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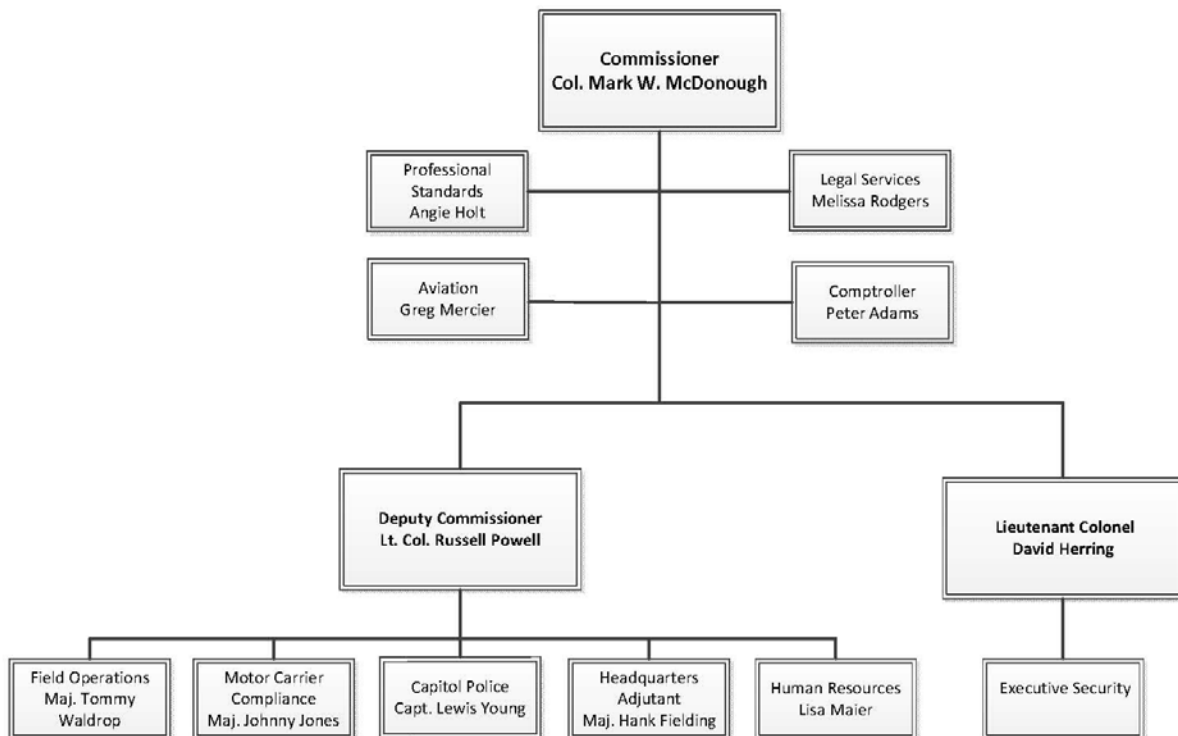
2014 ANNUAL REPORT

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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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 52 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.

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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.



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. 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.

Below are statistics for calendar year 2014:

- Conducted 1,581 flights for 2,890.4 flight hours.
- Flew 312.5 flight hours utilizing Night Vision Goggles.
- Purchased a Bell 429 helicopter. Helicopter can carry a total of 8 personnel, has a 600 lbs. external hoist for conducting rescues and a cargo hook capable of lifting an external load of 3,000 lbs.
- Conducted 252 flights at 964.9 hours for marijuana eradication.

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- Conducted 294 searches at 488 flight hours for missing persons and fugitives during the day and night.
- Overall percent of finding subjects for search results was 65.85%.

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

The Office of Professional Standards (OPS) supports the mission and core beliefs of the Department of Public Safety and is dedicated to protecting the integrity of the department through ensuring adherence to ethical standards, performance criteria, and commitment to public service. OPS performs its function by conducting a variety of investigations, including internal affairs matters, pre-employment background cases, some criminal activity and violations of speed detection device permits. The business components of the Office of Professional Standards include Internal Affairs, Background Investigations, Polygraph, Permits, and support staff. In 2014, personnel assigned to the division included 12 sworn certified peace officers, eight of whom are polygraph examiners; one Criminal Intelligence Analyst/Background coordinator, one transcriptionist, one confidential secretary, and one part time support member.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS: The Internal Affairs Unit investigates allegations of wrongdoing against members of the Department of Public Safety, including the Georgia State Patrol, Motor Carrier Compliance Division and Capitol Police. The Internal Affairs Unit also investigates complaints alleging the misuse of speed detection devices by any agency bearing the department's certification, as well as assessing threats made against the department's interests, and some criminal activity.

During 2014, the Department of Public Safety initiated 197 investigations. Of this number, 30 were complaint investigations conducted by field troop officers, while 167 were investigations conducted by the Internal Affairs Unit. The table below is a summary of the types and number of cases investigated during 2014:

Abuse of Authority	6
Accident Investigation	5
Agency Assist-Pre Employment	37
Agency Assist-Other	10
Bias Based Profiling	3
Chaplain	11
Conduct Unbecoming	2
Criminal	6
Domestic Misconduct	1
Harassment/Hostile Work Environment	7
Impersonating a Trooper	2
Improper Conduct	17
Improper Search and Seizure	1
Lost/Damaged Equipment	2

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Misconduct during Traffic Stop	7
Off Duty Misconduct	8
Other	5
PIT/Pursuits	3
Recovery of Stolen Weapon	3
Speed Detection Device Complaint Investigations	24
Theft	2
Threat Assessment	24
Use of Force	4
Violation of Technology Policy	2
Work Performance	5
TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS	197

PRE-EMPLOYMENT: OPS is responsible for coordinating the function of pre-employment investigations for candidates seeking to join the Department of Public Safety. During 2014, the Background Investigation Unit managed 647 pre-employment applications from Human Resources. Of those, 335 did not meet the department's employment standards (as discovered during background investigation) and were disqualified from further consideration; 43 applicants withdrew prior to the completion of the pre-employment investigations. The pre-employment investigations performed by GSP field Lieutenants and NCOs, as well as M CCD SFCs, and assisted by OPS, resulted in 269 applicants who moved forward for further consideration for employment.

The 647 applicants wished to be considered for the following positions: 392-GSP trooper, 140-dispatcher, 57-Motor Carrier (Cadet, Weight Inspector), six-Capitol Police/safety officer, and 52-other (secretary, clerk, computer services technologist, mechanic).

POLYGRAPH UNIT: The Office of Professional Standards Polygraph Unit provides support for background, internal affairs specific issue, and criminal specific issue investigations (on special request). In 2014, nine examiners were on staff, full or part year.

During 2014, 651 polygraph pre-employment examinations were conducted for the Georgia Department of Public Safety (DPS) by the Office of Professional Standards. The Senior Polygraph Examiner conducted quality control on data collected and also included video reviews.

Two examiners completed an American Polygraph Association (APA) accredited training program during the year. These members are working as Intern Examiners toward achieving APA Full Member status. Five examiners also attended the Georgia Polygraph Association/Georgia Bureau of Investigation Seminar in Kennesaw, GA in October.

In addition to conducting polygraph tests, the examiners provided instruction and specialized training for the Georgia and Tennessee Polygraph Associations, and in National seminars for

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the American Polygraph Association. Personnel also rendered support to the law enforcement community by serving on the Northwest Georgia Police Academy Advisory Board and by providing instruction at Kennesaw State University for the Criminal Justice program, the Georgia Polygraph Association at bi-monthly meetings, the Georgia Internal Affairs Investigators Association, and the Georgia Public Safety Training Center.

Several new items of equipment were put into service during the year. This has enabled simultaneous testing of up to four examinees at one time.

Plans for the Polygraph Unit for 2015 include assisting the Intern Examiners in conducting enough examinations to qualify for Member Status with the APA. Plans are also to continue rigorous quality control and to upgrade audio visual equipment in the existing suites and add outside monitoring capability to the newly added suites. Approximately, the same number of pre-employment tests are expected during 2015 due to continued processing for Trooper, Dispatcher, MCCD Cadet and other applicants.

The investigators had continued involvement in assisting to establish procedures for OPS evidence, as well as the organization of the contents of the OPS evidence room. They also investigated and/or assisted with, several criminal, internal affairs and threat assessment cases and performed computer forensic examinations.

PERMITS UNIT: During most of 2014, OPS administered 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 to individuals seeking exceptions to Georgia's window tint law.

During 2014, the Permits Unit issued or renewed 374 speed detection device permits, 73 wholesale/retail firearms permits with attached fees, and 100 window tint permits with attached fees. July 1, 2014, was the effective date of the repeal of the statute which required the licensing of Wholesale/retail firearms licenses to individuals/businesses seeking to sell handguns less than 15 inches in length. As a result, OPS no longer performs this function. The 73 permits were issued in the first quarter of 2014.

ADDITIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Members of OPS continued to aid the department's Training Office by providing instruction in GSP Basic Trooper schools, POST IT Training, and DPS in-service classes. OPS also supports the Georgia Internal Affairs Investigators Association (GIAIA) with three members who serve on the GIAIA Executive Board.

Two members of OPS completed the Force Science Certification course which provides instruction in a wide variety of crucial dynamics that impact the analysis and investigation of force encounters and they earned a new certification for investigators of force-related incidents.

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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 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.



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

The Legal Services Office, 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, and with matters related to the Department of Labor.

The Legal Services Office 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.

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 Open Records Unit saw many changes in 2014. In 2014, there was a 21% increase in the number of Open Records requests received. (This percentage does not take into account that many requests are for multiple reports/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

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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.

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

The Legal Services Office 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 calendar year 2014, some of the activities performed by the Legal Services staff were:

- Reviewed, revised or drafted 153 contracts, agreements, or memoranda of understanding.
- Opened and processed 350 legal case files which included 97 Asset Forfeiture cases and 108 Record Restrictions.
- Responded to 15,242 Open Records requests.
- Opened 2,425 Administrative License Suspension cases and filed motions and briefs in approximately 668 of those cases and served as the agency representative at the related ALS hearings.
- Opened 105 overweight/oversize citation cases and served as the agency representative at 80 administrative hearings.

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COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE



PURCHASING DIVISION: The Purchasing Division continues to be responsible for coordinating and monitoring all 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. The Purchasing Division has taken the lead to ensure that purchases made by personnel are within the guidelines established by the department, Georgia State Law, and the Georgia

Procurement Manual which is updated and maintained by the Georgia Department of Administrative Services.

The Purchasing Division is also responsible for overseeing the Purchasing Card Program for the Agency, 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, Purchasing has 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 2014, DPS processed over 1,653 requisitions, and the department's cumulative expenditures using purchase orders and p-cards totaled \$29,022,061.29. Purchasing cardholder transactions totaled \$2,372,644.55.

