# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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GEORGIA STATE PATROL
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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.

WE SET THE STANDARD
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.
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VISION & MISSION

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MISSION

The mission of the Georgia Department of Public Safety is to work cooperatively with all levels of government to provide a safe environment for residents and visitors to our state. Although focused primarily on the enforcement of traffic laws and investigation of traffic crashes, the Department of Public Safety will support the efforts of all public safety agencies to reduce criminal activity, apprehend those involved, and respond to natural and manmade disasters. In all of our endeavors, DPS personnel will provide the highest level of customer service while remaining committed to following our core beliefs of trust, fortitude, compassion and professionalism.
CORE VALUES

TRUST
We are trustworthy. Truth is our hallmark and foundation. Our word is our bond. Truthfulness is what the public expects from us and what we demand of ourselves. We are committed to the highest ethical standards and highest level of performance that is beyond reproach.

FORTITUDE
We show fortitude. We are committed to persevere through sacrifice and adversity to do the right thing, even at personal cost. In the tradition of those who preceded us, we are confident in our ability to fairly enforce all laws, to protect life and property, and to be accountable for our actions.

COMPASSION
We show compassion. We have the courage and wisdom to be fair. We are sensitive to the needs of others and are committed to treat all with dignity and respect.

PROFESSIONALISM
We are professional. As an elite and diverse team of highly trained, motivated men and women, we are committed to providing effective, efficient, and courteous customer service. We pledge to set innovative standards for others to follow.
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CHIEF CRAIG TULLY
Colquitt-Miller Co. Fire Dept.
“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 104 Trooper Schools.
Although focused primarily on the enforcement of traffic laws and investigation of traffic crashes, the Georgia State Patrol (GSP) 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, GSP had 836 troopers.

The Georgia State Patrol is divided into 52 patrol posts within 10 geographic troops and seven specialized units, including Criminal Interdiction, Implied Consent, Specialized Collision Reconstruction Team (SCRT), Specialized Weapons and Tactics (SWAT), GSP Dive Team, Motorcycle Unit, and the Regional K-9 Task Force. The Command Officer and his staff are located at the Department of Public Safety Headquarters in Atlanta. Each troop consists of a communications center responsible and its own Specialized Collision Reconstruction Team (SCRT).

During the year, the Georgia State Patrol participated in multiple events to facilitate safe driving and decrease fatal crashes. These events included enforcement campaigns, safety presentations, special details, Traffic Enforcement Networks, and partnering with other agencies, including Hands Across the Border, a biannual event sponsored by the Governor’s Offices of Highway Safety in Georgia; the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Golden Shield Awards; Crimes Against Children Patrols, centered on a Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) training and federal law enforcement campaign, involving child exploitation and human trafficking; and Stop the Threat, a collaboration Troopers and MCCD Officers in an effort to address traffic violations and crimes involving commercial motor vehicles.
TROOP A is located in northwest Georgia encompassing 14 counties stretches from Gilmer County and Forsyth County lines on an eastern boundary to the Douglas and Carrol County lines and Alabama State Line on a western boundary. The northern boundaries extend to the Tennessee State Line. Troop A consists of the following posts: Post 3 – Cartersville (Bartow and Polk), Post 5 – Dalton (Whitfield and Catoosa), Post 28 – Jasper (Pickens and Cherokee), Post 29 - Paulding (Haralson and Paulding) Post 38 – Rome (Chatooga and Floyd), Post 41 – Lafayette (Dade and Walker), and Post 43 – Calhoun (Gordon and Murray).

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), and Post 37 – Cumming (Lumpkin, Dawson and Forsyth).

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. It is also headquarters for the Motor Unit and the State of Georgia SWAT/DIVE Team: 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, and Gwinnett), and the Communications Center – (Cobb, Clayton, DeKalb, Fulton, and Gwinnett, GBI Radio Dispatch, Capitol Police Dispatch, Metro MCCD Dispatch).

**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), and Nighthawks Middle Georgia (Bibb and Muscogee).

**TROOP E** is located in the eastern central section of the State of Georgia. The northern end begins in Rockdale County at Interstate 20 and continues south-easterly for approximately 150 miles of the interstate to the Georgia/South Carolina line, ending in Richmond County. The posts that comprise this troop are as follows: Post 8 – Madison (Jasper, Putnam, Morgan, and Greene counties), Post 17 – Washington (Elbert, Oglethorpe, Wilkes, Lincoln, and Taliaferro counties), Post 25 – Grovetown (Glascock, Warren, McDuffie, Columbia and Richmond counties), Post 33 – Milledgeville (Jones, Baldwin, Hancock, and Washington counties), and Post 46 – Monroe (Rockdale, Newton, and Walton counties).

**TROOP F** encompasses 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), and Post 45 – Statesboro (Bulloch, Candler, and Evans counties).

**TROOP G** 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: 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), and Post 40 – Albany (Dougherty, Baker, Lee, and Worth counties).

**TROOP H** consists 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, andECHols), and Post 36 – Douglas (Coffee, Ben Hill, Irwin, and Atkinson).

**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), and Nighthawks South (Bulloch and Chatham).
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GSP COMMUNICATIONS CENTERS
The GSP Communications Centers across the state handle dispatching duties for all posts assigned to each Troop. In many cases, they also handle calls for Motor Carrier Compliance, Department of Natural Resources, as well as Georgia Bureau of Investigations. Troop C Communications located at Headquarters also handles calls for Capitol Police Services, and Post 50, as well as enter Mattie's and Levi's Calls for GBI, dispatching Capitol Police officers to 911 calls and active alarms, or utilizing Atlanta Police Department's CAD system to dispatch troopers to vehicle crashes.

During 2018, Communications Centers logged the following calls:
- Troop A - 110,010 calls
- Troop B - 118,897 calls
- Troop C - 225,716 calls
- Troop D - 118,969 calls
- Troop E - 71,148 calls
- Troop F - 59,770 calls
- Troop G - 60,036 calls
- Troop H - 82,450 calls
- Troop I - 92,291 calls

SPECIALIZED COLLISION RECONSTRUCTION TEAM
The mission of the Georgia State Patrol Specialized Collision Reconstruction Team (SCRT) is to provide a means by which fatal crashes can be investigated thoroughly by specially trained investigators and properly document evidence in collisions to be used for successful court prosecution. SCRT also gathers statistics in order to save lives by avoiding future collisions.

SCRT investigators are stationed strategically throughout the state under each Troop Command to assist field troopers with fatal crashes. These investigators are equipped with the latest technology
and are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. SCRT also assists agencies in the investigation of major incidents when requested. These incidents include: homicide cases, officer involved shootings, fatal crashes, and large crime scenes.

SCRT Teams investigated the following cases in 2018:

- Troop A - 67 cases
- Troop B - 83 cases
- Troop C - 94 cases
- Troop D - 139 cases
- Troop E - 52 cases
- Troop F - 52 cases
- Troop G - 70 cases
- Troop H - 45 cases
- Troop I - 74 cases

SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS
The State of Georgia SWAT Team 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. The State of Georgia SWAT Team was requested to assist with 57 critical incidents during the calendar year 2018. 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 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.

SWAT Dive Team
The State of Georgia Dive Team was requested 13 times during 2018. 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.

SWAT attended 19 different public relations details and recruiting events across the state providing a static display of Tactical vehicles, equipment and dive gear.

IMPLIED CONSENT UNIT
The mission of the Implied Consent Unit (ICU) is to effectively train, maintain, and administer the breath alcohol testing and certification program for all law enforcement agencies in the State subject to the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and Georgia Bureau of Investigation Rules and Regulations. ICU members remain on-call around the clock for emergency instrument repairs and courtroom availability. In addition to their regular enforcement responsibilities, ICU members provide a broad range of specialized services designed to complement field operational needs.

These sworn GSP members are responsible for inspecting and maintaining all evidential breath testing devices in the State of Georgia. During 2018 the Implied Consent Unit personnel conducted 293 instrument inspections both in Troop C and Troop E and documented over 986 hours of service/repair related matters.

