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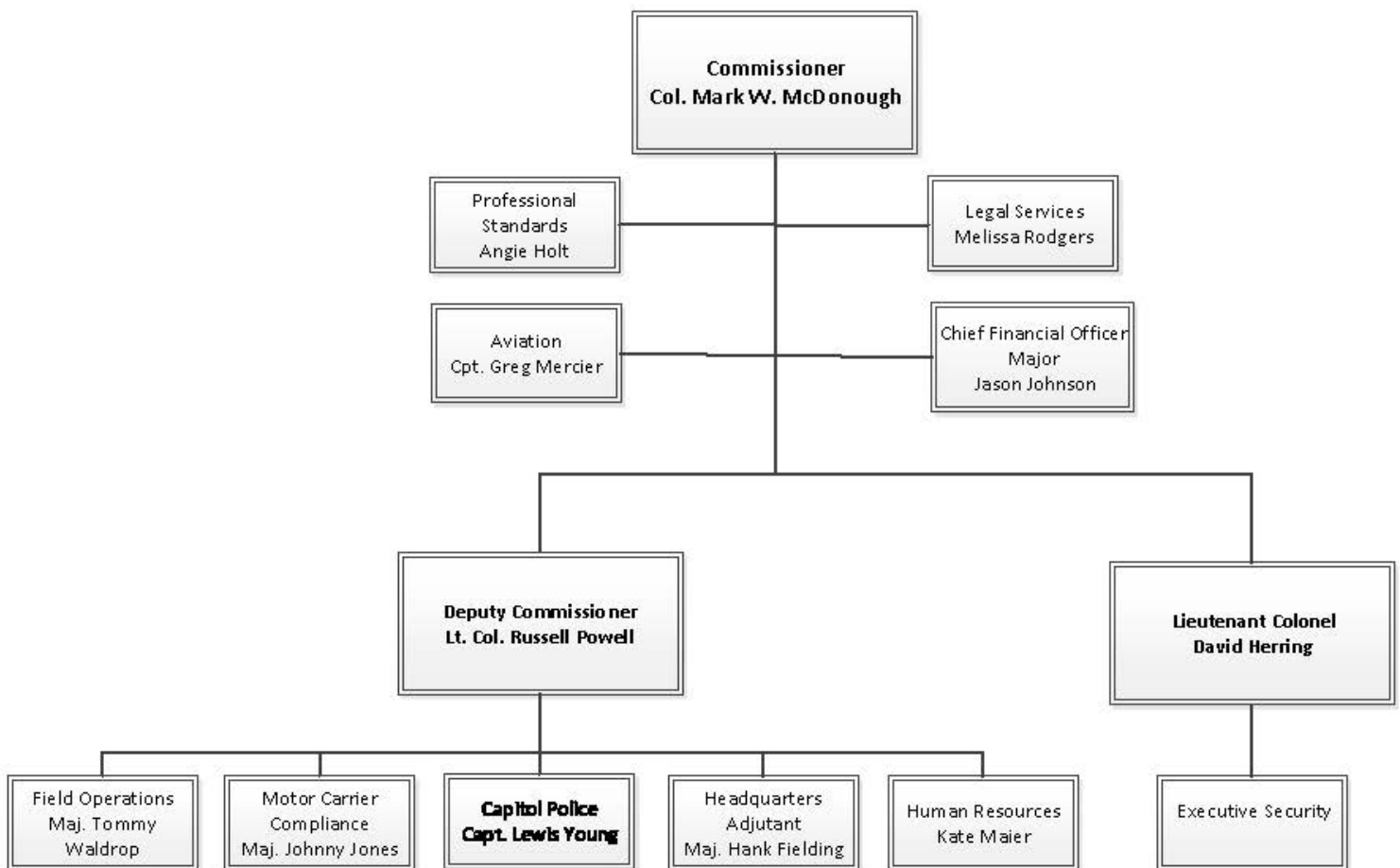
2015 ANNUAL REPORT

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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DPS Command Staff

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MOTOR CARRIER COMPLIANCE DIVISION
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CAPITOL POLICE DIVISION
COMMANDING OFFICER



Commissioner's Office

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

AVIATION



The Georgia State Patrol Aviation Unit provides air support to the Georgia State Patrol and other state, federal, and local agencies in support of public safety interests for the citizens of Georgia.

Below are statistics for calendar year 2015:

- Conducted 1,526 flights for 2,737.5 flight hours.
- Flew 320 flight hours utilizing Night Vision Goggles.
- Conducted 275 flights at 1,003.2 hours for marijuana eradication.
- Conducted 324 searches at 4577.8 flight hours for missing persons and fugitives during the day and night.
- Overall percent of finding subjects for search results was 57.1%.

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

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.

During 2015 (all or part of the year), the Office of Professional Standards (OPS) was commanded by a director and an assistant director. There were 12 sworn certified peace officers, eight of whom were 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 2015, the Department of Public Safety initiated 295 investigations. Of this number, 42 were complaint investigations conducted by field troop officers or Human Resources staff, while

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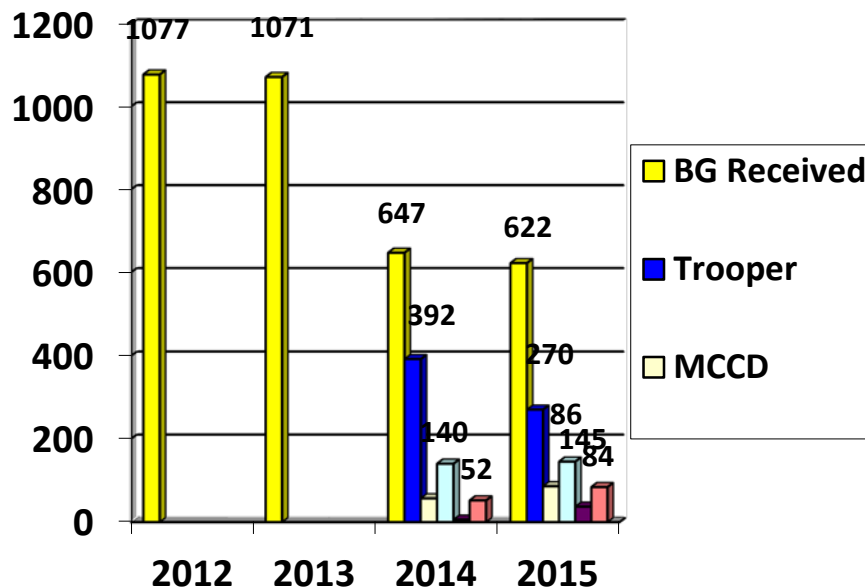
253 were investigations conducted by the Internal Affairs Unit. The table below is a summary of the types and number of cases investigated during 2015:

Abuse of Authority	5
Abuse of Leave	1
Accident Investigation	4
Agency Assist-Pre Employment/Other	96
Bias Based Profiling	3
Chaplain	2
Conduct Unbecoming	5
Criminal-Other	1
Domestic Misconduct	2
Evidence Handling	2
Harassment/Hostile Work Environment	2
Impersonating a Trooper	2
Improper Conduct	23
Improper Search and Seizure	1
Lost/Damaged/Misuse of Equipment	6
Misconduct during Traffic Stop	4
Negligent Discharge Firearm	4
Off Duty Misconduct	4
Other	10
PIT/Pursuits	5
POST Arrest	35
Speed Detection Device Complaint Investigations	21
Substance Abuse	1
Theft	1
Threat Assessment	22
Use of Force	13
Violation of Technology Policy	3
Work Performance	10
Workplace Behavior	7
	TOTAL 295

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Pre-Employment Function: OPS is responsible for coordinating the function of pre-employment investigations for candidates seeking to join the Department of Public Safety. During 2015, the Background Investigation Unit managed 622 pre-employment applications from Human Resources. Of those, 333 did not meet the Department's employment standards (as discovered during background investigation) and were disqualified from further consideration; 92 applicants withdrew prior to the completion of the pre-employment investigations. The pre-employment investigations performed by GSP field Lieutenants and NCO's, as well as MCCD SFC's, and assisted by OPS, resulted in 81 applicants who were hired by DPS.

The 622 applicants aspired to be considered for the following positions: 270-GSP trooper, 145-dispatcher, 86-Motor Carrier (Cadet, Weight Inspector), 37-Capitol Police/Safety Officer, and 84-other (secretary, clerk, computer services technologist, mechanic, and others).



Polygraph Function: The Office of Professional Standards Polygraph Unit provides support for background, internal affairs specific issue, and criminal specific issue investigations (on special request). In 2015, nine examiners were on staff, full or part year.

During 2015, 688 Polygraph Examinations were conducted by the Office of Professional Standards. 667 were DPS pre-employment screening tests, nine were specific issue (internal affairs) tests, and 12 were pre-employment screening tests for outside agencies. The Chief Polygraph Examiner conducted quality control which also included video reviews.

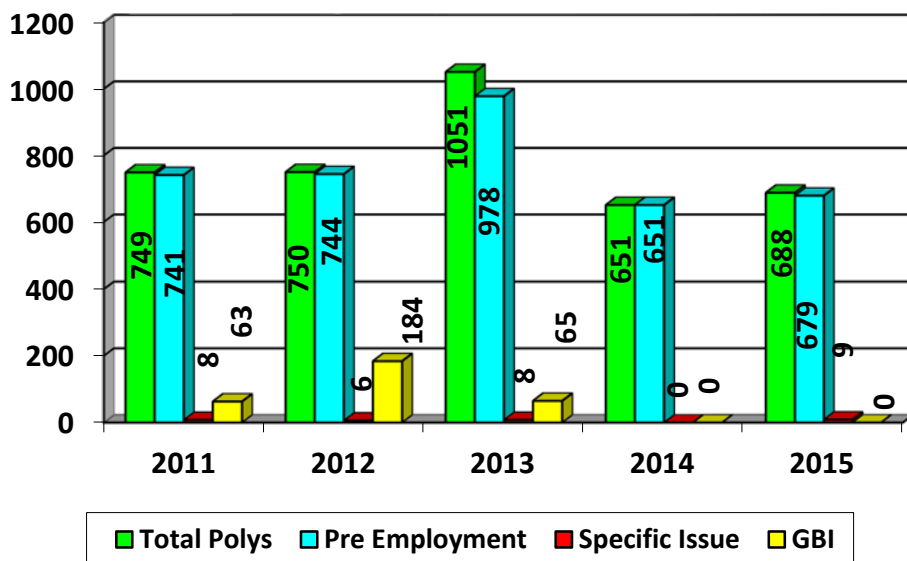
All examiners completed ongoing professional training during the year, through attendance at the 2015 GBI Polygraph Training Seminar held at Douglas County Police Department in October. All examiners received 24 hours training credit, enabling them to maintain their professional certification through the Georgia Polygraph Association. At the end of 2015, there were a total of seven examiners on staff.