With ongoing training and individual purchasing certification requirements, the Purchasing Division continues to improve the procurement process and guidelines 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. Payroll is also responsible for balancing and issuing W-2s to all current and former employees of DPS and the attached agencies. In 2014, 2,110 W-2s were issued. The payroll office assists employees with any questions regarding W-2s. Other payroll functions are as follows:

- Transferring monies from the State Treasury each pay period to cover payroll checks.
- Making federal tax transfer for all federal taxes. This includes employee and employer share of all federal taxes.
- Setting up direct deposit information in PeopleSoft when payroll office receives appropriate form and banking information from employee. Payroll also works closely with Wells Fargo Bank to resolve any problems related to employee direct deposit.

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- Balancing all deduction reports and coordinating 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 deductions, and deferred and defined compensation. Additionally, payroll assists employees with any questions or concerns regarding tax levies and garnishments.
- Reconciling, balancing and submitting 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.
- Balancing health insurance reports for all different health insurance plans and coordinating with DCH to resolve problems.
- Balancing and submitting quarterly 941 federal tax report, quarterly state tax report, and the quarterly unemployment report for the Dept. of Labor.
- Entering information for all annual leave, FLSA, and holiday leave payouts as necessary.
- Entering hours for all hourly employees each pay period when timesheets are received.
- Entering all overtime hours to be paid.
- Distributing quarterly payroll calendars to all employees, incorporating internal cutoffs dates for submission of timesheets and payroll exceptions.
- Ensuring that all personnel entries are correct in system; making any and all payroll corrections when errors are discovered.
- Completing special projects, as necessary, due to lawsuits or other requests from the Legal Services Division.
- Researching and answering all requests on employees and former employees from IRS, Social Security Administration, Retirement System, and others.

The payroll office receives many phone calls requesting assistance or asking payroll related questions. Payroll employees also work closely with the State Accounting Office (SAO) to resolve all payroll problems related to PeopleSoft.

Grants are a section within the Comptroller's Office. The Grants Administrators' duties include writing grants, preparing the reimbursement claims, maintaining budgets, and adhering to federal guidelines on spending. This office 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 (SFY) 2014:

Administrative License Suspension Program & Nighthawks: In FY 2008, the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) combined the Administrative License Suspension Program (ALS) 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

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appearances, and administrative support services. This grant also continues to provide funding for the operation of multiple DUI Task Forces. The Nighthawks Unit North is focused on the five-county metropolitan areas, a Nighthawks middle Georgia Unit focused primarily on the Macon area and a Nighthawks Unit South which is primarily focused on the Chatham and Bulloch County areas. The units conduct concentrated patrols, road checks, and provide educational information to the public as part of their outreach efforts. The grant provides funding for twenty troopers, a unit secretary, an agency liaison, and other operational expenses. The FY 2014 grant, for both units combined, expenses were \$2,332,638.16.



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 and passed remaining funds to Chatham County Sheriff Office).

Swat/Dive Team: Grant funds in the amount of \$110,116.33 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 \$6,642.00 were received from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) to provide funding for Georgia State Patrol Swat Team purchase of accessories for the Lenco Bearcat.

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 a FLIR unit.

Aviation Equipment: Grant funds in the amount of \$31,019.89 were received from the Georgia Forestry Commission to reimburse Department of Public Safety for helicopter cargo hook and installation.

Bus Interoperability Satellite: Grant funds in the amount of \$65,000.00 were received from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) to provide funding for Georgia State Patrol to upgrade the Command bus equipment.

SWAT Tahoe: Grant funds in the amount of \$115,748.00 were received from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) to provide funding for Georgia State Patrol to purchase 4 new Tahoe's.

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Governor's Task Force: The Federal Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) awarded \$620,000.00 to provide air and ground search and destroy missions for marijuana eradication efforts in Georgia; SFY 2014 expenses were \$711,978.08.

Georgia Interoperability Network (GIN): In FY 2014, the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) awarded the Department of Public Safety (GSP) \$895,952.00 for the modernization of GSP's interoperability network. This project includes software and installation of computers products at dedicated dispatch centers.

Computer Aided Dispatch System (CAD): In FY 2014, the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) awarded the Department of Public Safety (GSP) \$240,000.00 for the modernization of GSP's radio and dispatch system. This project includes hardware, software, training, installation, and configuration services to install 9 dispatch centers and 830+ vehicles with software products. SFY 2014 expenses were \$238,965.78.

Winter Storm 2014: In FY 2014, the Governor Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) reimbursed the Department of Public Safety (GSP) \$526,903.70 for expenses incurred during severe weather events that corresponds to the Governor's Executive Order on severe weather.

Overtime Reimbursements: In FY 2014, 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 of Public Safety conducts joint operation with are Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Justice (DOJ), and Atlanta HIDTA. During the 2014 fiscal year, DPS was reimbursed \$132,031.59 for overtime expenses.

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 the lead MCSAP agency for the State of Georgia. For Federal Fiscal Year 2014, MCSAP funding was granted in the amount of \$7,110,091.71. 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 2014 federal fiscal year, the Motor Carrier Compliance Division (MCCD) performed 75,559 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 2014, the Department of Public Safety's Motor Carrier Compliance Division operated on a federal grant awarded in the amount of \$1,391,391.88. During the federal fiscal year, MCCD officers performed 1,697 safety audits.

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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 3 to 5 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 2014, the Department of Public Safety's Motor Carrier Division was awarded \$636,292.64 for the operation of GTACT. The 2014 campaign includes corridors in Lowndes, Brooks, Thomas, Hart, Franklin, Monroe, Houston, Coweta and Troup counties.

Safety Data Improvement: The Department of Public Safety's, Motor Carrier Compliance Division, has a Safety Data Improvement "SADIP" grant to improve our 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. The MCCD division 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 2014, the Department of Public Safety's Motor Carrier Division was awarded \$16,355.23.

Passenger Carrier: In an effort to increase safety outreach and enforcement on passenger carriers the Motor Carrier Compliance Division conducts state-wide strike forces. Passenger carriers will be directed, on a random basis, into the one of nine inspection stations located on the main interstate systems in Georgia. As the passenger carrier would be considered enroute unless empty, the inspection would mainly consist of a Level 2 or Level 3 inspection. For the federal fiscal year 2014, the Department of Public Safety's Motor Carrier Division was awarded \$51,462.00.

EXCESS PROPERTY: In 2014, the coordinator was selected to attend a Strategic Review of DoD's Excess Property Equipment Transfer efforts for First Responders Senior-Level Steering Panel in Washington D.C. Additionally, the Excess Property staff attended the 13th Annual Law

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Enforcement Support Office National Training Conference, November 4 through 6, as part of continuing training in the management of excess property.

The 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.

In 2014, 278 agencies participated in the 1033 Excess Property Program. The total value of property distributed was \$46,610,475.98 for CY 2014. Since the beginning of the Excess Property Program, September 1, 1991, over two million dollar's worth of used equipment has been distributed.

The Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) conducted the Bi-annual Program Compliance Review (PCR), July 28 through August 1, 2014. LESO accompanied by Don Sherrod and Corporal Frank Mize. LESO selected 15 LEA's to visit. The finding was that Georgia was in compliance. The next PCR is schedule for late spring 2016. In addition to the federal audit, Excess Property conducted eight PCR's in Georgia and all eight were found in compliance.

Excess Property provides 1033 training the second Tuesday of each month, at the Excess Property Office. During 2014, there were 147 attendees. The program also provided Annual Certification training to 120 attendees during the month of October for each LEA that required a new or renewed annual certification for the 1033 program. Training was conducted at several locations throughout Georgia to accommodate the varying geographic locations of participating LEAs.

The 1122 Program: The authority for the 1122 Program resides with the Department of Defense. The 1122 Program offers Americans peace of mind by enabling 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

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from 10 to 54 percent when purchasing equipment suitable for counter-drug, homeland security, or emergency response activities. During 2014, Excess Property purchased \$6,823,479.24 in equipment. The division also provided offsite 1122 training for 147 attendees.



BUDGET OFFICE: The Budget Office is a section within the Comptroller's Office. The Budget Administrator is responsible for managing the Department's Budget, Facilities and Mailroom sections.

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.

Facilities Section: The Facilities section oversees risk management which maintains insurance policies and coordinates insurance matters related to facilities, equipment and communications. This section also is 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. The section consists of accounts payable, accounts receivable/revenue, payroll, grants, and general ledger activity.

The amount of revenue for the Overweight Citations Unit that was transferred to the State Treasury was \$6,376,833.30 for Fiscal Year 2014.

Revenue received from the Motorcycle Patrol Unit for Fiscal Year 2014:

Atlanta Municipal Court:	\$ 206,153.57
DeKalb State Court:	\$ 14,573.00
DeKalb Recorders Court	\$ 79,533.00
Fulton Magistrate Court:	\$ 348,624.00
Total:	\$ 648,883.57

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ACCOUNTS PAYABLE SECTION: The Accounts Payable section processed 7,465 checks and 9,296 electronic funds transfers. The Department of Audits performed a financial review of the accounting records for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2014. As a result of this review the department received a clean opinion and remitted surplus back to the State Treasury in the amount of \$118,510.72.

OVERWEIGHT CITATIONS UNIT: The overweight citations unit is responsible for collecting and processing monetary fines imposed on trucks for being overweight when issued a citation at Georgia weigh stations. 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:

- Processed insufficient funds (NSF) checks
- Researched and allocated unapplied funds to appropriate accounts
- Initiated refunds
- Linked carriers' accounts to Departmental accounts
- Monitored appropriate bankruptcy cases
- Maintained citation disputes and administrative hearing documents in coordination with the department's Legal Division
- Prepared monthly financial statements and reported for the Comptroller of the department.
- Issued and monitored conditional release agreements between Georgia DPS 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 FY14, this unit processed, collected and deposited \$6,376,833.30 of monetary fines.

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.

HONOR GUARD



The Georgia Department of Public Safety Honor Guard is comprised of both Georgia State Patrol troopers and MCCD officers. These troopers and officers represent the State of Georgia and the department at special events such as funerals, memorial services, parades, presentation of colors and other functions as deemed appropriate by the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Public Safety.

In December of 2014, the Georgia State Patrol implemented a new Honor Guard structure with each Troop having its own Honor Guard team to handle details in the Troop territory. This concept will ensure that all Honor Guard requests are honored with the necessary personnel to carry out the missions.

During 2014, the Georgia Department of Public Safety Honor Guard participated in 79 Honor Guard details throughout the State of Georgia. The details consisted of 14 Fallen Trooper Memorials, 35 Presentation of Colors Details, and 25 Funeral/Memorial Services. The Honor Guard also participated in several very high profile funerals including Governor Carl Sanders' funeral and the former DPS Board Members, Crisp County Sheriff Donnie Haralson.

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 Council. Upon request, with the approval of the Commissioner, the DPS Training Division also provides basic and advanced training to local agencies.