In addition to performing regular maintenance and quarterly inspections of these breath testing instruments, the members of ICU provide crucial expert testimony in DUI and DUI-related court cases. Implied Consent contributed 439 hours of training with approximately 90% being conducted
as instructors for Trooper School cadets.

Major initiatives continued during 2018 included safety program presentations and course training at GOHS Traffic Enforcement Network meetings and the DPS Portable Breath Test (PBT) device repair and service program. During 2018, members of the Implied Consent Unit documented 68 PBT repairs.

**CRIMINAL INTERDICTION UNIT**
The Criminal Interdiction Unit (CIU) had teams assigned to pro-active patrols concentrating on the I-20 west of Atlanta, I-75 north of Atlanta, I-85 south of Atlanta and I-85 north of Atlanta. One member was assigned to the United States Homeland Security Investigations Department as a Task Force Officer.

CIU members seized 114.68 kilograms of marijuana, 67.07 kilograms of cocaine, 4.88 kilograms of methamphetamine, 293.5 dosage units of other dangerous drugs, and 4.5 kilograms of heroin. They seized 54 weapons and located 10 hidden or constructed compartments. They also seized a total of $372,373. In addition to this, members recovered 172 stolen vehicles with a value of $3,180,102.

In total, CIU members initiated or assisted in making a total monetary impact of more than $63,640,103 against organized crime elements operating in the State of Georgia.

During 2018, the Criminal Interdiction Unit members conducted the following activity:

- 173 crash investigations
- 1,916 arrests
- 5,776 warnings
- 29 DUI arrests
- 168 felony drug arrests
- 54 non-drug felony arrests
- 99 misdemeanor drug arrests
- 155 criminal apprehensions
- 497 stranded motorists assisted
- 172 stolen vehicles recovered
- 6,641 total traffic stops conducted

**Counter-Terroist Task Force**
During 2018, CIU members 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.

**NIGHTHAWKS DUI TASK FORCE**
The Georgia State Patrol Nighthawks DUI Task Force has been in operation since October of 2004 and is funded by the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety H.E.A.T. grant. The Nighthawks North Task Force patrols the five Metro-Atlanta counties of Cobb, Clayton, Gwinnett, DeKalb, and Fulton. The Task Force concentrates on the apprehension of impaired drivers during the peak hours when statistics have shown DUI-related incidents occur. The Nighthawks North Unit also responds to agency assistance calls within the Troop C territory during the overnight hours. Members investigate crashes, perform traffic control, execute legal blood draws, perform medical relays, help to control crime scenes and assist in the apprehension of dangerous criminals. Unit members also perform impaired driving investigations, at the request of local agencies, when additional training is required.
During this time, the Nighthawks North task force made 773 DUI arrests. The Nighthawks North investigated 228 crashes with 10 of those being fatal. The Nighthawks North issued 2,923 arrests and 3,939 traffic warnings. The unit conducted 4,860 vehicle stops during the year.

In late Fall 2009, the Nighthawks DUI Task Force South was created to perform DUI enforcement in Bulloch and Chatham counties and is based out of Post 42 - Rincon. The unit works peak hours when most DUI offenders are on the roadway in order to combat the problem of impaired driving. Nighthawk Troopers assisted the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department and Tybee Island Police Department with road checks and traffic control during major events. They assisted with a DRE detail at the MCCD Scales. Nighthawks South Troopers issued 5,140 arrests and 4,896 warnings, while conducting 7,204 traffic stops. Among those were 1,002 arrests for DUI, 537 arrests for occupant restraint violations, and 3,029 contacts for speeding. Nighthawks South Troopers road checked for 320 total hours during 2018. These road checks produced numerous arrests, including many for impaired driving. Troopers investigated 94 crashes.

In Spring 2012, another Nighthawks DUI Task Force was created in Middle Georgia. This task force focuses its enforcement on impaired driving in Macon and Columbus. From January 2018 through March 2018, the Nighthawks patrolled the cities of Albany and Columbus in Troop G. As of April 1, 2018, the unit was relocated as part of the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety Grant and patrols areas within Troop D. During 2018, the Nighthawks made 4,312 vehicle stops resulting in the arrest of 493 DUI drivers. In addition to the DUI arrests, they also issued 2,201 traffic citations and 3,054 courtesy warnings for other violations. The Nighthawks made 1,773 speed related traffic stops.
Officers with the Capitol Police Division (CPD) 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.
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, Sloppy Floyd Towers, Two Peachtree, and all other state owned buildings located on Capitol Hill. These buildings house constitutional, legislative, and judicial officers of the state, in addition to the state employees that occupy offices in each of these buildings. The Capitol Police Division is comprised of three units: Capitol Police Services, Georgia State Patrol Post 50 - Capitol Hill, and Capitol Hill Security.

The Capitol Police Services section responds to public safety issues, secures and protects the state’s assets, resources, personnel and visitors on Capitol Hill, as well as plans and provides security and law enforcement services for all public events in the Capitol Square area.

Post 50 - Capitol Hill troopers provide security for all buildings on Capitol Hill by conducting patrols in and around the Capitol Hill buildings. The Capitol Hill Safety Officers control and monitor access to the State Capitol, four state buildings, and several loading dock areas. This includes screening all incoming packages, deliveries, and mail. They provide security for all elected officials, state employees and visitors at the State Capitol. Post 50 is also required to secure the Georgia Court of Appeals, Georgia Supreme Court, and the Coverdale Legislative Office Building, and the Governor’s Office of Planning and Budgeting building.

The division instituted several security upgrades to the buildings on Capitol Hill in 2017. The addition of two new visitor management systems in the 270 Washington and 47 Trinity buildings made the security screening process more efficient. Consultations with the Georgia Building Authority regarding the vulnerability of un-manned doors resulted in the installation of access card reader turnstiles to eliminate unauthorized entry into the state capitol.
CONTRACT SECURITY
The Capitol Police Division also oversees private security personnel through Dynamic Security, Inc. Dynamic Security has a site manager and forty-one uniformed unarmed guards, who monitor and control access to other state facilities on Capitol Hill. These buildings include the Two Peachtree Street building, the Sloppy Floyd Building (Twin Towers), One Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive building (GBA), and the Judicial Courtyard.

CAPITOL HILL EOD K9 TEAM
The Capitol Hill EOD K9 Team consists of four canines and their handlers. This team is 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 assist other law enforcement agencies throughout the state with bomb threats upon request. The unit conducted 676 sweeps and responded to 51 suspicious package/bomb threat call outs. Additionally, the unit completed 1,142 training hours and staged 23 K9 demonstrations in 2017. The teams also assisted Troop C and the Secret Service with several presidential visits.

LEGISLATIVE DETAIL
Each year, beginning in January, the Capitol Police Division is delegated the responsibility of monitoring and providing security for the Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly. There were six sworn officers assigned to the 2017 Legislative Session detail under the supervision of the Assistant Director for the Capitol Police Division Command.

COMMUNICATIONS
The Capitol Police Division’s Communication personnel receive all radio traffic for calls for service, monitor surveillance video, parking decks alarms, and building elevator systems. Furthermore, they manage building access controls, conduct security background checks, and monitor all of the duress alarms in place on Capitol Hill.

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 2018, the unit screened 79,994 parcels.

SPECIAL DETAILS AND EVENTS
The Capitol Police Division headquarters building includes a 297-person capacity auditorium. The auditorium is available for use for DPS events and may also be reserved by other state agencies. Numerous state agencies, including the department, have held training sessions, ceremonies, and conferences in the auditorium throughout the year. In 2018, 30 events were scheduled and held within the auditorium.

The Georgia Legislature held a Special Legislative Session in November 2018. During this special session, there were several protests surrounding the Gubernatorial Election resulting in 15 arrests. Post 50 troopers assisted Capitol Police officers with traffic control and patrols and maintained order, preventing damage to the Capitol Hill area.