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Several new items of equipment were upgraded during the year. This has enabled simultaneous testing of up to four examinees at one time. External video monitoring is now capable in all suites.

Plans for the Polygraph Unit for 2016 include continuing rigorous quality control to ensure the most professional and proficient operations. It is anticipated that there will be an increase in the number of pre-employment tests during 2016, due to ongoing advertisement for Trooper, Dispatcher, and MCCD Cadet, as well as the continued support the unit provides to outside agencies.

The chart below depicts the number of pre-employment and specific issue polygraph examinations conducted by OPS and GBI, 2011-2015.



Permits Function: OPS administers the statewide issuance of speed detection device permits to law enforcement agencies. During 2015, OPS administered the statewide issuance of speed detection device permits to law enforcement agencies. During 2015, the Permits Unit issued or renewed 233 speed detection device permits. Of those permits, 165 were to cities or municipalities, 66 to Sheriff’s Offices, and three to college or universities.

Additional Accomplishments: Members of OPS continued to aid the Department’s Training Office by providing instruction in GSP Basic Trooper schools, POST IT Training, POST Supervision 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.

During 2015 one member 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. Currently three members of OPS hold this certification with plans to have two more attend the training in 2016.

LEGAL SERVICES

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

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

Legal Services, the Human Resources Division and department managers work together to ensure compliance with all applicable state and federal labor and employment laws. Legal Services also provides technical assistance to Human Resources in responding to inquiries made by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and the Georgia Commission on Equal Employment Opportunity, as well as with matters related to the Department of Labor.

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

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. In 2015, the Open Records Unit added a receptionist to help manage the increasing volume of calls, emails and requests. In 2014, the unit responded to 15,242 open records requests. In 2015, the unit responded to 16,682 open records requests for an increase of nine percent. (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 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

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which covers Savannah and Statesboro, and the Nighthawks Middle Georgia unit which covers Macon and Columbus. The ALS attorney assists all other troops statewide at ALS hearings on an as-needed basis. The attorney also assists troopers statewide with questions regarding DUI and ALS issues, and conducts DUI/ALS training for all new troopers attending trooper school.

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

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

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

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

In calendar year 2015, some of the activities performed by the Legal Services staff were:

- Reviewed, revised or drafted 155 contracts, agreements, or memoranda of understanding.

- Opened and processed 285 legal case files which included 85 Record Restrictions.

- Responded to 16,682 Open Records requests.

- Opened 1,895 Administrative License Suspension cases and filed motions and briefs in approximately 1,081 of those cases and served as the agency representative at the related ALS hearings.

- Opened 51 overweight/oversize citation cases and served as the agency representative at 43 administrative hearings.

COMPTROLLER

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 requests, 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, recognizing federal and other funds to the budget as needed.

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

The 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.

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 \$6,380,075.37 for Fiscal Year 2015.

Revenue received from the Motorcycle Patrol Unit for Fiscal Year 2015:

Atlanta Municipal Court:	\$200,927.84
DeKalb State Court:	\$ 3,173.50
DeKalb Recorders Court:	\$123,580.61
Fulton Magistrate Court:	\$260,621.00
Total:	\$588,302.95

The Accounts Payable section processed 7,412 checks and 9,349 electronic funds transfers.

The Department remitted surplus from State and Other Funds back to the State Treasury in the amount of \$37,498.94.

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

the Department of Public Safety, Georgia State Law, and the Georgia Procurement Manual which is updated and maintained by the Georgia Department of Administrative Services.

Purchasing is also responsible for overseeing the Purchasing Card (P-card) program for the department, which currently has over 140 cardholders. Responsibilities include keeping field personnel apprised of all changes/updates to the program, as well as monitoring purchasing activities. This calendar year we have had the additional task of ensuring each user and their designated approver received the proper training in Team Georgia Marketplace (TGM), which enabled them to review, verify, and approve all transactions electronically

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

Payroll Office: The Payroll Office is responsible for maintaining all payroll related reports and processing payroll twice a month for the Department of Public Safety/Georgia State Patrol and four attached agencies. Payroll is also responsible for balancing and issuing W-2s to all current and former employees of DPS and the attached agencies. In 2015, 2,012 W-2s were issued. The payroll office assists employees with any questions regarding W-2s. Other payroll functions are as follows:

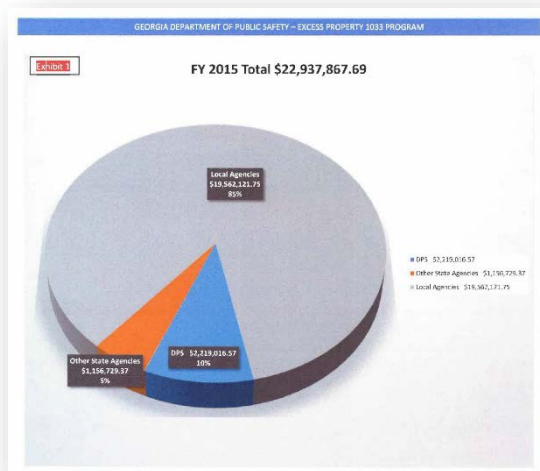
- Transfer monies from the State Treasury each pay period to cover payroll checks.
- Make federal tax transfers for all federal taxes; this includes employee and employer share of all federal taxes.
- Set up direct deposit information in PeopleSoft when payroll office receives appropriate forms and banking information from employee. Payroll also works closely with Wells Fargo Bank to resolve any problems related to employee direct deposit.
- Balance all deduction reports and coordinate with Accounts Payable to send out checks or transfer monies for all employee deductions, including but not limited to tax levies, garnishments, child support payments, supplemental insurance deductions, credit union deductions, and deferred and defined compensation. Additionally, payroll assists employees with any questions or concerns regarding tax levies and garnishments.
- Reconcile, balance and submit retirement reports, which includes four different retirement plans, each with a different percentage for employer share. Monthly retirement reports must be corrected and resubmitted for all retroactive salary adjustments.
- Balance health insurance reports for all different health insurance plans and coordinating with the Department of Community Health (DCH) to resolve problems.
- Balance and submit quarterly 941 federal tax report, quarterly state tax report, and the quarterly unemployment report for the Dept. of Labor.
- Enter information for all annual leave, FLSA, and holiday leave payouts as necessary.
- Enter hours for all hourly employees each pay period when timesheets are received.
- Enter all overtime hours to be paid.
- Distribute quarterly payroll calendars to all employees, incorporating internal cutoffs dates for submission of timesheets and payroll exceptions.
- Ensure that all personnel entries are correct in system; making any and all payroll corrections when errors are discovered.

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- Complete special projects, as necessary, due to lawsuits or other requests from the Legal Services Office.
- Research and answer all requests on employees and former employees from IRS, Social Security Administration, Retirement System, and others.

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

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



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

There are currently 910 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.

Excess Property Personnel attended the annual Law Enforcement Support Office National Training Conference on May 4 through 8, 2015 as part of continuing training in the management of excess property. Personnel also attended the president executive order conference on August 25 through 26, 2015.

By presidential executive order of prohibited property, this office coordinated the turn in of 113 bayonets and 7 Armor Personal Carrier M113. In 2015, 339 agencies participated in the 1033 Excess Property Program. The total value of property distributed was \$22,937,867.69 for 2015. Since the beginning of the Excess Property Program, September 1, 1991, to present, over two hundred million dollars' worth of equipment has been distributed. See exhibit 1.

Excess Property provides 1033 training the second Tuesday of each month, at the Excess Property Office. During 2015, there were 89 attendees in the training classes. Training was also

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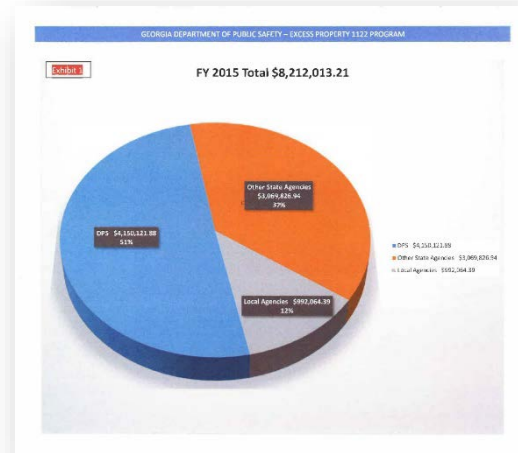
conducted at several locations throughout Georgia to accommodate the varying geographic locations of participating LEAs.

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 from 10 to 54 percent when purchasing equipment suitable for counter-drug, homeland security, or emergency response activities. During 2015, Excess Property provided 677 quotes and purchased \$8,212,013.12 in equipment. This office also purchased 24 vehicles through this program. The division also provided 1122 training for 89 customers.



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

In FY15, this unit processed, collected and deposited \$7,013,491.23 of monetary fines.

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

The following grants/funds were awarded to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) during State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2015:

Administrative License Suspension Program & Nighthawks: In SFY 2008, the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) combined the Administrative License Suspension Program with the Nighthawk DUI Task Force into one grant for \$725,100.00. This funding continues providing legal assistance to State Troopers at civil hearings for DUI suspension of driver licenses. The grant provides for one attorney, one paralegal, travel related to court appearances, and administrative support services. This grant also continues to provide funding for the operation of multiple DUI Task Forces. The Nighthawks Unit North is focused on the five-county metropolitan area, the Nighthawks Unit Middle Georgia is focused primarily on the Macon area, and the Nighthawks Unit South 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 20 troopers, a unit secretary, an agency liaison, and other operational expenses. The Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2015 grant, for both units combined, was \$2,370,700.00.

GOHS Bicycle Grant: Grant funds totaling \$26,600.00 were awarded from the GOHS. The grant provides funding for Georgia State Patrol to establish a program to reduce bicycle related injuries and fatalities on Jekyll Island.

GOHS Intoxilyzer 9000: The GOHS awarded the Georgia DPS an Intoxilyzer 9000 award for the 2015 grant period of \$8,400.00. The DPS was one of only 10 law enforcement agencies in Georgia that received this award.

K-9 Explosive Ordnance Disposal: Grant funds of \$6,000.00 were awarded from The Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) to provide funding for Georgia State Patrol-Capitol Police Explosives Detection Dogs supplies.

K-9 Regional Task Force: The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) awarded \$352,199.00 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. The DPS only retained \$52,829.85 and passed the remaining funds to the Chatham County Sheriff's Office.

SWAT/Dive Team: Grant funds in the amount of \$105,000.00 were awarded from the GEMA to provide funding for Georgia State Patrol SWAT/Dive Team supplies.

Governor's Task Force: The Federal Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) awarded \$875,000.00 to provide air and ground search and destroy missions for marijuana eradication efforts in Georgia.