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GSP TRAINING UNIT: The 94th Trooper School graduated on March 7, 2014 with 18 new troopers. The 95th Trooper School began January 6, 2014 and graduated on August 15 with 46 new troopers. The 96th Trooper School began on July 13, 2014 with 53 cadets. The unit conducted the following training for the department: Fall Firearms In-service which included a handgun transition, Fall Physical Fitness Assessment and Skills Building, Driving Simulator Training, LWRC Patrol Rifle, Pursuit Liability with Due Regard, Standardized Field Sobriety Training (SFST) Update, Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST), Field Training Officer (FTO) Refresher, an FTO School, Accident Reconstruction 1 – 5, Supervision Level 1 – 3, Driving Instructor, Defensive Tactics Instructor and POST Instructor.



MCCD TRAINING UNIT: The MCCD Unit conducted the following training for the department: North American Standards Parts A, B, and State, TRUCAM, Cargo Tanker, General Hazardous Materials, Motor Coach Inspection, Cargo Theft, Honor Guard, FTO, Weight Inspector, LIDAR Instructor and Operator, Radioactive Material, Compressed Modular Emergency Radiological Response Transportation, and Advanced EVOC.

Overall, Training conducted several classes for outside agencies including Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT), P.I.T. Training, Firearms Training, Police Patrol Rifle, SFST, ARIDE Training, and Speed Detection Training.

Sworn members of DPS received a grand total of 243,804 P.O.S.T. credited hours for 2014.

GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE (GTF)

The Governor's Task Force/Drug Suppression (GTF) is supervised by a task force commander from the Georgia State Patrol. GTF is comprised of six state agencies and two federal agencies. Each agency provides resources specific to their enforcement mission such as aircraft, intelligence, logistical and administrative support, equipment and personnel trained and experienced in operating in a variety of environments found within the state. The task force is funded by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program (DCE/SP). These federal funds are asset forfeiture funds and are administered by the Georgia Department of Public Safety. The primary role of the task force is to eradicate domestic marijuana cultivation within the state of Georgia and to gather intelligence relating to its manufacture and cultivation. Agencies comprising the task Force are: The Georgia State Patrol, Motor Carrier Compliance Division, Department of Natural Resources - Law Enforcement Division, Department of Corrections - Probation Division, Department of Pardons and Paroles, Georgia Army National Guard Counter Drug, Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Civil Air Patrol.

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The Governor's Task Force works throughout the state as a support force for local agencies. Operational goals for the GTF include the utilization of intelligence and aggressive enforcement to locate marijuana cultivation operations and prosecute those responsible for the criminal activity. The GTF provides increased enforcement on public lands. Enforcement efforts encompass 159 counties covering approximately 59,425 square miles. GTF initiates and develops intelligence for grow operations throughout the state. The intelligence is then forwarded to local

agencies. Subsequent investigations result in numerous arrests and seizures. The GTF is active also in counterdrug education efforts such as participating in the National Night Out program.

Georgia has seen an increase in the number and size of marijuana grows on its public lands in the last several years. This presents a unique safety issue to the general public who may wander into these sites while hiking in the National Forests or other public lands and encounter armed members of Drug Trafficking Organizations. Other hazards to the general public include the hazardous waste that is often generated from illegal grow operations. Georgia is home to two national forests, the Chattahoochee National Forest, located in North Georgia, which is the trail head to the Appalachian Trail and the Oconee National Forest, located in middle Georgia. In addition to these national forests, Georgia has many state administered Wildlife Management Areas located throughout the state. These hazards also present safety concerns to the hunting and fishing public as they traverse these areas. The attraction for marijuana growers to public land is their ability to grow the plants without accountability for their presence while traveling to and from the marijuana plots and the lack of risk to a capital investment from asset forfeiture. In addition, seclusion is offered in large wooded areas which can easily conceal sites while remaining close to hiking trails. This is why aviation support is so critical in the marijuana eradication program.

Each year the GSP Aviation Division and the Georgia National Guard Counter Drug unit provide aircraft, pilots, and ground support personnel to support of the Governor's Task Force. Also, because the Task Force has a great working relationship with other state, local, and federal law enforcement agencies, ground team leader and flight observer positions are staffed by these agencies as necessary. The task Force works directly with the local city and county law enforcement agencies by assisting them in the eradication and disposal process, including securing search warrants, seizures, and arrests if necessary. During the outdoor growing season, thousands of plants are spotted, eradicated, and multiple suspects arrested because of the support provided by the Governor's Task Force.

In 2014, GSP Aviation flew over 255 missions resulting in approximately 984 hours of flight time. This combined effort in support of the marijuana eradication program resulted in eradicating over 15,374 plants (a 52% increase over 2013), worth an estimated \$32 million. In addition to the 83 grow sites located, 53 felony arrests were made and 25 firearms were seized.

Also, due to the combined efforts of the federal, state, county agencies, and the hard work and dedication of the task force, approximately \$21,560 in drug related assets were also seized.

Unfortunately, not all of the marijuana grown in Georgia is located and removed or the growers arrested. However, the yearly efforts of the task force put the growers on the defensive. They don't know when or where, but they do know that law enforcement is coming after them. They do become more innovative in their growing efforts to deter detection. Because of the concerted efforts of the combined participating agencies, the Governor's Task Force program continues to show how important this service is and how it helps to reduce and discourage the illegal activities of the marijuana growers.

REGIONAL K-9 TASK FORCE

The K9 Training and Certification Unit is supervised by a Non-commissioned Officer from the Georgia State Patrol. This unit is comprised of three state agencies; Georgia State Patrol, Motor Carrier Compliance Division and Capital Police. The unit has two types of detection K9s; narcotics and explosives. Their primary responsibility is to assist local, state and federal agencies.

The K9 Training and Certification Unit is responsible for maintenance training and yearly certification of the DPS K9 teams. This unit consists of one certified K9 instructor that is responsible for sixteen K9 teams. In 2014, the Unit performed 3,072 hours of maintenance training and 512 hours of certification. The unit also assisted two other outside agencies with their K9 team's training and certification.

There are nine narcotic K9 teams which were deployed 186 times. These deployments resulted in seizures of 85 kilograms of marijuana, 14 kilograms of cocaine, 119 kilograms of methamphetamine and \$4,421,825 in U.S. Currency. The narcotic K9 teams also performed 9 school demonstrations.

There are seven explosive K9 teams which performed 574 sweeps and 33 calls for service. No explosive devices were located. The four new explosive K9s were donated to the State of Georgia by the Federal Government.

Unfortunately, not all of the narcotics in Georgia were seized, but the visibility and reliability of our teams helped to deter further criminal activity. The visibility of our explosive K9 teams helped to deter criminals from performing acts of terrorism against our State and helped ensure the safety of our residents.

RECRUITING/OFF-DUTY COORDINATOR

Recruiting: The Recruiting Coordinator is responsible for arranging and coordinating all recruiting events, developing strategic marketing plans, providing DPS with a sustainable flow of quality diverse candidates to meet business needs, providing Human Resource with applicants for trooper schools, and providing informational actives at civic organizations, educational institutions, military bases, intrastate and interstate Job Fairs.

Off-Duty Employment: The Off-Duty Coordinator ensures that both sworn and civilian employees of the department to engage in outside employment. These duties include providing the employer with the Notice to Off-Duty Employer Form upon approval/disapproval of the commissioner or the commissioner's designee and maintaining an approved employee list in accordance with policy. When a prospective employer contacts the department to request a DPS Officer for employment, the coordinator provides the list of approved employees. The coordinator is also tasked with maintaining all files and data entry reference off-duty employment for all employees hired by the Department of Public Safety.

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 the 1600+ employees of the Department of Public Safety. In addition, three attached agencies (225+ positions/employees) are administratively attached to DPS for benefits and transactions services.



DIRECTOR'S OFFICE: The Director of Human Resources 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 & 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 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.

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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 and through State and Federal Courts. Formal investigations are often conducted in order to address both internal and external complaints.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS & 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. This office also serves as support to GEMA/Homeland Security during natural disasters and state emergencies.

Director's Office: The director manages the daily operations of the Public Information Office. The director coordinates the dissemination of information to members of the Command Staff of working significant incidents/crashes utilizing the group paging system. Additionally, the director represents the department on the Governor's Public Safety Awards Committee, serves as a member of the Public Safety Memorial Committee and coordinates the department awards program.

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

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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. This unit also compiles quarterly GOHS/NHTSA data for statewide seatbelt, child restraint and DUI enforcement campaigns.

Publications/Graphics 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 Chiefs of Police awards programs. The Graphics Unit 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.

Media Relations: PIO responds to media inquiries, prepares media advisories and news releases for the six major holiday periods, specialized enforcement campaigns, and other news/events as needed each year. Public service announcements are written and disseminated for the three major holiday periods to posts statewide. This unit plans and coordinates news conferences and availabilities when appropriate. Media Relations distributes the DPS Bulletin via email to all active and retired employees, as well as maintains the retiree notification system. In addition, this unit organizes and plans the DPS Awards.



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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.

Fleet Division: 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.

Communications Division: 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.

Facilities Division: Facilities Division is responsible for guiding the Post/Troop Commanders in the building 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: 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, uniform brass, to standard equipment.

Property Division: 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 when items are no longer serviceable; to handle the removal from inventory and the surplus of said items by DOAS rules and regulations.

Maintenance Section: Maintenance Section is responsible for the upkeep of the Headquarters Facilities. This section is predominantly responsible for the main HQ facility, but will assist in the maintenance of other outlying buildings owned or leased by the Department.



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They are responsible for many actions including but not limited to grounds keeping, construction, plumbing, roof repair, and HVAC.

Post/Unit Summary: During the 2014 reporting period, several projects were completed. Below are several bullet points outlaying some of the tasks and projects attended or completed by the Administrative Division Staff:

- Initiated the roof repair for Post 15 Perry.
- Completed deconstruction and rebuilding of Post 44 Forsyth.
- Purchased and processed 218 new vehicles. Of these 16 were Tahoes, one Suburban, 200 Chargers, and one Ford F350.
- The Supply Division acquired a new uniformed member to supervise and run the Division.
- Command Staff returned SCEOs and Chief Operators back to Class A and B uniforms ordered and issued by Supply.
- Determined what items were needed and purchased these items to equip two Trooper Schools for the 2014 calendar year.
- Received and cleared approximately 1500 Supply requisitions.
- Reconfiguration of the equipment due to the model change from 2013 to 2014 Chargers to included cages, consoles, push bumpers, and light bars.
- Processed paperwork for 488 Departmental Claims (accident/incident), to include our at fault, 3rd party fault, animal related, weather related, and Pursuit/PIT. Of the 488 claims, 14 of those vehicles were totaled.
- Conducted tower site inspections and 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.
- \$664,848.00 was spent on vehicle repairs and \$125,059.00 was recouped from DOAS Risk Management for the 14 totaled vehicles.
- Stripped and sold 174 vehicles. Of these 166 were sold at auction bringing in \$523,216.00, six were sold to other Law Enforcement agencies totaling \$41,400, and two were transferred to other agencies in the State. Total auto sales for 2014 was \$564,616.00.
- Completed three more Troops in the Troopwide Repeater Project, and provided engineering support and coordination to expand the radio coverage into critical areas within a Troop.
- Began the process of purchasing new radio set ups for DPS vehicles. The new radios are Motorola Dual Band APX 7500, capable of VHF and 800 frequencies in the same unit. Aligning the Department with possible upcoming FCC P25 compliance. These radios have been installed in Posts 48, 47, and 25 so far, as well as some MCCD Regions.
- Maintained agreements with the State of 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.
- We reviewed, monitored, and coordinated for the repair of radio equipment to ensure that repairs were conducted effectively and in a timely manner.