There were an additional 468 events requiring security and police presence in 2018 on Capitol Hill. Listed below are a portion of the larger events that required Capitol Police, GSP Post 50, and safety officer staffing:

- January 19, 2018 - Georgia March for Life (2,500 people)
- March 07, 2018 - Homeschool Day at the Capitol (1,500 people)
- March 14, 2018 - Stop School Shootings Now (3,000 people)
- April 20, 2018 - We Stand With God (1,000 people)
- September 27-29, 2018 - Tent America (300 people)
- September 30, 2018 - Atlanta 2-Day Walk for Breast Cancer (800 people)

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FIELD OPERATIONS

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. To date, the Motor Carrier Compliance Division has graduated two Motor Carrier Officer Schools.
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. As of December 31, MCCD had 242 officers and 40 weight inspectors.

The primary focus of Motor Carrier Compliance Division (MCCD) 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 MCCD 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 Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). The CVSP contains five required program areas: Driver/ Vehicle Inspections, Traffic Enforcement, Compliance Reviews, Public Information and Education, and Data Collection.
REGION 1 is responsible for 17 counties located in the northwest corner of the state. Region 1 operation centers around the Catoosa County Inspection Stations located on I-75 mile marker 343. Region 1 conducted 23 educational outreach training sessions with both industry and municipal and county law enforcement personnel. Region 1 also holds the semi-annual Georgia Motor Trucking Association event at the southbound weigh station. Region One responded to Hurricane Irma and the tornado detail in Albany.

REGION 2 responsibilities consist of the safety of the general public especially those who travel on Georgia’s roadways. Region 2’s territory includes 21 counties located in Northeast Georgia and along the Interstate 85 and I-20 corridor from the South Carolina state line thru the metro area of Gwinnett County. Region 2 Operations Centers are Station 4 located on Interstate 85 North mile marker 171 and Station 3 located on Interstate 85 South mile marker 169.

REGION 3 is responsible for 9 counties located in the Metro Atlanta area, and includes HOV and HOT operations, under Station 7-Metro. 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 as well as the Chester Avenue location of Station 7.

REGION 4 is responsible for 18 counties in east Middle Georgia. Region 4 operations center is at the Columbia County Inspection Stations on I-20 at mile markers 187 and 188. Region 4 also participated in winter events in Atlanta such as salt truck escorts, also participated disaster in Albany and contra flow in Chatham and Bryan Counties. Region 4 officer participated with Riot control in Atlanta as well.

REGION 5 is responsible for 18 counties in West Georgia with operations centering around the Troup County Inspection Stations located on Interstate 85 mile marker 23. The region currently has 17 officers and two civilian weight inspectors. Region 5 Officers assisted the citizens of Georgia with power lines down and debris from Hurricane Irma. Also, they assisted in the snow detail in Atlanta in early January 2017 with escorting brine and salt trucks.

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. Region 6 conducted over 14 concentrated enforcement details; Speed Enforcement Patrols, Occupant Protection Checks, High Priority traffic enforcement, stop the Threat (STT) and Impaired Driving Details to meet the department’s strategic plan goals.

REGION 7 is responsible for 18 counties located in South East Georgia. Operations center around the Bryan County Inspection Station located on I-16 mile marker 144 and the Chatham County Inspection Station located on I-95 mile marker 111. 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. Region 7 held 17 campaigns Stop The Threat and Safe Drive 95 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, mile marker 23 and there is one semi-permanent inspection station located on GA 273 Spur in Early County. Three officers attended the first MCCD School at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth, GA.

**REGION 9** consists of 16 southeast Georgia counties with two permanent inspection stations located on I-95 NB and SB mile marker 55 in McIntosh County. The Region also has a Satellite Station on Georgia 38 in Long County. Region 9 officers participated in 10 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. Officers provided seminars and public safety information to trucking companies in reference to regulations and general safety issues. Officers also conducted courtesy vehicle inspections on all Georgia Forestry Commission tractors and trailers.

**REGION 10** responsibilities include Compliance Review and Safety Audits. Region 10 conducted 208 Compliance Reviews and 1,232 Safety Audits on carriers throughout the state. Officers and civilians had 82 enforcement cases resulting in $527,637.00 dollars in civil penalties. Region 10 is also responsible for handling complaints against motor carriers who fail to comply with FMCSA regulations. In 2017, Region 10 investigated approximately 26 complaints.
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**NOTE:** Region 3’s Metro Unit regularly conducts HOV operations and Inner Perimeter details in addition to standard Motor Carrier duties. Station 7 issued 1,447 HOV/HOT violations and 401 citations for speeding during the year.
## Annual Statistics

### Department of Public Safety

**Motor Carrier Compliance Division**

### Law Enforcement Statistics

**CY 2018**

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### Size & Weight

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### High Occupancy Vehicle

| HOV/HOT Citation Arrest | 1,447 |

### Commercial Bus Inspections

| Commercial Bus Inspections | 1,603 |

### School Bus Inspections

| School Bus Inspections | 20,359 |
| Safety Violations      | 17,749 |
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT
Both nationally and statewide, unsafe commercial driver behavior is linked to most at-fault commercial vehicle crashes. Therefore, all MCCD officers routinely perform traffic enforcement duties statewide. MCCD officers use both LIDAR and RADAR to detect speeding violations. MCCD officers also enforce all criminal and traffic laws to ensure compliance with commercial vehicle safety laws, rules, and regulations.

COMMERCIAL DRIVER-VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTIONS
The Department receives several federal grants from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) to conduct commercial driver-vehicle inspections and related activities statewide. These inspections must be performed in accordance within the guidelines set forth by FMCSA and the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA).

A safety compliance inspection includes the examination of driver's license; Medical Examiner's Certificate and Skill Performance Evaluation (SPE) Certificate (if applicable); alcohol and drugs; driver's record of duty status, as required; hours of service; seat belt; vehicle inspection report(s) (if applicable); brake systems; cargo securement; coupling devices; driveline/driveshaft; exhaust systems; frames; fuel systems; lighting devices (headlamps, tail lamps, stop lamps, turn signals and lamps/flags on projecting loads); steering mechanisms; suspensions; tires; van and open-top trailer bodies; wheels, rims and hubs; windshield wipers; buses, motor coaches, passenger vans or other passenger-carrying vehicles – emergency exits, electrical cables and systems in engine and battery compartments, seating, Hazardous Materials/Dangerous Goods (HM/DG) and specification cargo tank requirements, as applicable. HM/DG required inspection items will only be inspected by certified HM/DG and cargo tank inspectors, as applicable.

MCCD officers are trained and certified by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) and the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) to perform these safety compliance inspections. Further, in regard to this inspection related training, all MCCD Officers are trained to a national uniform criteria which helps guarantee that the safety inspections performed by our officers are substantially the same as those conducted by other state law enforcement officers throughout the nation. MCCD safety compliance inspections are conducted on the roadside through commercial vehicle traffic stops, as well as at fixed site inspection stations throughout Georgia.

Additionally, based upon this inspection data, Georgia’s Commercial Driver Out-Of-Service Rate is 7.15% and Georgia’s Commercial Vehicle Out-Of-Service Rate is 34%. Nationally, the Out-of-Service Rate cumulatively for all states is as follows: Driver 7.64%; Vehicle is 36.33%

During 2018, MCCD officers also inspected 10,690 shipments of hazardous material transported on the roadways of Georgia. Of the shipments of hazardous materials inspected, MCCD officers discovered 2,636 hazardous material transportation violations, and 590 Out-Of-Service violations.

SIZE AND WEIGHT ENFORCEMENT
A critical component of MCCD duties and responsibilities is the protection of the state’s highway infrastructure (roads and bridges). Accordingly, MCCD enforces Georgia laws, rules, and regulations relating to size and weight of commercial motor vehicles and the loads thereon. Such laws are provided for in Article 2 of Chapter 6 of title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. MCCD operates of 20 permanent weigh/inspection stations in Georgia, which includes 19 permanent stations on interstate highways, and one semi-permanent station on GA 273 Spur in Early County, GA. MCCD provides size and weight enforcement coverage on both interstate and non-interstate highways in Georgia.

REGULATORY COMPLIANCE SECTION
The Regulatory Compliance Section is responsible for the issuance of certificates and permits for the Passenger Carrier, Household Goods, Transportation Referral Services, and Non-Consensual Towing Programs for intrastate motor carriers in Georgia. In addition to the primary responsibilities of the
program managers, educational outreach classes and program specific training sessions are routinely performed. Also, this unit is responsible for registering companies with Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) and Georgia Intrastate Motor Carrier (GIMC) Registration. This gives these companies authority to haul commercially in interstate and/or intrastate commerce.