Overtime Reimbursements: In SFY 2015, DPS (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 or programs that the DPS conducts joint operation with are Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Justice, and Atlanta-Carolinas High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program. During SFY 2015, DPS was reimbursed \$124,179.05 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 DPS was designated the lead MCSAP agency for the State of Georgia. During SFY 2015, MCSAP funding was granted in the amount of \$5,917,836.00. 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 were outlined in a Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Plan and monitored throughout the plan year. During calendar year 2015, the Motor Carrier Compliance Division (MCCD) performed 74,322 commercial motor vehicle inspections.

New Entrant Program: The DPS' MCCD 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 MCCD. The audit ensures that the motor carrier has complied with the minimum safety standards necessary to continue operating after initially receiving a USDOT number. For FFY 2015, the DPS' MCCD was awarded \$1,303,032.00. During the FFY, MCCD officers performed 1,734 safety audits.

Safety Data Improvement (SADIP): For the 2015 period, the DPS' MCCD was awarded \$50,644.00 in a SADIP grant to improve 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 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.

Performance Information Systems Management (PRISM): The DPS' MCCD received a grant during state fiscal year 2015 for purchasing license plate readers and software technology used by MCCD mobile officers through the federal PRISM program totaling \$327,154.00. The implementation of this system was tied to the centralized Georgia Active Directory for authentication and will query the state's Commercial Vehicle Information Exchange Window (CVIEW) data and other data sources such as vehicle registration and titles as supplied by the Georgia Department of Revenue for use by commercial vehicle enforcement officers.

High Priority Grants: The DPS' MCCD received a high priority grant during SFY 2015 for \$876,097.00. This award was broken down into four separate projects focusing on commercial motor vehicle safety.

- **Distracted Driving** - This portion of the award is for the purpose of enforcing the rules and regulations regarding the use of hand held devices and texting by drivers of commercial motor vehicles and for seat belt usage.

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- **Passenger Carrier** - This portion of the award is for enhancing passenger carrier safety in Georgia. The goal is to send a message that DPS makes passenger carrier travel in the state a top priority.
- **Rural Road and Work Zone Initiative** - This portion of the award is for the purpose of conducting an aggressive traffic enforcement campaign on high risk rural roadways and work zone areas in the state.
- **Georgia Targeting Aggressive Cars & Trucks (GTACT)** - This portion of the award is for conducting aggressive traffic enforcement campaigns on Georgia's highest traffic volume interstates. Georgia is currently ranked fifth in the nation for accidents involving commercial motor vehicles based on the FMCSA's Analysis & Information Online report *State Level Commercial Vehicle (CMV) Fatality Rate per 100 Million Total Vehicle Miles Traveled*.

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.

Aviation completed the following activity during January through December 2015:

- Conducted 1,526 flights for 2,737.5 flight hours.
- Flew 320 flight hours utilizing Night Vision Goggles.
- Conducted 275 flights at 1,003.2 hours for marijuana eradication.
- Conducted 324 searches at 4577.8 flight hours for missing persons and fugitives during the day and night.
- Overall percent of finding subjects for search results was 57.1%.

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.

During 2015, the Georgia Department of Public Safety Honor Guard participated in 89 Honor Guard details throughout the State of

Georgia. The details consisted of six parades, 37 Presentation of Colors Details and/or Bagpiper, and 46 Funeral/Memorial Services.

The Honor Guard also participated in several very high profile details including the inauguration ceremony of Governor Nathan Deal, National Peace Officer's Memorial Service Week in Washington, DC, and the funeral details of law enforcement officers/state troopers killed in the line of duty in Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, and Virginia.

TRAINING



The DPS Training Division consists of the GSP Training Unit and the MCCD Training Unit. The office is located at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) in Forsyth, Georgia. The Training Division is responsible for facilitating basic and advanced training for all members of The Georgia State Patrol, Motor Carrier Compliance, and Capitol Police. The DPS Training Division maintains training records for all members, as well as reporting training to The Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.)

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

GSP Training Unit: The 96th Trooper School graduated on February 20, 2015 with 30 new troopers. The 97th Trooper School began August 9th, 2015 and graduated on March 18, 2016 with 30 new troopers. 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. In October 2015, the Training Division launched a new Leadership Development Course in which all Non Commissioned Officers were introduced to effective leadership techniques.

MCCD Training Unit: The MCCD Training Unit is responsible for the professional development, training, and the continuing education of 208 MCCD Law Enforcement Officers. Additionally, MCCD instructors provided instruction for the professional development of supervisors. MCCD instructors provide a minimum of 20 hours of in-service instruction for each MCCD officer, as required by Georgia Peace Officer's Standards and Training, including firearms training, first aid and CPR, as well as federal and state legal up-dates. The MCCD training Unit offers and coordinates commercial vehicle inspection courses, the required field training for newly trained commercial vehicle inspectors, drug interdiction courses, and other law enforcement specific courses to state, local, and out-of-state law enforcement officers.

The MCCD Unit conducted the following training for the department: North American Standards Parts A, B, and State, 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.

The Unit conducted several classes for 54 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 197,435 P.O.S.T. credited hours for 2015.

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



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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.

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 solid 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 many suspects arrested because of the support provided by the Governor's Task Force.

In 2015, GSP Aviation logged (1,001.9) hours of flight time for GTF operations. The Georgia National Guard logged (414.0) hours and the Civil Air Patrol logged (387.2) hours in support of GTF operations. This combined effort in support of the marijuana eradication program resulted in eradicating (49,106) plants (a 221% increase over 2014), worth an estimated \$105,928,325.00. In addition to the (102) grow sites located, (83) felony arrests were made and (43) weapons 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 \$290,325.00 in drug related assets were 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 puts the growers on the defensive. They don't know when or where, but they do know that the threat of being arrested is real. 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 K-9 Training and Certification is comprised of two state agencies; Georgia State Patrol and Capital Police. The unit has two types of detection K-9s; narcotics and explosives. Their primary responsibility is to assist local, state and federal agencies.

The K9 Training and Certification Unit is responsible for maintenance training and yearly certification of the DPS K9 teams. This unit consists of two certified K9 instructors that are responsible for seventeen K9 teams. In

2015, the Unit performed 4,310 hours of maintenance training and 1,170 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 160 times. These deployments resulted in seizures of 100 pounds of marijuana, 255 pounds of cocaine, 281 pounds of methamphetamine, 165 pounds of heroin and \$4,874,451 in U.S. currency. Seven of these K9 teams are assisting the following Federal Agencies on a regular basis; Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE), Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI), Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) and High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA). The narcotic K9 teams also performed ten K9 demonstrations for the public.

Two explosive detection K9s were retired in 2015 which left us with five K9 teams. These teams performed 808 sterility sweeps and twenty-five calls for service. No explosive devices were

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located. All five of these K9 teams are certified and utilized by the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA).

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. There were 13 job fairs scheduled at educational institutions, 22 at military bases and 31 at other organizations for a total of 66 job fairs in 2015. There were two school

advertised in 2015. The 97th and 98th trooper schools. Total applicants for the 97th trooper school were 1,960 and the total applicants for the 98th Trooper School were 1,326.

Off-Duty Employment: Serve as the Department's Off-Duty Coordinator to allow both sworn and civilian employees of the Department to engage in Outside Employment. Obtain the approval or disapproval of the Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee. Provide the employer with the Notice to Off-Duty Employer Form upon approval/disapproval of the Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee. Maintain an approved employee list in accordance with policy. When a prospective employer contacts the Department to request a DPS Officer for employment, provide the list of approved employees. Tasked with the responsibility of maintaining all files and data entry reference off-duty employment for all employees hired by the Department of Public Safety. Over 770 Request for Outside Employment forms were approved and 76 part-time employers were approved and added to the data base.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The Human Resources Division provides human resources services including recruitment, job development, compensation analysis, policy consultation, personnel transactions/benefits processing, employee relations and career development for more than 1,500 employees of the Department of Public Safety. In addition, four agencies with more than 225 positions/employees which include Georgia Public Safety Training Center, Georgia Peace Officers Standards and Training Council, Georgia Firefighters Standards and Training Council, and the Governor's Office of Highway Safety who are administratively attached to DPS.

Employment: The Human Resources Division worked closely with hiring managers to attract and retain a qualified workforce. Human Resources staff assessed and communicated with job applicants as they moved through the hiring process, and participated in interview and selection processes. In 2015, Human Resources staff processed thousands of applicants through the hiring process for our core jobs, including staffing for the 97th, 98th and 99th Trooper Schools and for an additional 60 MCCD Officers to address the increasing commercial vehicle traffic in the Georgia Port corridor.



Career Development: In an effort to continuously provide opportunities for growth and advancement for sworn personnel, testing and assessment centers were coordinated through Human Resources in partnership with the University of Georgia.

Employee Relations: The Human Resources Division is responsible for helping to increase the effectiveness of the Georgia Department of Public Safety by developing and supporting efforts to improve the employee-management relations climate within the department. In 2015, we provided an enhanced Employee Assistance Program (EAP), with an expanded list of services designed to help employees with both work and life issues. We continued to support the Critical Incident Support Team, and consulted with individual employees and managers to address specific workplace issues.

Employee Benefits and Transaction Services: Throughout the year Human Resources responded to numerous requests for information related to benefits and assisted employees in resolving benefit problems. Human Resources staff processed over 2,000 transactions, including employee transfers, promotions, new hires and terminations, as well as maintained accurate leave and time-keeping records.

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 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 Chief's 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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Social Media: The department entered the world of social media in 2015, creating Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, Periscope and Google+ accounts. These accounts are utilized to promote enforcement campaigns, highlight accomplishments by troopers and officers, encourage safety, and share information from other state agencies. This unit plans and coordinates news conferences and availabilities when appropriate.

Records Management: The records management officer is responsible for updating and distributing the department's policy manual. In addition, this officer oversees the destruction of departmental files and works with the Board of Regents and Archives.

Below is a list of accomplishments for the Public Information Office in 2015:

- Answered and coordinated 300-500 media calls/emails/requests monthly, including nights and weekends.
- Distributed 88 DPS Bulletins to active and retired Dept. members via e-mail.
- Sent approximately 15 Phone Tree Announcements to DPS retirees
- Updated DPS Retiree Contact List through a survey via Google Forms. There are 754 subscribers.
- Organized and planned one DPS Awards Ceremony, including two committee meetings.
- Wrote and posted 20 news releases on DPS Web site.
- Wrote and disseminated public service announcements to posts statewide for the six major holiday periods (New Year's Eve, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas).
- Provided support during an EOC Activation and a Winter Weather Exercise Activation at GEMA/Homeland Security's State Operations Center.
- Wrote and distributed four newsletters.
- Compiled and submitted application to the IACP National Law Enforcement Challenge. The department won second place.
- Coordinated submission of Governor's Challenge applications for GSP Troops and MCCD Regions
- Submitted approximately 10 applications for special awards
- Posted news/events/announcements via social media: Facebook (542), Twitter (825), Instagram (300), YouTube (12), Periscope (1) and Google+ (2)
- Published one new policy, 31 revisions, 14 revision memos, and 15 policy acknowledgement forms
- Assisted SWAT with SOP revisions and worked with SCRT on a policy draft
- Trained the 97th Trooper School on Departmental Policies
- Received final approval from the Board of Regents and Archives on the department's Records Destruction List and prepared a strategy for destroying records in the field and at Headquarters.