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- Property has worked diligently with Training and Supply on the inventory of the Glock “Buy Back Program”.
- Completed the building of Post 52 Hartwell Post.
- Participated in the NIFOG Workshop.
- Completed the building of Post 2 LaGrange’s new facility.
- Completed repairs and renovation to Post 47 Forest Park with DMVS.
- Participated in several State and Federal exercises and conferences.
- Removed several large trees that were endangering several of the HQ parking lots.
- 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.
- 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).
- Initiated the allocation and remodel of a building in Paulding County to house Post 29 Paulding.
- Transitioned from Code 3 light bars back to Whelen light bars.
- Began a Winter Preparedness Project which includes pre-studding tires and purchasing emergency items for Humvee Strike Teams.
- Initiated the GA 400 Toll Building Project.

HEADQUARTERS SECURITY

Headquarters Security provides security for the complex of Headquarters by maintaining 24 hour security of the grounds and building by staffing someone to be 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 providing a safe work environment for the employees of the department. There are five key responsibilities that Headquarters Security is responsible for.

Front Door: The member assigned to this duty has the responsibility of monitoring the main entrance into the Department of Public Safety Building. Members are to make sure that all employees or authorized personnel are the only ones entering into the building pass the front lobby entrance and to make sure that all visitors entering the building have been properly logged in. The first responsibility is to ensure the security of the building.

Headquarters Security: The member assigned to this duty has the responsibility of monitoring the outside grounds of the main entrance as well as the inside halls and all the doors leading to the outside grounds. The member must ensure that everyone in the building has authorization.

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Roving Security: The member assigned to this duty has the responsibilities of patrolling the parking lots, and all outside grounds as well as assist with the front gate. The member should make sure that anyone entering the compound has a valid ID.



Guard Shack: The member assigned to this duty has the responsibility of monitoring the gate where employees enter and exit. This member also has to inform the radio room of any unusual activity. The member should make sure that anyone entering the compound has a valid ID and that all visitors park in the appropriate parking lot.

Relays: Relays are a secondary mission but must be done in a timely manner. The member assigned to this duty also has the responsibility of checking on all other duties assignments to make sure that everyone is giving a break in a timely fashion.

In addition to the five key assignments for the Headquarters Security unit, upon availability of a sworn officer, the unit also does vehicle inspections. When performing vehicle inspections, the sworn officer checks to make sure the vehicle has a vehicle identification number (VIN), report the condition of the VIN, check the VIN through GCIC/NCIC by confirming the status of the vehicle through the communication center.

The unit also puts in service calls when the doors are not operating properly by contacting Banner directly or by having someone in computer services fulfill this task.

During the year of 2014, there were 2,119 individuals signed in as visitors into the headquarters' building. There is no accurate account of how many cars entered the complex. There were 135 T-22's, vehicle inspections, done by this unit. The unit also delivered and pick-up approximately 150 packages from the state capitol, employee's retirement system, Bank of America, and Wells Fargo bank. The unit also delivered approximately 30 employees to the Airport and other destinations. There were two calls placed for service.

DPS TECHNOLOGY SECTION

The DPS Technology Section consists of the Technology Director, his immediate staff, and the Computer Services Unit. Together, they serve the needs of the department's almost 1600 employees in the areas of personal computers, servers, land mobile radios, and telecommunications.

The Technology Section also provides direct support to the Department of Natural Resources 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. He also provides direct support for special programs and works closely with the Comptroller in the area of strategic planning. During 2014, the Technology Director attended several meetings and seminars regarding the proposed Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network, and served on the advisory board planning the 2014 Georgia Digital Government Summit.

CAD/RMS Administrator: During 2014, 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, she 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 network that keeps 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.

Development Team: 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 personnel.

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

During 2014, the Computer Services Unit initiated or completed the following:

- Server Virtualization and Consolidation Project to transition several physical network servers into an integrated virtual environment. This project will reduce the amount of labor necessary to maintain the 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 95th and 96th GSP Trooper Schools.
- Assisted with the establishment of several new facilities, including Posts 44, 51 and 52.
- Completed the upgrade of all DPS computers to the Windows 7 operating system.
- Upgraded all Communications Center workstations throughout the state.
- Installed SmartMCT version 9 on all mobile computers.
- Deployed Panasonic laptops in Troops C, F and D.

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- Designed and developed a website for The Georgia Intrastate Motor Carrier (GIMC) Registration. Website handles new registration and also facilitates renewal of existing registrations. GIMC website accepts online payments and updates the registration status instantly. This provides accurate information to the officers in the field about the motor carrier registration. Many new SQL reports were created to help the UCR group employees to complete their day to day transactions.
- Created the gamccd.net web application and designed many features to help the general public to get detailed information about the regulation, certification, permitting and law enforcement that pertains to household goods movers, passenger carriers (motor coaches & buses), luxury limousine carriers, and non-consensual towing operations.
- Wrote queries and reports against mobileforms database to deliver information that help facilitate decision making by DPS command personnel.
- Development team works closely with Open Records Unit and also with Public Information Office to process the data request in a timely manner.
- Designed and developed a web application for the Excess Property division to help the employees to keep up with inventory. The new web application replaced the outdated FoxPro application.
- Created a user-friendly employee directory for personnel look up.
- Installed and implemented a new inventory program for the Supply Unit.
- Upgraded the report server and migrated many reports from SQL server 2005 to SQL server 2008
- Everyday maintenance of many software applications, such as Leave accounting, rosters and scheduling, sharepoint portal, and the overweight citation system.

DPS GEMA LIAISON OFFICER



The DPS GEMA Liaison Officer represents the DPS Commissioner at Homeland Security sponsored meetings, conferences and workshops as needed; serves as a member of the Homeland Defense Task Force and as an evaluator and monitor on Homeland Defense sponsored exercises to prepare for state level response. The GEMA Liaison keeps the DPS Commissioner and Command Staff advised of situations where it appears that DPS will be needed; coordinates and provides a liaison between DPS, GEMA, other law enforcement

agencies, courts, legislators and other city and county officials. The GEMA Liaison creates, maintains and updates DPS emergency plans including responses to hurricanes, winter weather and SNS issues; although other emergency response plans exist and fall under the responsibility of the GEMA Liaison. This position serves as the DPS representative on the GBI's Internet Crimes Against Children Unit. The GEMA Liaison monitors weather conditions and prepares and notifies the potential affected areas of DPS regarding the pending storms. The Georgia State Patrol (GSP) is designated as the lead state law enforcement agency for the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Project in the State of Georgia and the GEMA Liaison is responsible for the

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planning, preparation and response for incidents requiring SNS materials within the state. The GEMA Liaison is on call seven days a week, 24 hours a day, to fill requests from GEMA and to respond to emergencies including child abductions.

The GEMA Liaison serves as the agency representative for the Child Abduction Response Team (CART). The C.A.R.T. combines the resources of nine different state agencies (sworn and non-sworn) to provide an immediate and efficient response to a child abduction; or otherwise missing endangered child. Each member agency is trained in different areas of expertise to be utilized upon activation of the C.A.R.T.

The GEMA State Operations Center (SOC) activates during emergencies to provide state agency assistance to counties and municipalities within Georgia. The SOC is divided into Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) which group state agencies/partners with similar abilities together for a more efficient response. DPS is the coordinating agency, and one of three lead agencies (along with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) and The Governor's Office of Community Affairs), for ESF 13. The DPS GEMA Liaison is responsible for the operation of ESF 13.

During 2014, the GEMA Liaison worked in the SOC during the winter weather storms in January and February where the City of Atlanta and other areas of the state were severely impacted by snow and ice. The GEMA Liaison was assigned by the DPS Commissioner to create a plan to supplement the Georgia Department of Transportation in clearing the Metro Atlanta interstates of snow and ice. After traveling and meeting with the Tennessee Department of Transportation, a plan was developed where strike teams would spread brine and salt to assist with GDOT's efforts. Afterward, this plan was rewritten and road clearance duties were removed. The function of the multi-agency traffic strike teams was redesigned and they were tasked with ensuring that motorists were not stranded and that vehicles were not abandoned on the Metro Atlanta interstates. Planning began for the first WinterEX so that the state response plan for winter weather could be tested later in November of 2014.

During April, the GEMA Liaison assisted with the Southern Colonel's Conference which was hosted by Georgia. GEMA hosted HURREX 2014 in May and the state exercised its ability to respond to a simulated Category 5 hurricane that struck the Georgia Coast. At the end of May, the GEMA Liaison and the lieutenants assigned as the Troop level SNS contacts attended the Annual SNS Conference at Callaway Gardens. WinterEX 2014 planning meetings began in June and lasted through October. On July 4th, the GEMA SOC was activated for the Peachtree Road Race in light of the terrorist attack on the Boston Marathon earlier in the year.

Other activities/duties performed by the GEMA Liaison throughout 2014 included:

- GEMA Emergency Services Branch Quarterly Meetings in June and October;
- A HURREX follow up in July;
- A CART meeting in July to prepare for the annual CART recertification;
- An SNS Training and Exercise Workshop in July;
- Speaking at the C.A.R.E. Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah in September;
- Speaking at the Time Task Force Annual Conference in September;
- An SNS Tabletop Exercise in September;

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- A CART Tabletop Exercise in October;
- An election day detail with the Secretary of State's Office in November;
- An SNS Full Scale Exercise in November;
- The WinterEX ROC Drill in November;
- WinterEX 2014 in November;
- Ebola response meetings in November;
- The Ferguson Decision Detail in November; and
- Speaking at the four Safety Meetings with Capitol Hill Employees in December.



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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.