**Non-Consensual Towing**

Non-Consensual towing regulates towing companies that tow illegally parked vehicles from private property. Non-Consensual Towing has one full-time employee, who is responsible for regulating over 317 active Non-Consensual Towing companies. There were 317 new towing permits issued, and 20 consent agreements were sent to noncompliant towing companies totaling $10,700. There were 33 complaints that were investigated and 49 Cease and Desist Orders were issued for the 2018 year.

**Household Goods**

The Household Goods Programs regulates movers who provides for-hire services in Georgia. This unit has one full-time employee that handles all applications, audits, complaints and investigations on household good movers. For the year 2018 there were a total of 23 Certificates issued. Out of the 23 certificates issued, 20 of those certificates were new companies. 11 audits were conducted and 15 complaints were reviewed. The unit totaled $4545 in revenue through application fees and civil penalties. 15 Cease and Desist Orders were issued in 2018.
For Hire Transportation Services
For-Hire Transportation services are companies like Uber, Lyft, and taxi companies that provide transportation to individuals for a fee. For the 2018 registration, there were a total of 1078 For-Hire Transportation Service Licenses issued. There were eight complaints reviewed. The regulatory unit is currently handling registrations for 2018. As of March 14, 2018, the Department have issued 365 For-Hire Transportation Service License for 2018’s registration.

Passenger Carrier and Limousines Section
The Passenger Carrier and Limousine section is responsible for handling approximately over 843 passenger and limousine carrier accounts. For the year 2018 they issued 74 new permits, 33 interim passenger certificates, 15 Passenger Certificates and 26 interim limousine certificates. There were 31 audits performed and five Cease and Desist Orders issued and 11 complaints investigated. There were also 11 consent agreements issued, and 12 training sessions conducted for 2018.

Unified Carrier Registration and Georgia Intrastate Motor Carrier Registration Section
The UCR/GIMC section is responsible for the registration of over 7,741 carriers for GIMC, and over 19,588 carriers for UCR registration. The UCR/GIMC registration gives intrastate and interstate carriers operating authority to haul goods and services in and through the state of Georgia. This unit collected the following registration fees for 2018.

• GIMC funds deposited for 2018 - $513,950.00 (includes collected fees paid for registration years 2016, 2017 and 2018 from 10/01/17 – 12/31/18)
• UCR funds deposited for 2018- $2,660,060.00

OVERWEIGHT CITATION SECTION
The Overweight Citations Section receives payments from carriers that have been issued civil citations for violating Georgia weight law limitations. Additionally, Georgia law provides for the impounding of violating vehicles when assessment fees remain unpaid. The Overweight Citations unit manages the impound program and provides remedies that may allow carriers to simultaneously operate their business and pay delinquent fines. The Overweight Citations Unit receives and processes carrier request for administrative law hearings to contest overweight assessments. In 2018, Overweight Citation Unit collected $104,132.75 for impounded vehicles.

SAFETynet PROGRAM SECTION
The Safetynet Unit is responsible for handling commercial motor vehicle driver inspection reports performed by certified Motor Carrier Compliance enforcement officers.

The Safetynet Unit accounted for and processed 95,941 driver vehicle inspections reports and uploaded these to the Federal MCMIS (Motor Carrier Management Information System) database. As a requirement, the unit also performs certifications on the total number of driver vehicle inspection reports returned from the motor carrier industry. During the year, the Safetynet Unit certified approximately 85% of the total number of inspections performed.

The Safetynet Unit maintains crash data on commercial vehicles received through an interface with the Georgia Department of Transportation and Lexis-Nexis (contractor for DDOT). Commercial accidents must meet the federal reporting criteria of being a fatality, injury, or tow-away. The unit reviewed over 6,900 commercial vehicle crashes and uploaded the data to the MCMIS database.

The Safetynet Unit is also tasked with the preparation and evaluation of the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Plan (CVSP) required annually by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration for MCSAP funding. Other federal grant requests, quarterly and annual reports are also prepared by the unit.

DATA Q’S SECTION
This section has one full time sworn officer and one part-time employee who are responsible for handling all safety and crash Data Q challenges for the state. This officer reviews driver/vehicle
examination reports and/or crash reports for accuracy and completeness. If a motor carrier has a problem or an issue with the inspection report or crash report then the officer will review all the data associated with the report and make a determination if the violation/issue discovered is to remain, be corrected, or completely removed from the inspection/crash report. This past year there was a total of 2,294 Data Q’s challenges reviewed with 417 corrections and 1,384 with no corrections. There were 493 Data Q’s with Adjudicated Citations reviewed.

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 officers and civilian who are cross-trained to conduct compliance reviews and CSA investigations.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY UNIT
The School Bus Safety Unit consist of 10 MCSAP certified officers who are responsible for conducting safety inspections on approximately 20,359 public school buses statewide. The unit also conducts inspections on over 600 Head Start buses annually. In addition to the primary responsibility of bus inspections, other responsibilities include conducting safety meetings and performing commercial motor vehicle inspections. The school bus officers are not assigned to Region 10 but we are responsible for collecting the inspections, reporting and maintaining the data. Also during 2018, Captain Durrence and Lieutenant Hatcher conducted six educational seminars for the RESA Districts in the state, promoting School Bus Safety and the new School Bus Inspection Database in partnership with Georgia Department of Education.

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.

• Facebook
• Twitter
• Instagram
• Media PSAs

METRO UNIT (STATION 7)
Station 7 is a component of Region 3. This unit is responsible for performing duties relative to the commercial vehicle safety mission, but also includes enforcing lane restriction laws inside the I-285 perimeter, as well as HOV and HOT lane restrictions. HOV lane operations are currently conducted by 12 officers (including unit supervisors) who are responsible for patrolling over 100 HOV & 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.

STOP THE THREAT ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVE
• The Stop The Threat initiative is a sustainable traffic enforcement strategy designed to take place in every area of the state. Our Mission with this program: Through education, outreach (media),
and aggressive traffic enforcement strategies, is to provide for a safer transportation environment for our citizens and the nation’s motorists.

- MCCD officers target for enforcement those commercial vehicle drivers and other motorists who endanger lives by engaging in unsafe driver behavior. Distracted driving kills! Impaired driving kills! Excessive speed kills! Tailgating other motorists kills! Any driver of any vehicle found violating such laws are held accountable to Georgia law.

- Throughout the state, MCCD strategically deploys officers in highly visible, marked patrol vehicles in both high crash corridors and high crash rural route areas of the state during periods that crashes involving CMVs most commonly occur. (Time of Day, Day of Week, Day of Month)

- Officers and troopers focus their enforcement efforts on crash causative factors such as:
  - Speeding
  - Distracted Driving, to include texting and cell phone violations
  - Following Too Close
  - Impaired Driving (alcohol & drugs)
  - Fatigued Driving
  - Improper Lane Changes and Improper Lane Usage
  - Seat Belt Infractions
  - Mechanical and Structural Defects on CMVs

- Cumulatively, MCCD officers conduct a total of 108 “Stop The Threat” events statewide, which is an average of nine events per month statewide.
TRAFFIC CRASH ANALYTICS

- As part of its commitment to CMV-involved crash reduction, the Department employs an analyst to study CMV-involved crash trends and chart crashes by location and time frame.

- Command staff is periodically provided with interactive crash dashboards that provide detailed CMV-involved crash trends that can be drilled down to the region or county level.

- Command staff also has access to the Georgia Roadway Incident Dashboard (GRID), a traffic crash analytical program developed for the Department by the University of Alabama's Center for Advanced Public Safety (CAPS). GRID provides the ability to map and analyze crash trends and factors for all crashes occurring on Georgia roadways.

- Crash trend data is a valuable tool used by Regional command staff to schedule daily enforcement and special high-visibility events, such as the Stop the Threat program.
OFFICE OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Accounting
The Accounting Section is responsible for maintaining the DPS accounting books and records for the Department of Public Safety/Georgia State Patrol and four attached agencies; Georgia Firefighters Standard and Training (GFFST), Peace Officers Standard and Training Council (P.O.S.T.), Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) and the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety (GOHS). The section consists of accounts payable, accounts receivable/revenue, payroll, grants, and general ledger activity.