HEADQUARTERS ADJUTANT

Administrative Services Division

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

The **Fleet Services 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.

Fleet Services purchased the following new vehicles for the department in 2015:

- 129 Dodge Chargers for GSP, MCCD, and Capitol Police
- 30 Ford Explorer Utilities for MCCD (Port Authority Bond Fund)
- 13 Ford Explorer Utilities for GSP
- 1 Chevrolet Tahoe for Capitol Police
- 1 Ford F350 for Governor's Task Force
- 1 Dodge Ram for Appalachian Drug Task Force
- 1 Ford F250 for the Motor Unit
- 1 GMC Yukon XL for Executive Security
- 12 Harley Davidson Motorcycles for Motor Unit
- 3 Ford F350's leased for Governor's Task Force

A total of 552 departmental vehicle accidents/incidents were processed. This includes all accidents and incidents including PIT maneuvers, animal related, and storm related damages. Of these accidents, 27 vehicles were total losses.

A total of \$709,000.00 was spent on vehicle body repairs by DOAS. The department spent approximately \$21,000.00 for deductibles in 42 of the accidents. A total of \$225,792.00 was recovered for totaled vehicles.

A total of 167 used vehicles were sold. Of these, 15 were sold to other state or local law enforcement agencies. Another 124 vehicles were sold via auction and the remaining 27 were transferred to other state agencies. The total for auto sales in 2015 was \$402,810.

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.

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During the 2015 reporting period several projects were completed. Below are some of the tasks and projects attended or completed by the Communications Staff:

- Relocated radio infrastructure to several new towers in order to save leasing costs totaling roughly \$60,000 per year.
- Continued the installations for the Statewide Repeater Project, providing engineering support and coordination to expand the radio coverage into critical areas within a Troop.
- We have gained approval to purchase a new radio set up for DPS vehicles. The new radios are Motorola Dual Band APX 7500, capable of VHF and 800 frequencies in the same unit; aligning the Department with possible upcoming FCC P25 compliance.
- Coordinated the modifications with the FCC to reflect the new repeater operations.
- Participated in several State and Federal exercises and conferences.
- Participated in the preliminary meetings of First Net.
- Coordinated the GIN/Motobridge Upgrade to the LETPP using Grant Funds.
- Completed working with Florida Highway Patrol and GEMA to connect the GIN and FIN Motobridge Networks.
- 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.

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

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

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

During the calendar year of 2015 Property Management processed 3,941 additions with acquisition costs totaling \$22,634,437.43; processed 3,139 deletions valued at \$5,331,132.35 and processed 5,830 in-house equipment transfers. These transactions are updated daily on the property system in an effort to track equipment and maintain an accurate inventory.

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

Facilities completed two large projects in 2015 in addition to the smaller projects that it completed with the help of the maintenance division. In September, the newly formed Post 29 Paulding was opened and staffed. The second large job was the Camilla Hanger Project.

The maintenance and communications division worked together to get new generators installed at one post location and four radio tower sites.

Maintenance and facilities worked together to complete four projects at DPS headquarters. The Open Records Unit wing and Building 11 (Excess Property) were re-roofed. New carpet was installed in the Open Records Unit wing and also in the Legal Services offices. The Garage/Admin Services building was furnished with a new HVAC system after months of being without a functioning system. Two new parking structures were erected to house equipment and provide shelter for the DPS Mobile Command Vehicles.

DPS Technology Section

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

Technology Director: The Technology Director works with the DPS Command Staff to develop and implement technology related initiatives and policies. The director also provides direct support for special programs and works closely with the Comptroller in the development of strategic planning. During 2015, the Technology Director attended several meetings and seminars regarding the proposed Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network, and served on the advisory board for the 2015 Georgia Digital Government Summit. He also participated in the Georgia Innovation Program with the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, and served on the SII Working Committee with the Georgia Technology Authority. He coordinated the grant applications for the GEMA Homeland Security for DPS, and commenced traveling throughout the state to visit every post and weigh station to discuss their technology needs.

IT Operations: 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.

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.

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

During 2015, the Technology Section initiated or completed the following:

- Full statewide deployment of the Employee Tracking System (ETS).
- Headquarters storage upgrade project was completed enabling for continued growth and expansion.
- Continued with network attached storage project at several posts for the Watchgard 4RE camera system.
- Supported the Training Staff by providing and setting up mobile data terminals (MDTs) for use by cadets assigned to the 97th GSP Trooper School.
- Assisted with the establishment of several facilities, including Posts 29 and 44.
- Completed the upgrade of all DPS computers to the Windows 7 operating system.
- Upgraded all Post Secretary workstations throughout the state.
- Continued deployment of Panasonic laptops throughout the Georgia State Patrol, Capitol Police and MCCD.
- Created queries and reports against mobileforms database to deliver information that help facilitate decision making by DPS command personnel.
- Development team worked closely with Open Records Unit and Public Information Office to process data requests in a timely manner.
- Continued with the development of a web application for the Excess Property division to help the employees to keep up with inventory. The new web application replaces the outdated FoxPro application.
- Upgraded the report server and migrated many reports from SQL server 2005 to SQL server 2008
- Performed daily maintenance of many software applications, such as Leave accounting, rosters and scheduling, SharePoint portal, and the overweight citation system.
- 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.

Headquarters Security

Headquarters Security provides security for Headquarters personnel by maintaining 24-hour security of the grounds and buildings. This unit is staffed by a sworn officer and eight cadets who maintain 24-hour security of the grounds and building. The primary duties of this unit is to ensure that the headquarters complex is properly secured while providing a safe work environment for the employees of the Department of Public Safety. There are five key responsibilities that Headquarters Security is responsible for.

Their descriptions are as follow:

- **FRONT DOOR:** The member assigned to this duty has the responsibility of monitoring the main entrance into the Department of Public Safety Building. They are to make sure that all employees or authorized person are the only one entering into the building pass the front lobby entrance and to make sure that all visitors entering the building have

been properly logged in. Their 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. They must ensure that everyone in the building has authorization.
- **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 and their immediate supervisor of any unusual activity. They should make sure that they are visible at all times to ensure that anyone approaching the gate will stop and show ID upon request. The member should make sure that anyone entering the compound has a valid ID. This member should inform all visitors to park in the east parking lot which is located on the eastside of the building below the credit union.
- **RELAYS:** Relays are a secondary mission but has to be done in a timely manner and with the highest regard to the unit's ability. The member assigned to this duty also has the responsibility of checking on all other duties assignments to make sure that everyone is given a break in a timely fashion. This member must remember that there are other members that cannot easily leave there assigned area.

In addition to the five key assignments, upon availability of a sworn officer, the unit also performs 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 to Banner when the doors are not operating properly by contacting Banner directly or by having someone in the technology department fulfill this task.

During the year of 2015, there were approximately 2016 individuals signed in as visitors into the headquarters' building. There is not an accurate account of how many cars came onto the complex. There were approximately 120 T-22's, vehicle inspections, done by this unit. The unit also delivered and pick-up approximately 200 packages from the state capitol, employee's retirement system, Bank of America, and Wells Fargo bank. The unit also delivered approximately 50 employees to the Airport and other destinations. There were approximately five calls for service placed directly to Banner by the unit.

GEMA Liaison

The GEMA Liaison keeps the DPS Commissioner and Command Staff advised of situations where it appears that DPS will be needed; and coordinates and provides a liaison between DPS, GEMA, and other law enforcement agencies. 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. 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 responses. 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 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.

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 Consumer Affairs), for ESF 13. The DPS GEMA Liaison is responsible for the operation of ESF 13.

During January, the GEMA Liaison met with the Department of Public Health and several other state agencies to plan for the quarantine of those infected with the Ebola Virus. Another significant meeting involved the visit and discussion of a secondary SNS Receipt, Staging and Storage (RSS) Warehouse in Valdosta, Ga. to supplement the current state RSS in North Atlanta.

February began with a two-day Hurricane Planning Meeting in Brunswick, Ga. with GEMA, GDOT, DPS and local agency personnel to discuss re-entry procedures after a hurricane strike. GEMA, GDOT, GSP, DNR and the Georgia Transmission Corporation met in Tifton to discuss Staging Areas for a Gulf Coast hurricane strike. Also, GSP leadership met with the new GDOT Commissioner and his staff to ensure a continued partnership between the two agencies.

GSP and MCCC personnel attended a meeting at Dobbins Air Reserve Base about Radiological Emergency Response for Law Enforcement. The 4th Civil Support Team (CST) led the meeting; which included DPS, FBI, DOD and DNR (Environmental Branch) and focused on how the participating agencies would work together during a radiological emergency response. During September, an exercise involving the responses discussed in the meeting above was held at Dobbins Air Reserve Base involving a scenario where a transport tractor trailer overturned with sensitive materials as cargo. Units responded and worked together with federal government agencies to ensure the security of the material and the public.

The GBI developed a CART Tabletop Exercise to inform state agency supervision about CART responses and to identify each agencies role. The GEMA Liaison spoke at each tabletop throughout the year to explain the role of DPS and to identify what resources DPS can provide during a CART activation.

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HURREX is an annual hurricane exercise involving state and local agencies. HURREX 2015 took place May 11th – 13th and consisted of a Rehearsal of Concepts (ROC) Drill in Savannah on May 12th with all state agencies presenting their responses to an Atlantic Coast Hurricane strike. On May 13th, Chatham County opened a Point of Distribution (POD) and distributed water and smoke alarms to members of the public who participated in the drive through POD exercise. On July 4th, the GEMA SOC was activated for the Peachtree Road Race in light of the terrorist attack on the Boston Marathon in 2014. The FBI held a planning meeting prior to the 4th with all key agencies and briefed on current threats. Homeland Security coordinated efforts between all responders to ensure a safe event. There were no issues on race day.

The Department of Agriculture held a meeting to explain about High Path Avian Influenza (HPAI) and to educate state partners on the potential impact on Georgia; and to initiate the multi-agency planning/coordination necessary for preparedness and response. The DPS response requested by Agriculture was increased patrols around infected sites to control movement of potential contaminated product and to assist with security at the sites.