Troop	Crash Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	DUI Arrests	Vehicle Stops
Troop A	10,739	99	40,888	83,204	1,475	40,788
Troop B	11,686	104	36,876	55,096	1,514	32,287
Troop C	13,486	12	109,253	80,641	2,066	75,186
Troop D	10,493	93	37,988	76,326	2,100	42,647
Troop E	4,956	69	23,481	46,659	1,229	24,468
Troop F	5,133	97	21,932	38,425	1,165	28,020
Troop G	2,360	72	18,415	44,572	1,440	31,682
Troop H	5,868	69	37,954	58,815	1,463	37,147
Troop I	2,611	68	26,573	34,121	1,638	28,423
TOTALS	67,332	683	353,360	517,859	14,090	340,648

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Troop A

Troop A is located in northwest Georgia, with the majority of patrol territory lying north of I-20 and west of I-75. The total population of the Troop Territory is 1,041,535 according to the latest records. The Troop territory covers 4759 square miles. Troop A is made up of seven posts with four of these posts working territories that border the States of Alabama or Tennessee.



- Post 3 – Cartersville (Bartow and Polk)
- Post 5 – Dalton (Whitfield and Catoosa)
- Post 28 – Jasper (Pickens and Cherokee)
- Post 29 – Paulding (Paulding and Haralson Counties)
- Post 38 – Rome (Chatooga, Floyd, Polk and Haralson)
- Post 41 – Lafayette (Dade and Walker)
- Post 43 – Calhoun (Gordon and Murray)
- Communications Center - six Georgia State Patrol posts with 14 counties, 20 counties in the Department of Natural Resource's Region I, and 17 counties in the Motor Carrier Compliance Division's Region 1.
- SCRT A (All Troop A counties)

Troop A combined Post members from each post for concentrated efforts on I-75 stretching from the Cobb County line to the Tennessee State Line as part of a nationwide campaign dubbed IACP 75 Alive. A program on distracted driving was presented for a group of over 900 high school students and faculty by combing efforts of Troop A Command, SCRT A, and other Troop personnel. During February a major winter storm "PAX" impacted the northern part of the State. Troopers from Troop A were deployed throughout Troop A and to Atlanta to assist with emergency operations. In May, Troop A hosted the first Iron Man Tri-Athlete competition in the south east. This international event brought over 3,000 competitors from all across the world to Walker County for a 126 mile bicycle endurance time trial. Troop A also hosted the U.S. Pro Cycle event in the Lookout Mountain region of the Troop territory. This year, Troop A was recognized by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for outstanding service and performance in traffic safety in 2014. During 2014, Post 38 and Post 3 covered Post 29's territory.

During 2014, The Troop A Communications Center logged and dispatched a total of 110,901 calls. Of the calls logged, there were a total of 13,367 motor vehicle crash calls, 77,566 traffic stops/commercial vehicle inspections and 3,256 motorist assists. Also logged and dispatched were 6,033 calls for the Department of Natural Resources.

The Specialized Collision Reconstruction Team in Troop A, investigated 36 cases in 2014. Of the 36 cases, seven were felony, 29 were misdemeanors, and two were cases assisting other agencies. These investigations were averaging 47 days to close at the beginning of the year 2014, and currently the average closure rate is 52 days.

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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)
- Post 7 – Toccoa (Rabun, Habersham, Stephens, Franklin and Hart)
- Post 27 – Blue Ridge (Gilmer, Fannin, Union and Towns)
- Post 32 – Athens (Barrow, Jackson, Madison, Clarke and Oconee)
- Post 37 – Cumming (Lumpkin, Dawson and Forsyth)
- Communications Center
- SCRT B (All Troop B 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; Hands Across the Border in Blairsville; 2015 Golden Shield Award from MADD; Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds; 100 Days of Summer Heat; Marine Corps. Toys for Tots; Athens-Clarke County Police Department Summer Camp; Southern Worthsee (SOWO) and Oktoberfest in Helen; Ghost Out presentation at North Forsyth High School; child safety seat checks; and the opening ceremony for Post 52 in Hartwell.



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.



- Post 9 – Marietta (Cobb and Fulton, North of I-285)
- Post 47 – Forest Park (Clayton, DeKalb, and Fulton, all outside I-285)
- Post 48 – Atlanta (Cobb, Clayton, DeKalb, and Fulton, inside I-285)
- Post 49 – Motor Unit (I-285 and the interstate system within Metro Atlanta)
- Post 51 – (Gwinnett County)
- Nighthawks North DUI Taskforce – (Cobb, Fulton, DeKalb, Clayton, Gwinnett, and Clarke)
- Communications Center – (Cobb, Clayton, DeKalb, Fulton, and Gwinnett, GBI Radio Dispatch, Capitol Police Dispatch, Metro MCCD Dispatch, Headquarters, Aviation, Safety Education, Implied Consent, CIU, SWAT and SCRT Teams)
- SCRT C (All Troop C counties)

Troop C was involved in two major winter storms that paralyzed the Metro Atlanta Area during January and February. Troopers assisted stranded motorists along the impassible Interstates, helped secure and coordinate the transportation of children stranded at many of the local public schools, and cleared all the roadways of the multitude of abandoned vehicles. Troop C helped State of Georgia Leaders in the development of strategic plans for future response to winter weather preparation and responses. Troop C Mobile Field Force Units and Troopers assisted local law enforcement and responded to protests in the Metro Atlanta Area due to civil unrest in other areas of the country, during the Ferguson, MO grand jury verdict and the New York City, NY Grand Jury verdict.

The Georgia State Patrol Nighthawks DUI Task Force patrols the five Metro-Atlanta counties of Cobb, Clayton, Gwinnett, DeKalb, and Fulton concentrates on the apprehension of DUI offenders during the peak hours when statistics have shown DUI related incidents occur.

Troop C Communications is the primary point of contact for all Communications Centers Statewide. The Troop C Communications Center logged 127,222 vehicle stops; 8,521 impounded vehicles; 132 stolen vehicles recovered; 141 vehicle pursuits; 196 suspended license verified; 264 medical relays; 323 abandon vehicles entered; and 1,062 hits processed.

SCRTC investigated 32 crashes in 2014. This is on par with the other teams, staffed with 3 to 4 members. While 17 of these investigations stemmed from crashes initially worked by GSP, 15 were calls for assistance from Troop C local agencies.

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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 covers 20 counties in the central and west-central portion of the state.

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



Troop D continues to participate in special details such as Hands Across the Border, Toys for Tots, Governor's Challenge, MADD awards, and traffic enforcement networks, to name a few. Again this year, Troop D handled the traffic for the NASCAR race at Atlanta Motor Speedway without having to detach anyone from an outside Troop. Troop D had personnel detached for Winter Storm Leon to assist Troop C, as well as during the Michael Brown verdict as part of the Mobile Field Force. Troop D held two road dedications during 2014 for fallen Troopers, Sgt. Fred Black and TFC Andy Andrews.

The Middle Georgia Nighthawks made contact with 734 people while conducting safety talks. The enforcement numbers included 57 crashes investigated, 613 DUI arrests, 1,515 citations issued, 3,594 warnings issued, and 4,462 vehicle stops. In January of 2014, the unit's members were called upon to assist Troop C with traffic due to a snow and ice storm. In March 2014, members attended a ceremony at the State Capital where the three Nighthawks Units were recognized at the Legislative Session for Senate Resolution 1185.

Troop D Communications handled a total of 112,209 CAD calls for 2015. This shows an increase in calls by three percent from the previous year. The Communications Center entered 81,484 traffic stops and 3,424 motorist assists. The operators in Troop D assisted with the recovery of 41 stolen vehicles, processed 772 HIT requests, logged 1,053 suspended licenses, and entered 193 abandoned vehicles. Troop D Communications also called wreckers for 8,614 vehicles that were impounded, coordinated or assisted with 253 medical relays and called 113 chases. This total also includes calls from the Motor Carrier Compliance Division and the Department of Natural Resources.

SCRTD accumulated the following totals for 2014: 88 total SCRT cases (35 full investigations and 53 limited investigations).

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)

On January 28, and February 11, Troop E territory incurred severe winter related weather including snow and ice. The Troop was placed in Phase A to assist Troop E and Troop C, specifically the metropolitan Atlanta area. On October 16th, a bridge dedication ceremony was conducted in Madison honoring the ultimate sacrifice of TFC Keith Sewell. TFC Sewell was killed in the line of duty on January 17, 1979. On October 23rd, a portion of GA 441 at the Morgan/Greene County lines was dedicated to TFC John Morris, who lost his life while going to a crash on May 18, 1982.

In 2014, Troop E Communications began providing communication services for the Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division and the DPS Motor Carrier Compliance Division. Five dispatchers were promoted to shift supervisors which greatly enhanced operational oversight and training in the center. Troop E Communications also provided GCIC certification training and assistance to all Troopers, MCCD officers and DNR Rangers within its geographic region. Over 65 sworn employees received GCIC certification and re-certification 2014. The center also maintains and monitors the GCIC certification and training of over 95 employees.

During the 2014 calendar year, Troop E SCRT took on 44 crash investigations and also provided assistance to post troopers by consulting on numerous other crash investigations. Troop E SCRT assisted with manhunts, school zone enforcements, school security checks, hazardous weather situations, medical relays, investigating non-SCRT crashes, and enforcement efforts within the troop territory.



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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 2014. The Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety sponsored several traffic safety details that Troop F participated in which included the following:

- 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

Fifteen members of Troop F were nominated for Mothers Against Drunk Driving DUI Awards. Twelve of these Troopers were nominated for Bronze pins, which recognize Troopers who made over 25 DUI arrests, and three of these Troopers were nominated for Silver pins, which recognize Troopers who made over 50 DUI arrests. Troop F also participated in the Toys for Tots Campaign. During the 2014 campaign, Troop F personnel collected 5,790 toys and collected \$9,357.



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

Troop G Communications dispatches for the Georgia State Patrol Post in Americus, Thomasville, Colquitt, Cuthbert, and Albany, as well as personnel attached to Regions 5 & 8 of Motor Carrier Compliance Division and Department of Natural Resources, Region 5. In 2014, Troop G Operators logged 63,600 calls. That figure includes 50,657 Traffic Stops, 2,371 crashes, 979 road checks, 20 relays, and other various calls. The Communications Center also handled 202 Hits and seven Recovered Vehicles.



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

Throughout the year, Troopers remained highly visible with increased vehicle stops and license checkpoints. We conducted quarterly “Troop Concentrated Patrols” and partnered with neighboring states in the “Staying Alive on I-75” enforcement campaigns. 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. Troop H hosted one DPS Board meeting at the Guardian Center in Perry during the year. Board members were given a tour of the facility. Troop H honored three Troopers who were killed in the line of duty by dedicating portions of various roadways in their honor. A Troop Commander’s meeting was also hosted at Red Hawk Plantation in Pulaski County.



Troop Communications logged 352 HIT confirmations, 50 relays, 46 vehicle pursuits and entered 42 abandoned vehicles.

SCRT H team just completed a full year under Troop operations. In 2014, SCRT investigators opened 32 cases and assisted field Troopers with numerous investigations not meeting SCRT criteria. SCRT members have also assisted local agencies with vehicle downloads and expertise when called upon.