The amount of revenue transferred to the State Treasury for the Overweight Citations Unit was $5,116,160.27 for Fiscal Year 2018.

Revenue received from the Motorcycle Patrol Unit for Fiscal Year 2018:

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The Accounts Payable section processed 6,433 checks and 15,041 electronic funds transfers. The department remitted surplus from State and Other Funds back to the State Treasury in the amount of $673,460.42.

Payroll
The Payroll Office is responsible for maintaining all payroll related reports and processing payroll twice a month for the Department of Public Safety/Georgia State Patrol and four attached agencies. Payroll is also responsible for balancing and issuing W-2s to all current and former employees of DPS and the attached agencies. In 2018, 2,221 W-2s were issued. The payroll office receives many phones calls requesting assistance or asking payroll related questions. Payroll employees also work closely with the State Accounting Office (SAO) to resolve all payroll problems related to PeopleSoft.

Grants
Grants 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 the following grants:

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, and other operational expenses. The Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2018 grant, for both units combined, was $3,143,406.14.

**K-9 Explosive Ordnance Disposal:** Grant funds of $6,000 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 to provide continuation of funding for the Regional K-9 Task Force. The grant provides funding for the unit commander, seven deputies, a secretary, and veterinary expenses. DPS did not retain any grant funds in FY18 and all funds were passed to the Chatham County Sheriff’s Office.

**Governor’s Task Force:** The Federal Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) awarded $741,000 to provide air and ground search and destroy missions for marijuana eradication efforts in Georgia.

**Aviation:** Grant funds of $549,154.76 were awarded from GEMA to provide funding to add DPS helicopters to the capability to provide air to ground video support.

**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 2018, FMCSA combined our New Entrant and MCSAP funding into one grant and DPS was awarded $9,776,445. 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 (CMVSP) and monitored throughout the plan year. During calendar year 2018, the Motor Carrier Compliance Division (MCCD) performed 89,374 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. During the FFY 2018, MCCD officers performed 1,232 safety audits.

**Overtime Reimbursements:** In SFY 2017, 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 2017, DPS was reimbursed $144,817.61 for overtime expenses.

**Procurement**
The Procurement Department is responsible for procuring the goods and services needed for the Department of Public Safety (DPS) personnel to carry out its mission. The procurement may be through open market purchases, statewide contracts, established agency contracts or bidding out
the service or goods. The Procurement Department must follow all laws and policies established by the Department of Administrative Services (DOAS) State Purchasing Division (SPD) and DPS policies. All procurement staff must take the training and pass the tests established by DOAS SPD to become a GA Certified Procurement Associate (GCPA). The Procurement Director must reach the level of GA Certified Procurement Manager (GCPM).

There are four agencies administratively attached to DPS. Procurement handles the procurement for two of the attached agencies, Georgia Firefighters Standard and Training (GFFST) and Peace Officers Standard and Training Council (POST). Both the Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) and the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) handle their own requisitions, purchase orders, and bids.

During calendar year 2018, the following purchase orders were processed:

- 7,060 purchase orders (POs - increase of 1,175) were processed for a total of $51,573,525.55 by DPS overall (all four attached agencies)
- 4,245 POs (increase of 1,310) were processed for a total of $38,474,676.82 by DPS (includes GFFST and POST)
- 1,103 Change Order POs DPS in its entirety
- 449 Change Order POs DPS (includes GFFST and P.O.S.T.)
- 20 bids were processed by DPS and all attached agencies
- 12 bids were processed by DPS
- 1 RFP began in 2018 and awarded in 2019
- Breakdown of PO types for DPS and all attached agencies

**Breakdown of PO types for DPS and all attached agencies:**

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**Excess Property**

**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 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.

In 2018, 339 agencies participated in the 1033 Excess Property Program. The total value of property distributed was $5,500,979.48. Since the beginning of the Excess Property Program, September 1, 1991 to present, $80,490,280.42 in equipment has been distributed to law enforcement agencies in Georgia.

Excess Property provides 1033 training the second Tuesday of each month, at the Excess Property Office. During 2018, there were 96 attendees in the training classes. Excess Property conducted 26 Program Compliance Reviews (PCR) on selected law enforcement agencies in the state that participate in the program. In March, a Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) team from Battle Creek, MI. conducted a Program Compliance Review on the Excess Property Office, as well as 30 selected law enforcement agencies throughout the state. The State of Georgia received a “compliant” rating for the PCR.

**1122 Program:** The 1122 Procurement Program is a federal program that allows state and local government agencies access to federal sources of supply to purchase equipment to support counter-drug, homeland security, and emergency response activities. The Department of Defense (DOD), Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), and the General Services Administration (GSA) provides an authorized list of items available for the purchasing of equipment and services through this program.

The 1122 Program affords state and local government agencies the opportunity to take advantage of the discounts available to the federal government due to its large volume purchases. By using this program, state and local government agencies are able to stretch their budget dollars. The participating agencies in Georgia have saved millions of dollars by using the 1122 Procurement Program. Agencies may be able to save from 15 to as much as 80 percent when purchasing equipment suitable for counter-drug, homeland security, or emergency response activities.

In 2018, Excess Property provided 1,083 quotes to the states and local government agencies that participated in the program. Out of the 1,083 quotes provided, 958 orders were placed, purchasing $11,607,893.90 in equipment, services and supplies. Excess Property provides 1122 Program training in conjunction with the 1033 Program training the second Tuesday of each month, at the Excess Property Office. In 2018, there were 96 attendees in the training classes. Training was also conducted at several locations throughout Georgia to accommodate the varying geographic locations of participating agencies.
EXECUTIVE SECURITY

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

During 2018, the Dignitary Protection Unit handled 985 security details logging in 11,832 hours. There were 42 visiting principals from other states or countries.

The Special Services Section screened 9,378 visitors attending public tours at the Governor's Mansion during 2018. There were an additional 2,622 guests attending special events. The Dignitary Protection Division, along with the Special Services Section, has a total of 31,367 security hours for the Governor's Mansion Facility in 2018. The Executive Security Division logged in 1,139 training hours in 2018.

AVIATION DIVISION

The Georgia State Patrol Aviation Division provides aviation support to the Georgia Department of Public Safety, other state agencies, local city and county agencies, and federal agencies as requested. The division has six hangars (Kennesaw, Albany, Gainesville, Perry, Reidsville and Augusta) placed strategically throughout the state and 14 aircraft in the fleet. The primary functions of the division includes search and rescue, fire suppression, Governor’s Task Force marijuana eradication program, aerial surveillance, executive transportation, and disaster relief.

Below is a brief look at the accomplishments and activities of the division for 2018:

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<td>321 Missions: 168 Fugitive Search and 153 Missing Persons</td>
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<td>Total flight hours for Governor’s Task Force</td>
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<td>Total flight hours for Executive Transportation (aerial support and route recon for multiple POTUS and VPOTUS visits)</td>
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<td>Support of Hurricane Michael Relief both pre and post landfall</td>
<td>80+ hrs.</td>
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LEGAL SERVICES OFFICE

The Legal Services Office provides assistance to the Commissioner and to the employees of the department concerning any matters associated with the day-to-day operations of the department. Members of the Legal Services staff work closely with Human Resources Division staff on issues related to compliance with labor and employment laws, matters related to the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Georgia Commission on Equal Opportunity, and the Department of Labor. Members of the Legal Services staff regularly provide training to the department’s employees during Trooper School, in-service training, and department-wide training on a variety of topics. Members of the Legal Services staff serve as the agency representative before Administrative Law Judges in personnel appeals, hearings related to overweight and oversized commercial vehicles and other administrative hearings.

The Open Records Unit is responsible for processing open records requests from the public with a focus on prompt and efficient customer service. This unit also provides guidance and assistance to department employees who respond to open records requests. In the calendar year 2017, the unit responded to 35,339 open records requests. In the calendar year 2018, the unit responded to 38,328 open records requests with a percentage of increase of 8.46%. (This number does not include the many requests for multiple reports, video, and photos logged under the same request).