WinterEX 2015 was held in October. In preparation for this, the Department of Public Safety held a Multi-Agency Traffic Strike Team exercise on October 15th at Troop C Command. The exercise consisted of activating the Troop C Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and putting traffic strike teams on the Metro Atlanta Interstates patrolling for two hours. The WinterEX ROC Drill was held on October 28th at the Georgia Public Broadcasting studio and several state and local response agencies participated. Winter weather responses were presented during a winter storm scenario.

In November, the Georgia Department of Public Health held a three day Statewide Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Exercise where the state Receipt, Staging and Storage (RSS) Warehouse was activated and medical countermeasures were escorted and transported around the state by ground and air. Troopers met with the United States Marshal Service (USMS) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) to escort Georgia's allotment of medical supplies to the MCCC Officers vetted trucks and troopers escorted them to public health districts statewide as they would in a real life event requiring SNS assets.

An Area Maritime Security Functional Exercise was held in Savannah, Ga. which brought together Federal, State and local agencies to increase awareness and to exercise responses to a maritime emergency.

Other activities/duties performed by the GEMA Liaison throughout 2015 included:

- GEMA Emergency Services Branch Quarterly Meetings;
- Quarterly Coordination Meetings with GEMA and GDOT to discuss upcoming plans and responses;
- Multiple planning meetings for the November SNS Full Scale Exercise;
- Multiple committee meetings to work on the DPS Strategic Plan update to cover 2016-2019;
- Radiological Training – Level 6 Recertification attendance;
- A three-day CART Training Course in Rome Ga.: and
- The 2015 Chatham County Hurricane Conference

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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 A

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

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



Troop A participated in enforcement events including Hands Across the Border, Operation Safe Summer on I-75, Rolling Thunder, Crimes Against Children Patrol, and Stop the Threat. These activities focused on impaired driving, speeding motorists. The Crimes Against Children Patrol centered around a GBI training and federal enforcement campaign involving child exploitation and human trafficking. Stop the Threat Patrols combined efforts with MCCD Region 1 members in an effort to address traffic violations and crimes involving commercial motor vehicles. Troop A also combined efforts with Tennessee Troopers from THP Chattanooga on multiple education and media events including, Pick the Right Ride, Operation Roll over, and Move Over Patrols. These events involving the Tennessee Highway Patrol spanned the northern borders of Troop A territory and focused impaired driving and occupant protection. Troop A took an active part in Governor Nathan Deal's second Inaugural Ceremony in Atlanta. Troopers along with Troop A Honor Guard members played an important role in the security and recognition of the event.

During 2015, the Troop A Communications Center logged and dispatched a total of 103,363 calls. Of those calls there were 13,143 motor vehicle crashes for Troopers and MCCD Officers. There were a total of 68,938 traffic stops logged; 60,796 for Troopers, 8,005 for MCCD Officers and 137 for DNR Rangers. Troopers and MCCD Officers also conducted a total of 90 chases, assisted 1,946 motorists with an additional 1,487 motorists assisted with vehicular mechanical breakdowns. There were also 3,545 lookouts broadcasted to law enforcement personnel

Post	Crash Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	DUI Arrests	Vehicle Stops
Post 3	4,233	46	7,779	15,549	477	13,289
Post 5	2,599	18	6,254	16,065	311	11,215
Post 28	1,424	16	5,121	8,641	165	7,795
Post 38	1,015	7	1,517	4,148	101	3,332
Post 41	620	9	3,902	7,631	102	6,909
Post 43	1,132	14	5,111	8,517	125	6,795
TOTALS	12,501	126	36,751	72,116	1,489	59,830

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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)

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.

Post	Crash Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	DUI Arrests	Vehicle Stops
Post 6	3,785	39	10,009	10,908	308	12,490
Post 7	1,230	20	6,296	10,630	242	11,411
Post 27	1,390	16	5,413	9,133	200	9,424
Post 32	3,040	35	8,683	13,922	345	12,677
Post 37	1,654	16	5,661	8,548	169	8,558
TOTALS	1,697	15	8,382	11,626	516	14,484



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Troop C

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

- Post 9 – Marietta (Cobb and Fulton, 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 – Motorcycle Unit (I-285 and the interstate system within Metro Atlanta)
- Post 51 – (Gwinnett County)
- Nighthawks North – (Cobb, Fulton, DeKalb, Clayton, Gwinnett, and Clarke)
- Communications Center – (Cobb, Clayton, DeKalb, Fulton, and Gwinnett, GBI Radio Dispatch, Capitol Police Dispatch, Metro M CCD Dispatch)

Troop C troopers concentrated efforts towards crash investigations for the Metro Atlanta area to specifically target the interstates in Cobb and Gwinnett counties and the City of Atlanta. 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. During 2015, the Implied Consent Unit continued the collateral responsibility of



conducting Excess Property audits through the Federal Government's Department of Defense 1033 Program. Troop C Communications Center handles all communications for Headquarters Personnel, Troop C Personnel and all specialty units, including Aviation, Safety Education, Implied Consent, C.I.U., S.W.A.T., and S.C.R.T. Teams. Troop C Communications is the primary point of contact for all Communications Centers Statewide. Total CAD calls for 2015 was 235,449.

Post	Crash Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	DUI Arrests	Vehicle Stops
Post 9	5,134	1	19,736	17,790	107	22,461
Post 47	1,754	3	5,499	3,673	43	5,062
Post 48	3,720	1	8,486	8,124	158	9,963
Post 49	2,285	0	8,587	3,486	27	7,150
Post 51	4,100	1	20,409	17,936	93	21,641
Nighthawks	209	3	4,277	10,580	1,385	8,467
TOTAL	17,202	9	66,994	61,589	1,813	74,744

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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)



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 Command was contacted by the Georgia Department of Corrections on multiple occasions for assistance with executions in Jackson. The IRT Team was activated for assistance with winter weather problems in the metropolitan Atlanta area, and provided additional security for the Governor and First Lady of Georgia. Members of the Middle Georgia Nighthawks DUI Task Force attended a Law Enforcement Appreciation Day at Calvary Christian School in Columbus, GA.

Troop D Communications handled a total of 112,209 CAD calls for 2015. This shows an increase in calls by 3% 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.

Post	Crash Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	DUI Arrests	Vehicle Stops
Post 1	1,563	15	6,517	10,214	337	12,405
Post 2	1,596	11	4,951	8,296	155	7,644
Post 4	4,564	36	7,356	15,424	390	11,363
Post 24	1,979	18	5,015	7,675	202	8,978
Post 26	546	11	2,463	7,020	68	7,282
Post 34	579	7	2,694	7,371	122	7,014
Post 44	468	6	5,635	9,957	117	11,810
Nighthawks	48	0	2,147	4,404	633	5,339
TOTALS	11,343	104	36,778	70,361	2,024	71,835

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Troop E

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

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

Troop E participated in several special details including Governor’s Challenge, MADD awards, Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children/Human Trafficking, Blue Dawg DUI Task Force St. Patrick’s Day Deployment, Toys for Tots, security detail for Governor Deal, nighttime seatbelt road checks, DUI road checks, speed enforcement concentrated patrol and traffic enforcement networks. Post 25 – Grovetown received the “Post of the Year” award during the MADD awards.

In 2015, Troop E Communications was critically understaffed, due to a loss of personnel. The unit was authorized overtime for the operators to assist with coverage of the shifts in August and continued throughout the end of the year. The troop tried to assist with referrals as well as the job postings on the website. In the year 2015, there were over 300 applicants that took Telecommunicator Testing and less than a quarter of those applicants moved on to the background process. From August through December of 2015 there have been no new hires, despite the efforts made. Troop E Communications also provided GCIC certification training and assistance to all Troopers, MCCD officers and DNR Rangers within its geographic region. Over 85 sworn employees received GCIC certification and re-certification 2015. The center also maintains and monitors the GCIC certification and training of over 107 employees.

Post	Crash Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	DUI Arrests	Vehicle Stops
Post 8	837	19	2,734	6,065	203	7,115
Post 17	533	8	3,331	6,169	221	7,490
Post 25	2,181	13	5,034	9,329	445	10,458
Post 33	807	19	2,575	6,682	198	6,529
Post 46	1,545	23	3,950	10,940	130	10,416
TOTALS	5,903	82	17,624	39,185	1,197	42,008



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Troop F

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

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

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

- Click It or Ticket
- 100 Days of Summer Heat
- Operation Zero Tolerance
- Hands Across the Border

During 2015, 14 members of Troop F were nominated for Golden Shield Mothers Against Drunk Driving DUI Awards. Twelve of these Troopers were nominated for Bronze pins, which recognize Troopers who made over twenty-five DUI arrests, and two of these troopers were nominated for Silver Pins, which recognizes 50 or more DUI arrests. Troop F also participated in the Toys for Tots Campaign. During the 2015 Toys for Tots campaign, Troop F personnel collected 4,915 toys and collected \$4,332.50 dollars.



Post	Crash Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	DUI Arrests	Vehicle Stops
Post 16	524	17	2,513	4,813	138	5,174
Post 18	573	13	2,180	5,423	170	5,350
Post 19	570	22	2,246	4,938	120	5,784
Post 20	1,139	22	2,953	6,936	132	6,779
Post 21	501	13	2,956	4,359	171	4,341
Post 45	1,656	17	3,500	6,462	278	7,835
TOTALS	4,963	104	16,348	32,931	1,009	35,263

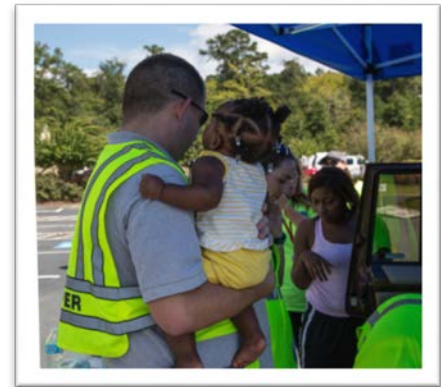
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Troop G

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

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

Troop G attended several training classes held in the troop, as well as handled special details such as Operation One Voice, Georgia National Fair, Hands Across the Border, Sunbelt Ag Exposition, Road Side Memorials for Fallen Troopers, MADD, and Child Passenger Safety Technicians.



Troop G Communications dispatches for Georgia State Patrol, Post 10 Americus, Post 12 Thomasville, Post 14 Colquitt, Post 39 Cuthbert, and Post 40 Albany, as well as personnel attached to Regions 5 and 8 of Motor Carrier Compliance Division and Department of Natural Resources, Region 5. Troop G Communications also works closely with the Georgia Forestry Commission. In 2015, Troop G Operators logged 58,777 calls; that figure includes 45,703 Traffic Stops, 2,229 Accidents, 203 *GSP Calls, 88 Relays, 1,397 Control Burns, and other various calls. The Communications Center also handled 169 Hits including 163 Wanted Persons.