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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)
- Post 22 – Waycross (Ware, Brantley, Bacon, Clinch, Charlton, and Pierce)
- Post 23 – Brunswick (Glynn, Camden, and Wayne)
- Post 35 – Jekyll Island
- Post 42 – Rincon (Chatham, Bryan, and Effingham)
- Nighthawks South (Bulloch and Chatham)
- Communications Center (All Troop I counties, MCCD Regions 9 and 10 South, Jekyll Island Fire/911, and the Department of Natural Resources)

Troop I participated in several Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS), Motor Carrier Compliance and other Troop-wide details during the year to include: Operation Rolling Thunder, Hands Across the Border, Drive to Stay Alive, the last three waves "GTACT" or "Georgia Targeting Aggressive Cars and Trucks and three waves of Operation Safe D.R.I.V.E. on I-95);," assisted with the winter storm by clearing roads and assisting motorists; and provided security, crowd and/or traffic control for the annual St. Patrick's Day parade in Savannah; the Orange Crush Celebration on Tybee Island, the Annual Shrimp & Grits Festival on Jekyll Island and the Annual Rock N Roll Marathon in Savannah.



The Nighthawks South DUI Task Force is based out of Post 42 in Rincon and is comprised of eight troopers. During 2014, Nighthawks South issued 5,237 arrests and 6,930 warnings. Among those arrests were 735 for DUI; 1,027 for seatbelt; and 2,186 for speeding. Among those warnings were 1,797 for speeding; and 771 for mechanical defects. Nighthawks South Troopers road checked for 246 total hours during 2014. These road checks produced numerous arrests, including many for impaired driving. Troopers investigated 92 crashes which resulted in 0 fatalities.

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Due to a CAD system failure in October, the number of CAD incidents generated by Troop I Communications personnel is unavailable; however in the months prior to the failure the Communications Team experienced a 14% increase in incidents.

CRIMINAL INTERDICTION UNIT (CIU)



During 2014, the Criminal Interdiction Unit members expended 270 hours on Crash investigations, made 1,389 Arrests, issued 4,680 Warnings, made 7 DUI Arrests, 71 Felony Drug Arrests, 10 Non-Drug Felony Arrests, and made 33 Misdemeanor Drug Arrests. Criminal Interdiction Unit members made 59 Criminal Apprehensions, assisted 298 stranded motorists, recovered 30 Stolen Vehicles, and conducted 4,671 total Traffic Stops.

Criminal Interdiction Unit members seized over 3.64 kilograms of marijuana, 6.4 kilograms of cocaine, .31 kilograms of methamphetamine, 214 dosage units of other dangerous drugs and \$345,667.00 in illegal drug currency. They seized 19 weapons, located 11 hidden constructed compartments, and recovered five items of stolen or counterfeit property.

Additionally, Criminal Interdiction Unit members assisted other agencies in seizing over 2,181 kilograms of marijuana, 342 kilograms of cocaine, 110 kilograms of methamphetamine and \$5,994,559.00 in illegal drug currency. Criminal Interdiction Unit members also assisted with joint operations such as search warrants and sting operations where Criminal Interdiction Unit members assisted in seizing another 260.9 kilograms of marijuana, 2.1 kilograms of cocaine, 289.2 kilograms of methamphetamine, 7.36 kilograms of heroin, 250 dosage units of other dangerous drugs and \$2,173,675 in illegal drug currency.

In total, the Criminal Interdiction Unit members initiated or assisted in making a total monetary impact of more than \$47,530,081.20 against organized crime elements operating in the State of Georgia.

Counter-Terrorist Task Force: The Criminal Interdiction Unit continues to be a core component of the state's Counter-Terrorist Task Force. This assignment has led to an increase in training requirements and additional responsibilities.

During 2014, the members of Criminal Interdiction Unit received advanced training on weapons, and received training in other counter-terrorism related issues. Additionally, there are two troopers from each Troop area that are also assigned to the Counter-Terrorist Task Force and fall under partial Criminal Interdiction Unit control during any designated operations.

SPECIALIZED WEAPONS AND TACTICS (SWAT) AND DIVE TEAMS



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 31 critical incidents. Some of the incidents were resolved prior to our team's arrival, by the requesting agency, others lasted hours. The majority of our 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.

Dive Team: The State of Georgia Dive Team was requested 23 times during 2014. 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 re-structure 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.

Regulation Compliance Program

The Regulation Compliance Programs consist of one officer and five civilian employees who are responsible for the issuance of certificates and permits for the Passenger Carrier, Household Goods and Transportation Referral Services and Non-Consensual Towing Programs for intrastate carriers in Georgia. In addition to the primary responsibilities of the program managers, educational outreach classes and training sessions are regularly performed.

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 six 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.

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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.



School Bus Safety: The School Bus Safety Unit consists of 11 MCSAP certified officers who are responsible for conducting safety inspections on approximately 16,000 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.

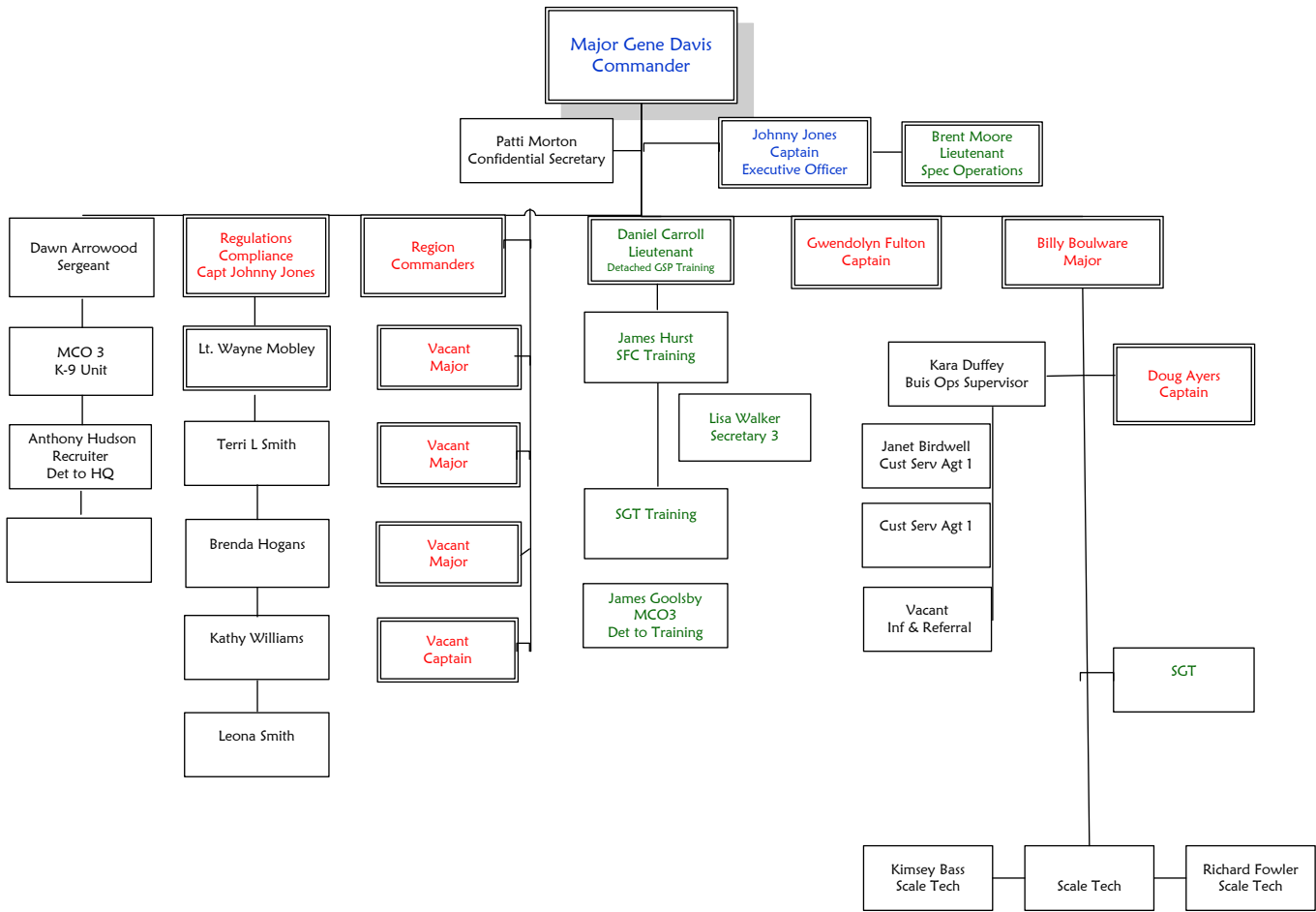
Public Information and Education Program: This program involves extensive educational outreach by the Motor Carrier

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.

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 14 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.