The Administrative License Suspension (ALS) program is part of the Nighthawk DUI Task Force grant, which the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety awarded to the department. The grant provides specific funding for an ALS attorney and a paralegal. The ALS attorney serves as a department representative and assists troopers at ALS hearings. In addition, the ALS attorney provides assistance at ALS hearings for Troopers assigned to the Nighthawks DUI Task Force, including the majority of hearings in metropolitan Atlanta, Savannah, Statesboro, Albany and Columbus. The ALS attorney assists troopers statewide with questions regarding DUI and ALS issues and conducts DUI/ALS training for all new troopers attending Trooper School.

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 2018, some of the activities performed by the Legal Services staff were:

- Reviewed, revised or drafted approximately 155 contracts, agreements, or memoranda of understanding
- Opened 38,328 Open Records requests.
- Opened approximately 1,520 Administrative License Suspension cases and filed motions and briefs in approximately 860 cases and served as the agency representative at the related ALS hearings
- Opened 72 overweight/oversize citation cases and served as the agency representative at 42 administrative hearings
- Opened and processed 130 legal case files
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

The Office of Professional Standards (OPS) ensures the department's adherence to ethical standards, performance criteria and commitment to public service by conducting a variety of investigations including internal affairs matters, pre-employment background cases, some criminal activity and violations of speed detection device and light permits. The business components of OPS include Internal Affairs, Background Investigations, Polygraph, Permits, and support staff.

**Internal Affairs Unit**

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 red and blue lights, and 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 2018, the Department of Public Safety initiated 498 investigations. Of this number, 36 were complaint investigations conducted by field troop officers or Human Resources staff, while 462 were investigations conducted by the Internal Affairs Unit. The table below is a summary of the types and number of cases investigated during 2018:

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Pre-Employment
OPS is responsible for coordinating the function of pre-employment investigations for candidates seeking to join the Department of Public Safety. During 2018, the Background Investigation Unit managed 1,010 pre-employment applications from Human Resources. Of which, 621 did not meet the department’s employment standards and were disqualified from further consideration. There were 125 applicants who withdrew prior to the completion of the pre-employment investigations. The pre-employment investigations performed by GSP field Lieutenants and NCOs, as well as MCCD SFCs, and assisted by OPS, resulted in 230 applicants who were hired by DPS.

Polygraph Unit
During 2018, 1,054 polygraph examinations were conducted by the Office of Professional Standards. All were DPS pre-employment screening tests, none of which were a specific issue (internal affairs) test, and none were for outside agencies. The chief Polygraph Examiner conducted quality control which also included video reviews.
Speed Detection Device Permits
During 2018, OPS administered the statewide issuance of 217 speed detection device permits to law enforcement agencies. Of those permits, 156 were issued to cities or municipalities, 59 to sheriff’s offices, and two to college or universities.

Light Permits
OPS is responsible for reviewing applications and issuing permits for the use of amber, blue, and red flashing or revolving lights. From January through December 2018, OPS administered the issuance of 92,928 Amber Light Permits, 476 Blue Light Permits, and 609 Red Light Permits.

Window Tint Permits
OPS is responsible for reviewing applications and issuing permits for exemption to the Window Tint Law. From January through December 2018, OPS administered the issuance of 390 Window Tint Permits.

Additional Accomplishments
OPS continued to aid the department’s Training Office by providing instruction in GSP Basic Trooper schools, POST IT Training, P.O.S.T. Supervision Training, and DPS in-service classes. OPS also supports the Georgia Internal Affairs Investigators Association (GIAIA) with two members who serve on the Executive Board.

OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH
The Office of Planning and Research (OPR) is responsible for developing and maintaining the agency’s strategic plan, the bi-annual review of the agency’s policies, Uniform Crime Reporting, major event planning, and other special projects as directed by the Commissioner.

Super Bowl 53: During 2018, the office attended numerous planning meetings in a two-year multi-agency public safety effort to provide security for Super Bowl 53 scheduled in Atlanta on February 3, 2019. The office prepared the agency operational plan for the event, as well as facilitating monthly agency planning meetings, which began in September 2018.

Distracted Driving Study Committee: The office served as the agency liaison to the Legislative
Study Committee on Distracted Driving. Representatives of the office attending study committee meetings and provided testimony regarding DPS officer challenges in enforcing the existing law as well as providing pertinent crash data. The Study Committee published their recommendations, which included a “Hands-Free” Cell phone law, signed by Governor Deal and effective July 1, 2018.

**Uniform Crime Reporting:** The office collects and compiles arrest data each month to report the agency’s crime statistics. During 2018, representatives attended meetings preparing for the deployment of National Incident Based Reporting (NIBRS) in 2019.

**US Dept. of Justice National Use of Force Reporting:** The office serves as the agency representative to report data monthly regarding officer-involved shootings to the US Dept. of Justice. Policy Manual Review – The office facilitated the ongoing bi-annual review of the agency’s policy manual. Sixty-one policies were reviewed and updated during 2018.

**Georgia’s Statewide Opioid Strategic Plan:** As the agency representative, members attended multiple planning meetings while serving on the Statewide Opioid Task Force’s Control and Enforcement Workgroup. Members provided input regarding officer training for encountering fentanyl, as well as training in the use of naloxone to prevent fentanyl related deaths.

**OFFICE OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

During 2018, the DPS Critical Incident Support Team (CIST) assisted state, local and federal agencies (and immediate family members) in addressing cumulative and acute stress reactions. CIST also referred individuals for both professional counseling and long/short term treatment, both in and out patient. Team members have also spoken to civic groups, professional associations and schools for presentations. Interventions include one-on-one meetings, defusings, Critical Incident Stress Debriefings (CISD), Crisis Management Briefings (CMB), Post Critical Incident Seminars (PCIS) and the Sudden and Traumatic Loss Seminar (STLS). Most of the work that team members assist with are one-on-ones. Georgia endured six line of duty deaths (LODD) in 2018. They were all city or county police officers. There were no state officers, federal agents or deputy sheriffs deaths in 2018. CIST members assisted with one-on-ones, defusings, CMBs, CISDs and/or PCISs with regard to all six of these deaths. Because of CIST member interventions and local agency peer team interventions, five officers were transported by team members for in-patient treatment who exhibited suicidal intent, or for alcoholism. Below is a breakdown of activities for 2018:

- One on one ……………………670
- Defusing……………………..10
- CMB…………………………..6
- CISD…………………………….31
- PCIS…………………………….5 (One in GA, two in SC, one in NC and one in TX)
- STLS……………………………..1
- Presentations…………………..11
- Commitments…………………..5 (All voluntary – three state officers, two local officers)
  (Duration – one week to one month)
**DPS 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.

During 2018, the Georgia Department of Public Safety Honor Guard participated in 102 Honor Guard details throughout the State of Georgia, as well as other regions of the United States. The details consisted of four parades, 33 Presentation of Colors Details and/or Bagpiper, and 65 Funeral/Memorial Services. Members attended 16 trainings throughout the state. Also during 2018, members created the first Honor Guard flag, challenge coin, and developed plans for the first ever Honor Guard Band.

The Honor Guard also participated in several very high profile details including the National Police Officer's Memorial Service Week in Washington, D.C. and the funeral details of six law enforcement officers/state troopers killed in the line of duty in Arizona, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, New York, and North Carolina.

**DPS TRAINING DIVISION**

The DPS Training Division consists of the GSP Training Unit and the MCCD Training Unit. The office is located at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) in Forsyth, 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. DPS Training 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, with the approval of the Commissioner, the DPS Training Division also provides basic and advanced training to local agencies.

The 102nd Trooper School graduated with 39 new troopers on May 11, 2018. The 103rd Trooper School began February 11, and graduated with 48 new troopers on September 21, 2018. The 104th Trooper School began on June 24, with 43 cadets. The unit conducted the following training for the department: Spring Firearms Use of Force and qualification, Driving Simulator Training, LWRC Patrol Rifle qualification, Pursuit Liability with Due Regard, Child Passenger Safety Technician, Field Training Officer (FTO) Refresher, an FTO School, Accident Reconstruction 1 – 5, Supervision Level 1 – 3, Driving Instructor, Defensive Tactics Instructor and P.O.S.T. Instructor.