Post	Crash Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	DUI Arrests	Vehicle Stops
Post 10	502	5	3,469	8,508	342	9,718
Post 12	679	25	3,641	7,104	263	8,363
Post 14	483	18	2,577	6,218	302	7,573
Post 39	279	4	2,356	6,065	150	6,969
Post 40	449	15	3,743	8,167	265	9,279
TOTALS	2,392	67	15,786	36,062	1,322	41,902

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 several Troop concentrated patrols and each post conducted monthly concentrated patrols and monthly seatbelt enforcement details. Troopers across the Troop continued our initiative of conducting school safety checks to make sure our children are learning in a safe environment. All Posts participated in Rolling Thunder in Houston County and in Valdosta. Each Post participated in 100 Days of Summer HEAT, Click it or Ticket, Operation Zero Tolerance and Hands Across the Border and the Troop H Task Force. The Troop H Task Force was used extensively throughout the year for patrols on I-75 and other areas for DUI enforcement. 2015 was a very successful year for our Troop in the area of enforcement.



Troop Communications logged 247 HIT confirmations, 114 relays, 36 vehicle pursuits and entered 48 abandoned vehicles.

Post	Crash Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	DUI Arrests	Vehicle Stops
Post 13	959	15	6,466	10,130	269	11,472
Post 15	1,832	16	7,831	11,480	263	14,506
Post 30	575	8	5,804	9,071	166	11,305
Post 31	1,698	22	8,437	10,366	347	12,795
Post 36	1,076	11	6,112	12,742	278	12,483
TOTALS	6,140	72	34,650	53,789	1,323	62,561

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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)

In March, troopers assisted the Savannah-Chatham Metro Police in securing the parade route during the 191st St. Patrick's Day parade and celebration. In April, Troopers provided security during the Orange Crush Celebration on Tybee Island. The Two-day Border to Border campaign on US 17 netted 67 speeding arrests, and 10 DUI arrests among other traffic violations. The three-wave I-95 Challenge was held in conjunction with MCCD, primarily concentrated on commercial violations. Non-commercial results totaled 73 seatbelt/child



restraint contacts, four impaired driving arrests, 722 speed citations, and numerous other moving violations. Troopers and Troop officers participated in the Hands Across the Border event at the Georgia/Florida line, and then at the Georgia/South Carolina line.

Troop I Communications dispatches for GSP personnel, MCCD Regions 7, 9 and 10 South, Jekyll Island Fire/911, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Chatham County K-9 Task Force, as well as receives calls for assistance/service from local agencies and *GSP calls from the motoring public. Troop I Communications handled over 37,730 incidents.

Post	Crash Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	DUI Arrests
Post 11	595	10	4,006	5,017	205
Post 22	505	21	4,352	6,204	358
Post 23	762	12	6,123	6,375	218
Post 35	103	0	1,354	2,379	28
Post 42	628	29	4,414	4,904	188
Nighthawks	100	1	4,037	5,755	787
TOTALS	2,693	73	24,286	30,634	1,784

Criminal Interdiction Unit (CIU)



The Georgia State Patrol's Criminal Interdiction Unit is a statewide unit tasked with the pro-active enforcement of traffic and criminal laws. During 2015 the unit consisted of three teams assigned to work major interstate corridors. The largest concentration of team members are in the Metro Atlanta area. The Criminal Interdiction Unit also had two teams assigned to pro-active patrols concentrating on the I-20 and I-85 corridors and one member assigned to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement as a Task Force

Officer. The Unit began a reorganization in late 2015.

Criminal Interdiction Unit members attended several nationally recognized training events as both students and instructors in the field of criminal interdiction during 2015. During 2015, the members of the Criminal Interdiction Unit instructed several advanced criminal interdiction technique courses to officers across the nation.

Members of the Criminal Interdiction Unit also responded to assist in various ways as requested by local Troop Commands including traffic crash investigations and traffic control as needed.

Criminal Interdiction Unit Activity Totals

During 2015, the Criminal Interdiction Unit members expended 90 hours on Crash investigations, made 817 Arrests, issued 2,816 Warnings, made 5 DUI Arrests, 89 Felony Drug Arrests, 16 Non-Drug Felony Arrests, and made 17 Misdemeanor Drug Arrests. Criminal Interdiction Unit members made 78 Criminal Apprehensions, assisted 242 stranded motorists, recovered 57 Stolen Vehicles, and conducted 2,968 total Traffic Stops.

Criminal Interdiction Unit members seized 377 grams of marijuana, 11 grams of cocaine, 426 grams of methamphetamine, 15 dosage units of other dangerous drugs, and nine kilograms of heroin. They seized nine weapons and located 18 hidden or constructed compartments.

Additionally, Criminal Interdiction Unit members assisted other agencies in seizing over 1,152 kilograms of marijuana, 183 kilograms of cocaine, 189 kilograms of methamphetamine, 39 kilograms of heroin, and \$5,818,342 in illegal drug proceeds. 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 362 kilograms of marijuana, 110 kilograms of cocaine, 256 kilograms of methamphetamine, 184 kilograms of heroin, and \$3,898,763 in illegal drug proceeds.

In total, the Criminal Interdiction Unit members initiated or assisted in making a total monetary impact of more than \$36,676,555 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 2015 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.

SWAT and Dive Team



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

SWAT was requested to assist with 34 critical incidents during the calendar year 2015. 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 bank robbery with hostages, woodland searches, VIP security details, warrant services for other government agencies,

as well as special requests for security details. Each incident was resolved without any serious harm to a hostage, team member or suspect.

The State of Georgia Dive Team was requested 24 times during 2015. 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.

We attended nine different public relation details across the state providing a static display of Tactical vehicles, equipment and dive gear. SWAT also answered numerous questions from all ages about our equipment and callouts. These events included air shows, law enforcement appreciation events and others.

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

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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.

In 2015, SCRT opened 498 fatal investigations with 32 SCRT members statewide. Below is the number of staff and cases opened for each SCRT team:

- SCRТА – (4) members
(70) cases opened. All are closed.
- SCRТВ – (4) members
(67) cases opened and (60) of those are closed.
- SCRТС – (3) members
(49) cases opened. All are closed.
- SCRТD – (5) members
(120) cases are opened. All are closed.
- SCRТЕ – (3) members
(39) cases are opened and (37) are closed.
- SCRТF – (4) members
(55) cases opened and (49) of them are closed.
- SCRТG – (3) members
(31) cases opened. All are closed.
- SCRТH – (3) members
(34) cases opened. All are closed.
- SCRТИ – (3) members
(33) cases are opened and (29) of them are closed.

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 8 compliance review officers that are cross trained to conduct Safety Audits and conduct both interstate and intrastate safety compliance reviews. These on-site examinations of motor carrier operations include reviewing driver's hours of service, maintenance and inspection of vehicles, driver qualification files, controlled substance and alcohol testing, CDL requirements, financial responsibility, accidents, hazardous materials, and other safety and transportation records. This review is intended to provide information to evaluate the safety performance and regulatory compliance of a company's operation. This unit is also responsible for the preparation of civil penalty cases for prosecution of serious safety violations found during these reviews. All compliance review officers are trained in Compliance, Safety, and Accountability (CSA). One officer has been selected as an Investigation and Safety Analysis (formerly known as Compliance Review) instructor and teaches this course nationwide.

New Entrant Program: The New Entrant program is responsible for performing safety audits on new interstate motor carriers based in Georgia within 12 months, (four months for passenger carriers) of receipt of new entrant registration. The Safety Audit Unit is comprised of 11 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 19,107 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

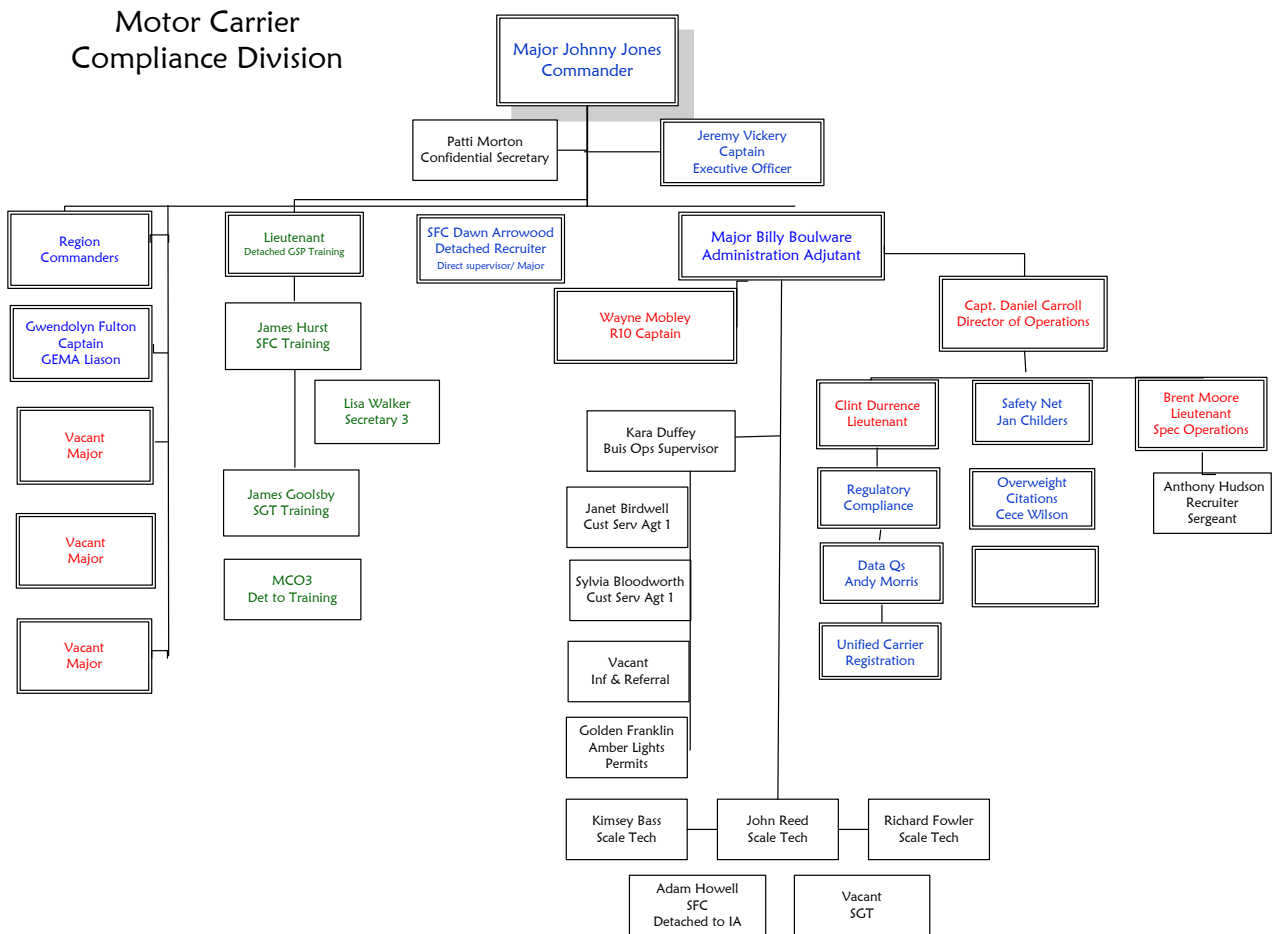
Compliance Division to the general public, drivers, carriers, industry groups, law enforcement agencies and the judiciary. MCCD distributes over 62 separate informational brochures and handouts on commercial vehicle safety topics. This information is distributed by the officers at the weigh stations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

HOV/HOT Operations Unit: This unit is responsible for the enforcement of High Occupancy Vehicles (HOV) and (High Occupancy Toll) HOT lane restrictions. HOV lane operations are currently conducted by 12 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.