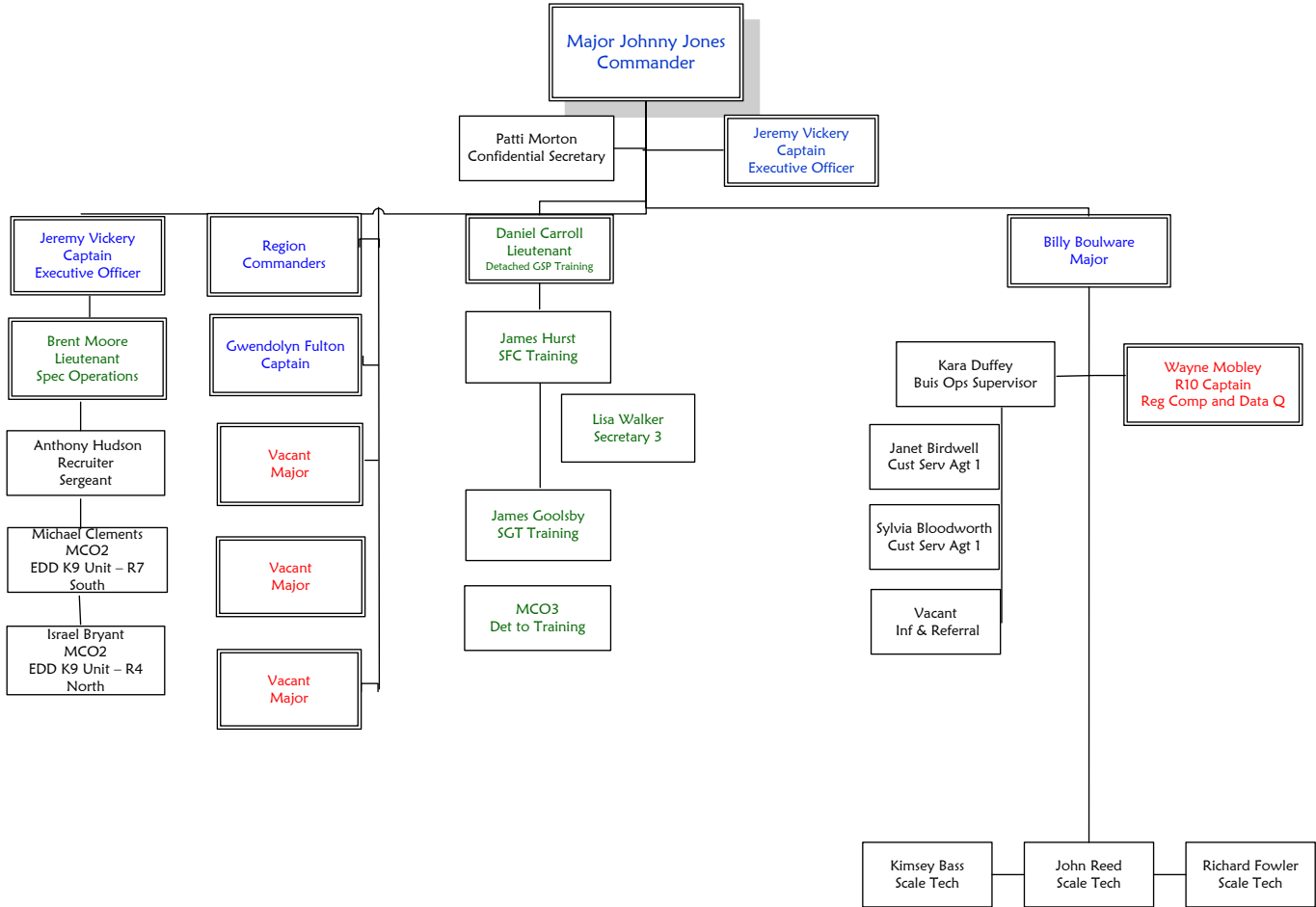
2014 Organizational Structure

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Current Organizational Structure



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Annual Statistics

Department of Public Safety
Motor Carrier Compliance Division

Law Enforcement Statistics

Safety Inspections CY 2014

CVSA Certified Officers	241
Inspections	71,767
Out-of-service Vehicle Violations	7,409
Out-of-service Driver Violations	4,478

Size & Weight CY 2014

Total Trucks Weighed	13,220,958
Overweight Assess. Written	36,695
UTC's Written	7,384

High Occupancy Vehicle CY 2014

HOV/HOT Citation Arrest	191
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Commercial Bus Inspections CY 2014

Commercial Bus Inspections	2,016
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School Bus Inspections CY 2014

School Bus Inspections	15,681
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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 Headquarters for the Department of Public Safety in Atlanta.



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 5,865 overweight assessments totaling \$ 943,068, performed 8,537 commercial vehicle safety inspections, issued 2,514 uniform traffic citations, and placed 338 drivers and 429 vehicles 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, Hands Across the Border, Georgia Targeting Aggressive Truck and Cars (GTAC), I75 Challenge, “Do it for Mom” Teen Driving Event and an FMCSA national passenger carrier safety detail. As part of the DPS Strategic Plan, Region 1 has conducted concentrated checks, Joint Agency Checks, Seatbelt, and Impaired Driving Checks on HCC and Rural Routes on a monthly basis. Region 1 won the MCCD Commercial Vehicle Award at the Governor’s Challenge Banquet. Captain Butler received the “Officer of the Year” from the Dade Co. Optimist Club. Officer William Buchanan received a Golden Shield “MADD” honor for MCCD, and the MADD-Cherokee Chapter CMV “Officer of the Year” Region 1 was presented a plaque for participating in The Gordon Co. Law Enforcement Health & Safety Fair. Region 1 conducted numerous educational outreach training sessions with both industry and municipal and county law enforcement personnel. Region 1 participated in the Toys for Tots Campaign and had 100% participation in The Charitable Contribution.

Region 2 is responsible for 20 counties located in North East Georgia. Region 2 operations center around the Franklin County Inspection Stations located on I-85 at mile markers 169 and 171. Region 2 has 21 MCCD officers and seven civilian weight inspectors. The officers issued 5,045 overweight assessments totaling \$803,148. The officers also performed 6,884 commercial vehicle safety inspections, placing 390 drivers and 732 vehicles out of service, with a total of 9,879 safety violations. They also issued 1,311 uniform traffic citations ranging from speeding to hours of service. Region 2 conducted 37 outreach safety meetings ranging from trucking companies to technical colleges. Region 2 officers participated in the “Gold Rush” traffic detail held in Dahlonega, GA, Motor Coach Strike Force Detail, GMTA Truck Rodeo, CVSA Annual National Road Check, Operation Safe Driver, Honor Guard Details, GOHS Hands across the Border, Brake Safety Week and the Georgia Forestry Commission Truck Inspections. 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 5,123 Training hours. This Training included North American Inspection Standards, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Advanced Roadside Impairment Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) and Weights and Measures Training. Two

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officers also attended POST Mandate Training. During the month of August we also held a three day training class on the departments Performance Based Brake Tester (PBBT). Eight of our officers received this training, resulting in 95 inspections.

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 43 and the Carroll County Inspection Station located on I-20 westbound at mile marker 15. The Region has 19 MCCD Officers, 11 MCCD HOV Officers, and 11 Weight Inspectors assigned to the inspection stations. Region 3 officers issued 7,378 overweight assessments totaling \$967,386. Together the officers performed 8,450 commercial vehicle safety inspections and issued 5,869 uniform traffic citations. The officers participated in Special

Events such as, Teen Driving Day, Battle of the Borders Driver Competition, CVSA Operation Air Brake, Click it or Ticket, Occupant Protection checks, Motor Coach Checks, Inside-the-Perimeter CMV Checks, Operation Zero Tolerance and a joint detail with US Customs at Hartsfield-Jackson Airport. The officers attended training on the North American Inspection Standards, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Advanced Roadside Impairment Driving Enforcement (ARIDE), Weights and Measures Training, Tru-cam Lidar, Supervisor Training, General Hazardous Materials, Due Regard, Passenger Carrier and Driving Simulator. Additionally, Region 3 officers conducted several Safety & Outreach Meetings, responded to approx. 1,332 motor vehicle accidents involving commercial vehicles. Region 3 field officers received 8,009 hours of training.

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 ended 2014 the year with 16 officers, one cadet, and five weight inspectors. The officers and weight inspectors issued 2724 overweight assessments totaling 506,926.50, 44 motor fuel citations, 1245 uniform traffic citations, performed 5,863 commercial vehicle inspections with 13,643 violations and 629 out of service vehicle, with 398 out of service drivers, and 44 unsafe vehicles. The officers participated in 12 joint agency concentrated enforcements activities which included GTACT, GOHS, Operation Air Brake, Click it or ticket it, Annual National Road check, Concentrated Speed Enforcement, and High Risk Rural checks, Hands Across the Border, and Zero Tolerance, and checks with local agencies within our region. Officers participated in numerous Outreach Education programs on safety, Courtesy Inspections, Size and Weight and inspections at Georgia Power, with Southern Wood Producers, Georgia Motor Trucking Association, Georgia Forestry Commission, Passenger Carrier inspections and other companies in Region 4. Officers attended Tru Cam, ARIDE, EVOC, Weigh inspector training, PT, Pursuit Liability, Driving Simulator, In-Service, Advance EVOC, Supervisor Level 2 & 3, Work Place Behavior and Distracted Drivers, Drivewyze, CAD training, Level 6 Haz-mat, Weapon Transition, Honor Guard, Police Academy, Intox 9000, Mobile Field Force, Lidar, and FMCSA

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Webinar. Region 4 also participated in the Winter Strom Pax detail in the Augusta area in February.

Region 5 is responsible for 18 counties in West Georgia with operations centering around the Troup County Inspection Stations located on Interstate 85 at mile marker 23. The Region ended the year with 10 certified officers including four NCO's, two MCO3's, four MCO1s and four civilian weight inspectors. The officers and weight inspectors issued 2,065 overweight assessments totaling \$381,378. The officers performed 3,822 commercial vehicle safety inspections with 8,597 violations observed resulting in 604 vehicles and 280 drivers being placed out of service. The officers also issued 1,557 uniform traffic citations and 873 warnings. During the year the officers participated in concentrated enforcement activities including Governor's Office of Highway Safety road checks, CVSA Operation Air Brake, National Road Check, National Brake Safety Week, Click It or Ticket, Hands Across the Border, Zero Tolerance. Officers also participated in several joint agency road checks with local law enforcement agencies including Grantville and Hogansville and the West Central Region Traffic Enforcement Network. Region 5 officers also participated in and assisted with judging the 2014 GMTA Truck Driving championships held on Lake Lanier Islands. Region 5 officers conducted several community outreach presentations to promote highway safety by explaining DPS rules and regulations to various companies in the trucking industry and other interested community groups. Region 5 training during the year encompassed Driving Simulator, Firearms proficiency, PIT/High Speed Driving, Below 100, Pursuit Liability, Due Regard, ARIDE, ALERRT, and PT. Region 5 had four new officers become certified with the Lidar speed detection equipment to help fulfill the CMV speed enforcement requirements.



Region 6 is responsible for 22 counties in Central Georgia. Region operations are based in Monroe County, with offices at GSP Post 44 and the inspection stations on I-75 at mile marker 190 in Forsyth. The Region has 17 sworn, two cadets and four civilian weight inspectors. In 2014, Region 6 personnel issued 5,678 overweight citations with total fine assessments of \$883,800.37, 852 Uniform Traffic Citations and 203 warnings. Officers conducted 5,916 NAS Inspections resulting in 10,053 violations, 452 out-of-service vehicles and 453 out-of-service drivers. Officers conducted 11 safety outreach details during 2014. Region 6 conducted Concentrated Speed Enforcement Patrols, Occupant Protection Checks and Impaired Driving Details to meet Department Strategic Plan goals. HCC and Haz-Mat Checks as well as Atlanta inner perimeter patrols, weather response and other details were conducted. Officers in Region 6 also participated in other state-wide and multi-agency details including Operation Safe Driver, Operation Air Brake, the FMCSA Passenger Carrier Strike Force, Brake Safety Week, I-75 Challenge, Governor's Office of Highway Safety road checks and the Click It or Ticket Campaign. Facility improvements for 2014 included painting the Monroe County Inspection Stations and re-striping the station lots. A personnel incentive program was initiated to recognize Officers and Weight Inspectors, monthly and annually, for outstanding performance.