Sworn members of DPS received a grand total of 286,688 P.O.S.T. credited hours in 2018.
GOVERNOR’S TASK FORCE

The Governor’s Task Force/Drug Suppression (GTF) is assigned to the Office of the Deputy Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Public Safety and supervised by a task force commander from the Georgia State Patrol. GTF is comprised of six state agencies and one federal agency. 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 throughout the state. The task force is funded through the Federal Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program (DCE/SP). These federal funds, derived from asset forfeiture, are administered by the Department of Justice, through the Drug Enforcement Administration to the Georgia Department of Public Safety. The Department of Public Safety then allocates the funds within DEA guidelines to combat locally grown cannabis. The primary role of the task force is to eradicate domestic marijuana cultivation within the state of Georgia, both indoor and outdoor, and to gather intelligence relating to its manufacture and cultivation. Agencies comprising the 2018 task Force included Georgia State Patrol, Motor Carrier Compliance Division, Department of Natural Resources - Law Enforcement Division, Department of Corrections – Community Supervision Division, Georgia Army National Guard Counter Drug, and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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 shared with local agencies. Subsequent investigations result in numerous arrests and seizures. Georgia State Patrol/GTF Commander is responsible for entering all domestically grow cannabis data gathered in Georgia into the DEA Inter-Connectivity Endeavor/DEA Analysis and Response Tracking System (D.I.C.E./D.A.R.T.S.).

This year the GSP Aviation Division and the Georgia National Guard Counter Drug unit provided aircraft, pilots, and ground support personnel to support of the Governor’s Task Force. 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, SOG SWAT surveillance, 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.

During 2018, eradication efforts, support of the marijuana eradication program resulted in eradication of 17,279 plants, worth an estimated $43,197,500.00. In addition to the 90 grow sites located, 52 arrests were made and 21 weapons were seized. Due to the combined efforts of the federal, state, county agencies, and the hard work and dedication of the task force, approximately $753,575.00 of drug related assets were seized.
The Chatham County Sheriff’s Office K-9 Unit is comprised of 10 K-9 teams. There are six narcotic teams and four explosive teams. The K-9 Unit is partially funded by two federal grants – the Homeland Security Grant and the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. That funding comes to the Sheriff’s Office through the Georgia Emergency Management Agency and the Georgia Department of Public Safety. A Georgia State Patrol Captain oversees the K-9 Unit and administers the grant assigned to the Chatham County Sheriff’s Office. Two K-9 teams are assigned to the Criminal Interdiction Unit. In 2018, they seized $58,403.00 in U.S. Currency and made numerous narcotics seizures with an estimated street value of $31,305.10. Currently, one K-9 team is assigned to the Drug Interdiction Unit. The Drug Interdiction Unit seized $514,500.00 in U.S. currency and seized approximately $28,672,590.40 of illegal narcotics. Overall in 2018, the CCSO K-9 Unit performed 1,214 searches; 541 Narcotic searches, 498 Explosive searches, 175 weapons searches and 113 school searches in 37 schools. The K-9 Unit seized a total of $572,903.00 in U.S. currency and $28,714,555.50 of illegal narcotics. The K-9 Unit frequently conducts public/private demonstrations and assists other law enforcement agencies. In 2018, the Unit assisted a total of 60 law enforcement and private agencies and conducted 13 demonstrations. They also located/seized 12 guns while assisting other agencies.

The GEMA/HS Liaison keeps the Commissioner and Command Staff advised of emergency responses where it appears that DPS will be needed, and coordinates between DPS, GEMA/HS, and other law enforcement agencies. The GEMA/HS Liaison creates, maintains and updates DPS emergency plans including responses to natural and manmade disasters. 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/HS Liaison is responsible for the planning, preparing and responding to incidents requiring SNS materials within the state. The GEMA/HS Liaison serves as the DPS representative for the Child Abduction Response Team (C.A.R.T.). 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.

The GEMA/HS State Operations Center (SOC) activates during emergencies to provide state agency assistance to counties and municipalities within Georgia. The GEMA/HS Liaison is responsible for the operation of Emergency Support Function 13 (ESF 13) and coordinates law enforcement responses to requests from GEMA/HS and other federal, state and local agencies.

Below is a list of accomplishments for 2018:

- Participated in the State of Georgia After Action Review for Hurricane Irma;
- Participated in the I-95 Corridor Coalition Southern Regional Leadership Exchange;
- Participated in the Chatham County Emergency Management Agency Hurricane Perimeter Security Planning Group
- Participated in the Evacuation and Shelter-in-Place Planning Collaborative Sessions throughout the year;
- Attended Quarterly Homeland Security Task Force Meetings;
- Attended in Public Safety Interagency Planning Meetings for Super Bowl LIII in Atlanta;
• Attended GEMA/HS Emergency Services Branch Quarterly Meetings
• Participated as a member of the Exercise Planning Team for the Georgia Department of Agriculture's 2018 Rapid Response Team (RRT) Full Scale Exercise at the Guardian Center of Georgia
• Participated in the Fulton County Point of Dispensing (POD) DHEART Exercise
• Participated on the Interview Board for DPS Headquarters Cadets
• Participated in planning meetings and coordinated several response elements for the NSM Rally and Protest in Newnan, GA
• Attended the 2018 Chatham County Hurricane Conference in Savannah, Georgia
• Participated, by invitation, in the South Carolina State Emergency Response Team (SERT) Hurricane Workshop to coordinate with adjacent states on the evacuation mission and how it effects GA/SC traffic management interaction
• Participated, with the Georgia Department of Public Health, in the Centers for Disease Control’s (CDC) Operational Readiness Review (ORR). ORR is a rigorous, evidence-based assessment that evaluates state, local, and territorial planning and operational functions for a large response requiring medical countermeasures (MCM) distribution and dispensing
• Attended multiple meetings with federal agencies, including the U.S. Marshals Service, the U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Federal Bureau of Investigations, the U.S. Department of State, the Federal Air Marshal Service, the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Forestry Service and the Department of Defense to discuss emergency response planning, preparation and response issues
• Visited potential sites, with the Georgia Department of Public Health, to be used for emergency responses involving the Strategic National Stockpile Program
• Participated as a guest instructor for a Homeland Security Course for Kennesaw State University’s Honors Program
• Coordinated Georgia Department of Public Safety personnel and resources to assist the Georgia Secretary of State’s Office for the elections on May 22nd, July 24th and November 6
• Attended a Super Bowl LIII Executive Steering Committee for Public Safety Meeting
• Participated as a member of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division’s SPLASH Committee
• Participated in the HURREX 2018 Annual Exercise
• Coordinated state law enforcement personnel and resources to assist the U.S. Forestry Service and Lumpkin County law enforcement agencies with the Rainbow Family Event
• Participated in the State of Georgia Emergency Repatriation Technical Assistance (TA) Event along with other agencies including the Office of Refugee, U.S. Department of State, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection
• Participated in the development of the Gwinnett County Transit Emergency Response Plan (ERP);
• Participated in the Georgia Department of Agriculture’s 2018 Rapid Response Team (RRT) Full Scale Exercise at Guardian Centers of Georgia in August
• Participated in the Maritime Transportation System Threat exercise with the Georgia Port Authority Police Department
• Participated in the Emergency Management Accreditation Program for the Georgia Emergency Management Agency
• Coordinated state law enforcement personnel and resources in ESF 13 for responses to Hurricane Florence and Hurricane Michael October 10 - 19, 2018
• Attended multiple DPS Planning Meetings for Super Bowl LIII
• Met with the Georgia EMC to discuss GDOT’s post-landfall re-entry plans
• Participated in a Community Partner Interview Session for the Public Health Accreditation Board’s (PHAB) accreditation process to assist the Georgia Department of Public Health achieve its National Public Health Accreditation
• Assisted Executive Security with the Republican Ticket Statewide Bus Tour in November, just prior to the Statewide General Election
• Conducted a presentation about Homeland Security at a Rotory Club Meeting in Eastman, Ga.;
• Participated on the planning committee for WinterEX 2018 and participated in the training exercise on November 29th
• Attended the Child Abduction Response Team’s Annual Exercise in December to maintain the state’s CART Certification

HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION

The Human Resources Division provides services including recruitment, job development, compensation analysis, policy development and consultation, personnel transactions/benefits processing, employee relations and career development for the more than 1,600 employees of the Department of Public Safety. In addition, Georgia Firefighters Standard and Training (GFFST), Peace Officers Standard and Training Council (P.O.S.T.), Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) and the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) with more than 225+ positions/employees are administratively attached to DPS for benefits and transactions services.