CMV 101 Training: Commercial Motor Vehicle Awareness and Enforcement: educational course is a two- hour presentation specifically tailored to Georgia law enforcement officers that are not typically assigned to commercial motor vehicle enforcement duties. The course is

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designed to enhance the knowledge and skills required to reduce commercial motor vehicle related crashes and injuries. The curriculum includes: methods for the proper identification of commercial motor vehicles and their carriers; information collection for crash reporting; common commercial motor vehicle crash causations; and commercial motor vehicle crash prevention through enforcement to include distracted driving and following too closely enforcement. Georgia law specific to commercial motor vehicles is also discussed with printed materials disseminated for future independent reference. A question and answer opportunity will be provided at the conclusion of the presentation to provide any additional commercial motor vehicle enforcement questions that may arise.



Annual Statistics

Department of Public Safety
Motor Carrier Compliance Division

Law Enforcement Statistics

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Safety Inspections CY 2015

CVSA Certified Officers	217
Inspections	72,652
Out-of-service Vehicle Violations	12,630
Out-of-service Driver Violations	4,652

Size & Weight CY 2015

Total Trucks Weighed	11,267,266
Overweight Assess. Written	36,693
UTC's Written	6,882

High Occupancy Vehicle CY 2015

HOV/HOT Citation Arrest	2,725
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Commercial Bus Inspections CY 2015

Commercial Bus Inspections	3,952
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School Bus Inspections CY 2015

School Bus Inspections	19,107
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The Motor Carrier Compliance Division is divided into 22 weigh stations within nine geographic regions and two specialized units. One Specialized Unit, operating within Region 3, is the HOV/HOT Enforcement Unit. This unit is located in the Metro Atlanta Area at 320 Chester Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia. The other specialized unit is the Safety Compliance Unit which consists of the New Entrant Safety Audit, Compliance Review, and School Bus Safety identified as Region 10. Region 10's office is located in Madison, Georgia. The Administrative Staff for MCCD is located at the Headquarters for the Department of Public Safety in Atlanta.



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 3,732 overweight assessments totaling \$ 640,302.00, performed 8,068 commercial vehicle safety inspections, issued 2,142 uniform traffic citations, placed 293 drivers and 666 vehicles out of service and conducted safety inspections of hazardous material shipments. 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, 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. Participated in The High Priority Grant Programs including distracted driving, rural route inspections and motor coach inspections. Region 1 received 2nd place in the MCCD Commercial Vehicle Award at the Governor's Challenge Banquet. Sgt. Matt Wilson was nominated for the "Officer of the Year" from the Dade Co. Optimist Club. Officer William Buchanan received a CMV "Officer of the Year" Award from "MADD". Region 1 assisted with a wish from an 8-year old from Calhoun wanting to be in law enforcement one day by honoring him with a "Nicholas Day". 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 21 counties located in Northeast Georgia and along the Interstate 85 corridor from the South Carolina state line thru Gwinnett County. Region 2 Operations Centers are Station 4 located on I-85 north mile marker 171 and Station 3 located on I-85 south mile marker 169. Region 2 has 21 MCCD officers. Region 2 has 20 Motor Carrier Compliance officers and 8 civilian weight inspectors. Region 2 officers issued 7,908 weight citations totaling \$1,086,321.87 dollars in fines. The officers performed 9,046 commercial vehicle safety inspections by the North American Standard Level 1 Part A driver inspections and Part B vehicle inspections. As a result of these inspections there were 444 drivers placed Out of Service due to Records of Duty Status violations and 1164 commercial motor vehicles placed Out of Service due to vehicle violations. In all 14,017 total violations were discovered. During the traffic stops and inspections conducted by the officers of Region 2 a total of 2,397 uniform traffic citations and 1010 warnings were issued. Out of these 438 were for speeding with 293 warnings for speed and 342 for occupant protection with 87 warnings for non-seat belt usage. Region 2 officers performed 232 Passenger Carrier (Motor Coach) inspections, 826 Hazardous Materials (Haz-Mat) inspections, and 97 Limousine inspections. Region 2 officers conducted 13 drug possession arrest, one driving under the influence drug arrest (ARIDE), one driving under the influence alcohol arrest, and four driving under the influence measureable amount arrest. Region 2 officers participated in the Gold Rush traffic detail held in Dahlonega, Ga. The Motor Coach Strike Force detail twice. Region 2 had several officers competing in the



Inspector's Challenge at the Georgia Motor Trucking Association Truck Driving Championships. Also officers served as judges during the GMTA Truck Rodeo. Region 2 officers participated in the Commercial Vehicle Safety Administration Annual National Road Check, Operation Safe Drive 85, Brake Safety Week, and the Georgia Forestry Commission Truck Inspections. Region 2 officers participated in all High Priority Grant campaigns which included Rural Route / Work Zones, Distracted Driving, and Passenger Carrier. During the Stop the Threat details Region 2 officers performed to the highest degree for the Georgia Department of Public Safety / MCCD. Region 2 officers also conducted Level 1 inspections on Wrecker Carriers throughout the Region for the Georgia State Patrol next list. Region 2 officers attended all Mandatory and various other training during 2015 earning 3,455 training hours. Region 2 also used the Performance Based Brake Tester (PBBT) machine two times during 2015 resulting in 80 inspections. The officers of Region 2 conducted 29 Company Outreaches in which the topics were all the Rules and Regulations of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).

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 22 MCCD Officers, nine MCCD HOV Officers, and nine Weight Inspectors assigned to the inspection stations. Region 3 officers issued 4,725 overweight assessments totaling \$662,945.00 dollars. Together the officers performed 8,039 commercial vehicle safety inspections and issued 2,314 uniform traffic citations. The officers participated in Special Events such as, School Career Day Programs, Truck Driver Rodeo Competition, CVSA Operation Air Brake, and Distractive Driving. The officers attended training on the North American Inspection Standards, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Advanced Roadside Impairment Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) and Weights and Measures Training. Additionally, Region 3 officers conducted several Safety and Outreach Meetings, responded to approx. 230 motor vehicle accidents involving commercial vehicles. Region 3 field officers received 5,025 hours of training during 2015.

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 2015 the year with 16 officers, and three weight inspectors. The officers and weight inspectors issued 2423 overweight assessments totaling \$458,293, 17 motor fuel citations, 1,804 uniform traffic citations, performed 6,764 commercial vehicle inspections with 13,678 violations and 617 out of service vehicles, with 413 out of service drivers, and 21 unsafe vehicles. The officers participated in 14 joint agency concentrated enforcements activities which included Stop the Threat, 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 Educational programs on safety, Courtesy Inspections to the Motoring Industry, inspections for Georgia Power, Southern Wood Producers, Georgia Motor Trucking Association, Georgia Forestry Commission, Passenger Carrier inspections and other companies in Region 4. Officers attended Tru Cam, ARIDE, EVOG, Weigh inspector training, PT, Pursuit Liability, Driving Simulator, In-Service, Advance EVOG, Supervisor Levels 2 & 3, Work Place Behavior and Distracted Drivers, Drivewyze, CAD training, Level 6 Haz-mat, Honor Guard, Police Academy, Intox 9000, Mobile Field Force, Lidar, and FMCSA Webinar. Region 4 also participated in winter events in Atlanta such as salt truck escorts.

Region 5 is responsible for 18 counties in West Georgia. Region 5 operations center around the Troup County Inspection Stations located on Interstate 85 at mile marker 23. The Region ended the year with 12 certified officers including four NCOs, two MCO 3, four MCO 2 and two civilian weight inspectors. The officers and weight inspectors issued 2,409 overweight assessments totaling \$397,447.00. The officers performed 5,577 commercial vehicle safety inspections with 9,788 violations observed resulting in 711 vehicles and 228 drivers being placed out of service. The officers also issued 1,541 uniform traffic citations and 2,952 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 and Stop the Threat. Officers also participated in several joint agency road checks with local law enforcement agencies including Grantville, Cuthbert, Meriwether County, and the West Central Region Traffic Enforcement Network. 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 Advanced EVOG, FMCSA's Drug Interdiction Assistance Program, Mobile Field Force, Tru-Cam Lidar Certification for 2 officers, Pursuit Liability, Human Trafficking, Driver Simulator, Supervision Levels 1 and 2, NAS Motor coach Certification, Background Investigations, Firearms In-service, Radar Certification for two officers, CPR, Intox. 9000, Mechanics of Arrest, Below 100, and GCIC Terminal Operator Certifications.