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

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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. Region 7 has 29 Motor Carrier Mobile Officers patrolling side roads and 10 Civilian Weight Inspectors. 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 4,231 overweight assessments totaling 774,870, performed 12,706 commercial vehicle safety inspections, 759 drivers out of service and discovered 19,603 safety violations and placed 1,219 vehicles out of service. Our officers inspected 1,179 trucks with hazardous-material cargo. Our officers also issued 1,133 uniform traffic citations. Region 7 conducted outreach 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. Our officers also participated in many safety details; CVSA Annual National Road Check, Border to Border, 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 January, February and April 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 16 MCCC officers and seven civilian weight inspectors. Region 8 personnel issued 4,212 overweight assessments totaling \$680,090.25; 1568 uniform traffic citations, performed 6,551 commercial vehicle safety inspections, and conducted 557 safety inspections of hazardous material shipments. As a result of these regulatory compliance inspections of commercial motor vehicles, drivers, and shipments of hazardous materials, 14,483 violations were noted, 632 commercial motor vehicles were placed out of service, and 459 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, Hands Across the Border, GTACT, Staying Alive on I-75, 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 sixteen southeast Georgia counties with two permanent inspection stations located on I-95 northbound and southbound at mile marker 55 in McIntosh County. The Region also has a Satellite Station on Georgia 38 in Long County. The 18 field officers assigned to Region 9 consist of one Captain, one Lieutenant, two Sergeant First Class, two Sergeants, 12 mobile

officers, and three weight inspectors. The officers issued 2,523 overweight assessments totaling \$432,718, issued 2,551 uniform traffic citations, 1,805 warnings and performed 8,205 commercial vehicle safety inspections. They participated in 209 special enforcement activities including concentrated traffic checks in our high commercial vehicle crash corridors, multi-agency joint enforcement details, Occupant Protection Device checks at Inspection Stations and on rural roads, Concentrated Speed Enforcement Patrols, DUI/Drug checks at Inspection Stations, GOHS road checks, and division wide enforcement efforts/community events such as Hands Across the Border, Passenger Carrier Strikeforce, Operation Air Brake, Operation Safe Drive 95, Saint Patrick's Day Parade, Shrimp and Grits Festival, Shop With A Cop, Fishin' For A Cure and the 2014 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 46 safety outreach events, including the Georgia Motor Trucking Association Truck Check., Safe Drive 95 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 are Compliance Review, Safety Audit, School Bus Inspections and Regulation Compliance. This Region has 36 officers and six non-sworn civilian employees. The officers perform safety inspections on each of the approximate 16,000 public school buses within the state. Region 10 conducted 390 Compliance Reviews and 1,539 safety audits on carriers throughout the state. Officers had enforcement cases resulting in \$988,997 in civil penalties. These officers are also required to conduct commercial vehicle inspections and maintain the required number of inspections for certification. The Regulation Compliance Programs consist of the Passenger Carrier Program, Household Goods Program and Non-Consensual Program. The Passenger Carrier Program issued 206 Certificates, 29 permits and issued 20 civil penalties for \$6,700. The Household Goods Program issued 25 certificates and issued two civil penalties for \$600. The Non-Consensual Program issued 303 permits totaling \$90,900, also issued Civil Penalties for \$2,800.

Other Accomplishments and Activities

- The Motor Carrier Compliance Division has officers assisting in Mobile Field Forces and 19 officers in our Honor Guard Unit.
- MCCD officers issued 39,695 overweight assessments totaling \$6,309,892 during 2014. MCCD Officers also collected \$ 164,267.75 in delinquent citations from companies on the impound list during this reporting period.
- In addition to HOV & HOT activities and statistics incorporated into the full Region 3 report, the HOV/HOT Traffic Unit made 191 custodial arrests, including 64 fugitive arrests, and recovered 23 stolen vehicles.
- In a joint effort from all Regions, a total of 241 NAS certified officers in the Department of Public Safety's Motor Carrier Compliance Division have completed 950 Significant Crash Reports involving commercial vehicles with a serious injury, fatality, or significant road closure, resulting in 653 post crash inspections.

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- 2014 Georgia Targeting Aggressive Cars and Trucks (GTACT) project continued with two enforcement details held in Regions 1, 4, 7 and 8. The GTACT campaign promotes a positive message to the motoring public to “leave more space” and this is accomplished by conducting enforcement activity in high crash corridors and outreach activities in the selected geographical locations. This project is accomplished by the partnering of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Georgia Division, Georgia Motoring Trucking Association, various industry entities, state and local law enforcement personnel.
- The GTACT detail ran from January through April with officers assigned to Interstate Highways and US/State Routes in Bartow, Gordon, Columbia, Richmond, Chatham, Bryan Effingham, Tift, and Dougherty Counties. GTACT officers performed 1,108 inspections, 1,133 Uniform Traffic Citations, and 1,145 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. By utilizing proactive training, outreach opportunities and through strategies targeted toward motor carriers who operate unsafe equipment we will provide a safer driving environment for the motoring public and the commercial vehicle industry. The Motor Carrier Compliance Division continues to do an exceptional job keeping the interstates, state routes and all other roads safer for the citizens of Georgia by fair and equitable enforcement of applicable Laws, Rules and Regulations pertaining to the size, weight and safe operation of commercial motor vehicles.
- MCCD Awards:
 - Region 1 won the MCCD Commercial Vehicle Award at the Governor’s Challenge Banquet.
 - Region 1 Captain received the “Officer of the Year” from the Dade Co. Optimist Club.
 - MCCD Officer received a Golden Shield “MADD” honor for MCCD, and the MADD-Cherokee Chapter CMV “Officer of the Year”



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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.

CAPITOL POLICE DIVISION COMMAND: Capitol Police Division Command consists of the director (captain) assistant directors (one sergeant first class and one corporal), 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, Dynamic 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 2014, 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 18 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, and is responsible for planning and providing security and law enforcement services for all public events in the Capitol Square area, including but not limited to:

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

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

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security for all elected officials, state employees and guests at the State Capitol. The troopers of Post 50 also provide security for all the buildings on Capitol Hill by conducting patrols in and around these buildings. Troopers, including supervisors, are also required to secure the Georgia Court of Appeals, Georgia Supreme Court, and the Coverdale Legislative Office Building. Post 50 is staffed by 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 36 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: On September 1, 2014, Dynamic Security, Inc. acquired the contract for private security from Allied Barton Security. Forty-one unarmed guards were put in place to monitor and control access to 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 K9 UNIT: In April, 2014, the Capitol Hill EOD K9 Unit acquired two retired military canines that were both previously deployed to Afghanistan, bringing the division total to five EOD canines. The canines and their handlers are responsible for responding to suspicious package notifications and bomb threats on Capitol Hill. They are also available to assist other law enforcement agencies throughout the state upon request. The unit completed 1,737 training hours in 2014. Additionally, the unit conducted 574 sweeps and responded to 33 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. There were six sworn officers assigned to the 2014 Legislative Session detail.

COMMUNICATIONS: The Capitol Police Division's Communications personnel receive all radio traffic for calls of service, monitor video surveillance, and building elevator systems.

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Furthermore, they manage building access controls, conduct security background checks for numerous state agencies, and monitor all of the duress alarms in place on Capitol Hill.

Activity

Sworn Officer Activity	
Arrests from Traffic Stops	1,607
Vehicle Stops	3,031
Suspicious Package, Persons, and Vehicle Reports	758
Impounded Vehicles	116
Traffic Crashes	274
Calls for Service	3,039
Non-Sworn Security Activity	
Security Location Checks (non-sworn officers)	30,417
Unsecured Doors	2,169
Unlocked Building Doors	19
Unlocked Parking Decks and Courtyard Areas	82
Communications Activity	
Duress Alarms Answered	160
Fire Alarms Answered	226
Elevator Entrapments	184
GCIC Hits	74

MAIL SERVICES: The Capitol Police Division Mail Services Unit 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. In 2014, the unit screened a total of 130,964 pieces of mail.

SPECIAL DETAILS AND EVENTS: The Capitol Police Division headquarters building includes a 297 person capacity auditorium. The auditorium is available for use for DPS events and may also be reserved by other State of Georgia agencies. In 2014, The Governor's Office hosted their Severe Winter Weather Warning and Preparedness Task Force meetings in the auditorium. These meetings were attended by state and federal agency heads and local meteorologists. Several other state agencies, including GA DPS, held training sessions, ceremonies, and conferences in the auditorium throughout the year.

Troopers from Post 50 assisted Troop C and Atlanta Police Department personnel with their Urban Clean-Up initiatives in the spring of 2014. Interstate underpasses, parks and areas surrounding downtown Atlanta were decontaminated by discarding debris and unattended objects.

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In November 2014, troopers statewide, along with Capitol Police officers, assembled at Post 50's command post in response to the anticipated riots and protests near the State Capitol. Hundreds of protestors attempted to storm barricades at the State Capitol in protest of a Ferguson, Missouri grand jury's decision not to indict an officer involved in the shooting death of a local teenager. However, departmental preparation and adequate manpower prevented any damage to life or property during the protests.

Troopers and officers from the Capitol Police Division participated in the 2014 Toys for Tots campaign by sponsoring several toy drives which resulted in the collection of approximately 100 toys.

There were a total of 56 events requiring security and police presence for 2014. Construction on the steps of the Capitol, where rallies and protests usually take place, reduced the number of outside events in 2014.

Listed below is a portion of the larger events that required Capitol Police, GSP Post 50, and safety officer staffing:

- **January 13, 2014** Georgia Council on Substance Abuse – Medicaid Expansion rally
- **January 13, 2014** Senator Vincent Fort/ Moral Monday Coalition/ Occupy Atlanta – Medicaid Expansion/Civil Rights Rally
- **January 19, 2014** Georgia Oath Keepers – Gun Rally/ 2nd Amendment Rights
- **January 22, 2014** Georgia Right to Life – Memorial for unborn.
- **January 28, 2014** Georgia Center for Opportunity – Rally to promote school choice.
- **February 3, 2014** Senator Vincent Fort/ Moral Monday Coalition/ Occupy Atlanta - Civil Rights Rally.
- **February 18, 2014** T.R.A.G.I.C. - Teachers Rally Against Georgia Insurance Changes.
- **February 20, 2014** Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities – Awareness Rally.
- **February 26, 2014** Georgia Gerontology Society, Inc. - Be There for Seniors Rally.
- **March 8, 2014** Office of the Lt. Governor – Healthy Kids Georgia Festival
- **March 18, 2014** Metro Atlanta Mayors Association – Bicycle Awareness Rally
- **March 29, 2014** Resurrection House - Prayer rally
- **April 5, 2014** Georgia Latino Alliance for Human Rights – Rally/March for Immigration Reform
- **May 17, 2014** Overpasses 4 America – Constitution Rally/ Gun Rally
- **August 4, 2014** Atlanta Tea Party Rally
- **September 3, 2014** Sickle Cell Foundation of Georgia, Inc. – Awareness Vigil
- **September 27, 2014** Catalyst CDC – Prayer for Georgia
- **October 18, 2014** Georgia Taxpayers Alliance, Inc.- Cannabis Law Reform



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