2013**

Senior Citizens Advocacy Project

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Be there for seniors rally.

**February 16, 2013**

Rep. Tyrone Brooks  
Youth rally and march.

**February 19, 2013**

Behavioral Health Services  
Coalition  
Promote Disability Awareness.

**February 21, 2013**

Georgia Council on Developmental  
Disabilities  
Advocacy of persons with  
developmental disabilities.

**February 23, 2013**

2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Resistance  
Open carry gun rally

**March 09, 2013**

Office of the Lt. Governor  
Healthy Kids Georgia Festival

**March 29, 2013**

Resurrection House  
Prayer rally

**May 17, 2013**

Special Olympics Georgia – Press  
Conference

**June 01, 2013**

International Association of  
Aerospace Workers  
March celebrating 125 years

**July 28, 2013**

NAACP Georgia State Conference  
Trayvon Martin Rally

**July 31, 2013**

Dream Summer 2013  
Higher Education Press Conference

**September 14, 2013**

Connectional YPD of the AME  
Church  
Church Outreach

**October 12, 2013**

March Against Monsanto Rally

**December 11, 2013**

Senator Vincent Fort  
Rally for Kendrick Johnson



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