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, mile marker 190 in Forsyth. The Region has 18 sworn Officers and four civilian weight inspectors. In 2015, Region 6 personnel issued 5,959 overweight citations with total fine assessments of \$926,836.00 and issued 1,955 Uniform Traffic Citations and 722 warnings. Officers conducted 7,732 NAS Inspections resulting in 14,104 violations, 643 out-of-service vehicles and 496 out-of-service drivers. Officers conducted 871 Hazmat inspections and 25 safety outreach details during 2015. Region 6 conducted 103 total concentrated enforcement details; Speed Enforcement Patrols, Occupant Protection Checks, High Priority traffic enforcement, GTACT and Impaired Driving Details to meet the Departments Strategic Plan goals. High Crash Corridor, as well as Atlanta inner perimeter patrols and weather response details were

conducted. Officers in Region 6 also participated in other state-wide and multi-agency details including Operation Safe Driver, Operation Air Brake, Brake Safety Week, Governor's Office of Highway Safety road checks and the Click It or Ticket Campaigns. Facility improvements for 2015 included painting the Interior of the Monroe County Inspection Stations. A personnel incentive program continues 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 Inspection Station located on I-95 at mile marker 111. Region 7 conducts safety inspections of commercial motor vehicles (primarily trucks and buses), inspects highway



shipments of hazardous materials, and enforces laws and regulations that govern vehicle size and vehicle weight. Region 7 operates three permanent inspection stations. The stations are equipped with Pre-Pass, Drivewyze and "weigh in motion" systems to screen vehicles. Region 7 has 26 Motor Carrier Mobile Officers assigned to our Division patrolling side roads; also the region has 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 4,254 overweight assessments totaling 856,623.00 dollars, performed 14,003 commercial vehicle safety inspections, 552 drivers out of service and discovered 15,767 safety violations and placed 1,247 vehicles out of service. Our officers inspected 1,493 trucks with hazardous-material cargo. Our officers also issued 1,187 uniform traffic citations. Region 7 conducted outreaches and safety meetings ranging from trucking companies to the local school system. Region 7 officers were part of security for the Saint Patrick's Day Parade. Our officers also participated in many safety details; CVSA Annual National Road Check, Operation Safe Driver, Operation Air Brake, GMTA Courteous Safety Check, GOHS Zero Tolerance and Click it or Ticket. Region 7 held two campaigns Stop The Threat and Safe Drive 95 during the months March to December 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 17 MCCD officers and six civilian weight inspectors. Region 8 personnel issued 2,679 overweight assessments totaling \$437,582.25; 1,182 uniform traffic citations, performed 5,584 commercial vehicle safety inspections, and conducted 505 safety inspections of hazardous material shipments. As a result of these regulatory compliance inspections of commercial motor vehicles, drivers, and shipments of hazardous materials, 11,515 violations were noted, 334 commercial motor vehicles were placed out of service, and 338 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, Stop The Threat and a FMCSA national passenger carrier safety detail. Numerous educational outreach training sessions were also conducted with both industry and municipal and county law enforcement personnel. This picture is at the 2015 Ag Expo and shows officers using the PBBT machine to test the brakes of this motor coach.

Region 9 consists of 16 southeast Georgia counties with two permanent McIntosh County Inspection Stations located on I-95 northbound and southbound at mile marker 55. The region also has a satellite station on Georgia 38 in Long County. The 19 field officers assigned to Region 9 consist of one Captain, one Lieutenant, two Sergeants First Class, one Sergeant, 14 mobile officers, and two weight inspectors. The officers issued 3,136 overweight assessments totaling \$558,730 dollars, issued 1,952 uniform traffic citations, 1,659 warnings and performed 8,290 commercial vehicle safety inspections with 1,724 out of service vehicles and 349 out of service drivers. They participated in 165 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, Distracted Driver, 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, Toys for Tots, and the 2015 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 12 safety outreach events, including the Georgia Motor Trucking Association Truck Check., Southeastern Wood Producers meeting 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. They also conducted courtesy vehicle inspections on all Georgia Forestry Commission tractors and trailers.

Region 10 responsibilities include Compliance Review, Safety Audit and School Bus Inspections. This region has 31 officers and one non-sworn civilian employees. The officers perform safety inspections on each of the approximate 19,107 public school buses within the state. Region 10 conducted 251 Compliance Reviews and 1,624 Safety Audits on carriers throughout the state. Officers had enforcement cases resulting in 651,295 dollars in civil penalties. These officers are also required to conduct commercial vehicle inspections and maintain the required number of inspections for certification.

Other Accomplishments and Activities

- The Motor Carrier Compliance Division has officers assisting in Mobile Field Forces and 19 officers in our Honor Guard Unit.
- In addition to HOV & HOT conducted 1,769 inspections which resulted in 2,604 violations with 70 drivers and 135 vehicles being placed Out of Service. 2,725 citations were issued by the unit which led to 61 Custodial Arrest with five of them being Felony Arrest and 24 Fugitives Apprehended. The unit also recovered 15 stolen vehicles.

- 2015 Georgia Targeting Aggressive Cars and Trucks (GTACT) project continued with two enforcement details held in Regions 2, 5, 6 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 September with officers assigned to Interstate Highways and US/State Routes in Lowndes, Franklin, Hart, Monroe, Houston, Coweta and Troup counties. Motor Carrier Compliance officers assigned to the enforcement details performed 2,821 driver vehicle inspections and issued 1,575 citations and 1,827 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.
- In November, 2015, the Motor Carrier Compliance Division began a new initiative entitled “Stop the Threat”. This initiative implements a high visibility, crash elimination effort to effectively reduce traffic crashes involving commercial motor vehicles. MCCD officers are deployed over the nine geographically located regions of the state once per month for three consecutive days. Officers assigned to the initiative target unsafe commercial motor vehicle drivers who place the public in danger by driving while impaired, driving while distracted (cell phone use and texting), speeding, following too close, improper lane change and/or usage, failure to wear seat belts and mechanical deficiencies. For the months of November and December, officers conducted 1,492 driver vehicle inspections, placing 126 vehicles and 74 drivers out of service. A total of 951 citations and 828 warning were issued.
- MCCD Awards:
 - Region 1 received 2nd place in the MCCD Commercial Vehicle Award at the Governor’s Challenge Banquet.
 - An officer was nominated for the “Officer of the Year” from the Dade Co. Optimist Club. Officer William Buchanan received a CMV “Officer of the Year” Award from “MADD”.

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. In January, 2015, the Georgia Building Authority completed construction of Liberty Plaza. Liberty Plaza is the new site for which all rallies, protests, and demonstrations may be held on Capitol Hill.

Capitol Police Division Command: Capitol Police Division Command consists of the director (captain) assistant director (corporal), one sergeant first class and one secretary. The command staff is responsible for overseeing the operations of Capitol Police Services, Georgia State Patrol, Post 50-Capitol Hill, Capitol Hill Security, and private security contractor, 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 2015, 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.

The division completed several security upgrades to the buildings on Capitol Hill in 2015. The installation of a built-in ballistic shield in the security desk and outside camera with an inside monitor at the Mitchell Street entrance has made the state capitol building safer. Additionally, secure rifle racks were mounted at the security check points in order to effectively respond to critical situations.

Capitol Police Services: The Capitol Police Services section of the division is comprised of 11 sworn police officers and one clerk. Currently, Capitol Police has a sworn personnel shortage of 10 police officers. Capitol Police officers respond to public safety issues, and secure and protect the state's assets, resources, personnel, and visitors on Capitol Hill. In addition to the day to day operations, the Capitol Police Division establishes and manages access and security policies for the Capitol Square area in conjunction with building tenants, government leadership, and the Georgia Building Authority. This unit is also responsible for planning and providing security and law enforcement services for all public events in the Capitol Square area, including but not limited to:

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

Georgia State Patrol, Post 50-Capitol Hill: The troopers of Post 50 control the access into the State Capitol by checking all state employees, guests, and other personnel for valid identification. This includes screening all incoming packages, deliveries, and mail. They provide

security for all elected officials, state employees and guests at the State Capitol. The troopers of Post 50 conduct patrols in and around the buildings located on Capitol Hill. Troopers are also required to secure the Georgia Court of Appeals, Georgia Supreme Court, and the Coverdale Legislative Office Building. In 2015, an additional corporal position was created to assist NCOs with the day to day operations of Post 50. There are 25 troopers and one post secretary assigned to Post 50.

Capitol Hill Security: The Capitol Police Safety Officers control and monitor access to the State Capitol, Coverdell Legislative Office Building, the Judicial Building, the Trinity-Washington building, the Health Building, and several other loading dock areas. The Capitol Police Security section consists of three safety officer supervisors, two safety officer assistant supervisors and 24 non-sworn safety 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 some events have been held in Liberty Plaza, which is adjacent to the State Capitol, most events are held within the State Capitol building.

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

Capitol Hill EOD K-9 Unit: The Capitol Hill EOD K9 Unit consists of four canines teams. Three of the teams are assigned to Post 50 and one team is assigned to Capitol Police Services. They are responsible for responding to suspicious package notifications and bomb threats on Capitol Hill. They also proactively sweep the Capitol, the Governor's Mansion, and other state buildings routinely. They also assist other law enforcement agencies throughout the state upon request. The unit completed 1,567 training hours in 2015. Additionally, the unit conducted 606 sweeps and responded to 18 suspicious package/ bomb threat call outs. The EOD K9 Unit retired one canine, Robbie after five years of service on Capitol Hill.

Legislative Detail: Each year, beginning in January and ending in April, the Capitol Police Division is delegated the responsibility of monitoring and providing security for the Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly. There were seven sworn officers assigned to the 2015 Legislative Session detail who provided security for after-hour committee meetings and monitored the chamber doors of both the House and the Senate.

Communications: The Capitol Police Division's Communications personnel monitor life-safety, video surveillance, and building elevator systems. Furthermore, they manage building access controls, conduct security background checks for numerous state agencies, and monitor all of the duress alarms on Capitol Hill. Communications also manages the Capitol Hill Alerts, an emergency alert notification system designed to notify the tenants on Capitol Hill of emergencies such as bomb threats, suspicious packages, and fires.

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Enforcement Activity

Sworn Officer Activity	
Arrests from Traffic Stops	417
Vehicle Stops	1,499
Suspicious Package, Persons, and Vehicle Reports	8
Impounded Vehicles	126
Traffic Crashes	198
Calls for Service	2,817
Non-Sworn Security Activity	
Security Location Checks (non-sworn officers)	26,891
Unsecured Doors	912
Unlocked Building Doors	14
Unlocked Parking Decks and Courtyard Areas	48
Communications Activity	
Duress Alarms Answered	78
Fire Alarms Answered	105
Elevator Entrapments	121
GCIC Hits	40

Mail Services: The Capitol Police Division Mail Services Unit consists of one supervisor and one 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 2015, the unit screened a total of 117,902 pieces of mail.

Special Details and Events: The Capitol Police Division headquarters building has a 297-person capacity auditorium that is available for DPS events and may also be reserved by other State of Georgia agencies. Several state agencies, including GA DPS, held training sessions, ceremonies, and conferences in the auditorium throughout the year. In 2015, 47 events were scheduled and held within the auditorium.

There were a total of 35 events requiring security and police presence for 2015. Listed below is a portion of the larger events that required Capitol Police, GSP Post 50, and Safety Officer staffing:

- **January 20** - Behavioral Health Services Coalition-Awareness Rally.
- **January 22** - Georgia Right to Life – Memorial for the Unborn.
- **February 3** - Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence.
- **March 5** - Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities – Awareness Rally.
- **March 7** - Office of the Lt. Governor – Be Healthy Georgia Kids Festival
- **March 17** - Equality Foundation of Georgia- Rally to oppose RFRA.
- **March 24** - Metro Atlanta Mayors Association – Bicycle Awareness Rally
- **April 25** - Georgia Chamber of Commerce 100th Anniversary Gala
- **May 2** - Georgia Charter Schools Association- Charter Schools Rock



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