The Human Resources Division worked closely with hiring managers, Recruiting and the Public Information Office to attract a qualified workforce. The Employment Section of the Human Resources Division supported the department’s critical staffing needs for Trooper, Motor Carrier Compliance Officer, Capitol Police Officer, Dispatcher and other support positions. The Employment Section received over 4,200 applications for Trooper School during this period, staffed the 104th through the 106th Trooper Schools, and initiated the application process for the 107th and 108th Trooper Schools scheduled for 2019. Human Resources continued to staff the pilot Internship program with the Georgia State Patrol as part of the department’s continued focus on recruiting Trooper candidates. The Employment Section continued its support of the Motor Carrier Compliance Division (MCCD) as they actively recruited to achieve their statewide staffing goals. The Employment Section continued its support of the Motor Carrier Compliance Division (MCCD) as they actively recruited to achieve their statewide staffing goals.

The Employment Section implemented software to improve communication by texting applicants in an effort to ensure they received pertinent information regarding the employment process. The Employment Section also worked with chief dispatchers to select the most suitable assessment/evaluation tool for the selection of dispatchers. Human Resources updated the department’s Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (EEOP) and continued partnership with Recruiting and Public Information Office to implement strategies to ensure employment of a diverse workforce.

Human Resources is responsible for coordinating the process for career advancement of the DPS sworn personnel. Testing and assessment centers were held in partnership with the Carl Vinson Institute of Government and 22 Promotion Boards were convened to provide opportunity for eligible sworn personnel to compete for promotion into established supervisory vacancies.
Throughout the year, Human Resources responded to numerous requests for information related to benefits, assisted employees in resolving benefit problems and hosted benefit related events. Human Resources staff processed over 3,000 transactions, including employee transfers, promotions, new hires and terminations, as well as maintained accurate personnel files, employment records, leave/time-keeping records and kept sworn employees’ employment history for POST updated. The Employee Relations Section updated the department’s Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (EEOP) in June 2018 and provided key workforce data such as turnover trends and exit interview insights to agency leadership. In partnership with the Legal Division, Human Resources developed and delivered updated workplace behavior training to all agency employees, contractors and temporary staff. Human Resources staff regularly consulted with individual employees and managers to address specific workplace issues, and conducted investigations into employee complaints.

RECRUITING/OFF-DUTY

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 providing informational actives at Civic Organizations, Educational Institutions, Military Bases, Intrastate and Interstate job fairs. The recruiters conducted 137 job fairs at Educational Institutions, 74 at Military Bases, 53 at Civic Organizations, 79 at other Organizations and 27 interviews via radio or television for a total of 370 job fairs, radio and television interviews in 2018. There were three three Trooper Schools advertised in 2018; the 105th, 106th and 107th. Total applicants for the 105th trooper school were 974, 1,993 for the 106th, 1,450 for the 107th Trooper School.

The Off-Duty Coordinator engages both sworn and civilian employees in outside employment opportunities; provides the employer with the Notice to Off-Duty Employer Form upon approval/disapproval of the commissioner or the commissioner’s designee; and maintains 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. An estimated 800 requests for outside employment forms were approved and 70 part-time employers were approved and added to the database.

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

The Public Information Office (PIO) serves as the liaison for the Department of Public Safety to the news media, other state and local agencies and the citizens of Georgia. The Public Information Office staff provides research and clearance for media inquiries and interview requests for 52 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. This office serves as the central filing, storage and retrieval of evidence photos, videotapes and documents; produces publications and graphics for special projects and social media; responds to media inquiries, prepares media advisories and news releases; highlights accomplishments and promotes enforcement campaigns through social media and press conferences; updates and distributes the department's policy manual; and serves as the representative/liaison to state and local agencies.
Below is a list of accomplishments for the Public Information Office:

- Distributed 100 Bulletins
- Distributed 25 News Releases
- Posted 14 blogs on the department’s Beyond the Badge
- Submitted four nominations for various LEO awards
- Coordinated annual DPS Awards Ceremony in Jekyll Island
- Participated in DPS Planning Meetings for Super Bowl LIII
- Represented the department at the Atlanta Police Department’s Super Bowl LIII PIO Subcommittee meetings
- Provided assistance to GEMA External Affairs (ESF-15) at GEMA’s state operations center (SOC) during Hurricane Michael
- Participated in APD’s Annual Media Roundtable
- Policies: Published – 12; Revised – 72; Reviewed – 8
- Taught policy manual and social media to the 104th & 105th Trooper and 2nd & 3rd MCO Schools
- Launched the See Something, Send Something app in Georgia, in conjunction with the Governor’s Office, Georgia Bureau of Investigations and Georgia Emergency Management & Homeland Security Agency
- Presented at the 2018 Georgia Association of Women in Public Safety Conference on social media
- Edited 24 video files of interviews containing confidential information for redaction;
- Prepared 86 certificates for presentation;
- Researched enforcement activity and fatal crash experience for the six holiday periods in 2018 to be used in 2019 holiday news releases;
- Compiled and distributed holiday enforcement activity and fatal crash experience for the 2018 holiday periods;
- Digitized case evidence (audio and video cassettes) for the Office of Professional Standards;
- Began tracking monthly activity related to citations issued for violation of the state’s hands-free driving law.
- Created evidence files and completed Open Records requests - 600
- Fulfilled 100 military pins/patch requests

TECHNOLOGY SECTION

The DPS Technology Section serves the needs of the department in the areas of personal computers, network, servers, and telecommunications. The Technology Section also provides direct support to the Department of Natural Resources through a Memorandum of Understanding through which DNR Law Enforcement Officers utilize the DPS CAD/RMS system.

During 2018, the Technology Section initiated or completed the following:

- Continued the transformation of the network and commenced speed upgrades
- Continued the transition to Office 365
- Issued monthly awareness bulletins regarding network security
- Headquarters storage upgrade continued, enabling for growth and expansion
- Provided connectivity at patrol posts and weigh stations for network security cameras
- Supported the Training Staff by providing and setting up mobile data terminals (MDTs) for use by cadets assigned to the 102nd and 103rd GSP Trooper Schools
- Replaced all Communication Center computers
• Coordinated the test and evaluation of body cameras
• Assisted with the establishment of new and relocated facilities
• Continued with the upgrade of all DPS computers to the Windows 10 operating system
• Created queries and reports against mobileforms database to aid in decision-making by DPS command personnel
• Development team worked closely with the Open Records Unit and Public Information Office to process data requests in a timely manner
• Commenced the School Bus Safety application for MCCD
• Continued the development of the *GSP mobile application
• Performed daily maintenance of many software applications, such as leave accounting, rosters and scheduling, sharepoint portal, and the overweight citation system
• Continued the development of an inventory system for the DPS garage, radio shop, and supply.

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, he assisted the Communications Director in the technical administration of the Georgia Interoperability Network (GIN), the State of Georgia’s interoperable public safety radio network.

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

Fleet Services
• New vehicles purchased for the department in 2018:
  • 132 Dodge Chargers: 105 GSP marked, 15 GSP unmarked, five MCCD, and seven Capitol Police
  • 109 Chevy Tahoes: three GSP, one Capitol Police, and 105 MCCD
  • Three Ford pickup trucks: one F-450 for MCCD, one F-250 for Aviation, and one F-150 for Facilities
  • Two Kia Optimas: MCCD
  • One Ford F-350 Passenger VAN: Garage
  • One GMC Denali and one Chevy Suburban for Executive Security
• Processed 673 departmental vehicle accidents/incidents
• Repurposed 48 vehicles for the 103rd Trooper School, 14 for the 104th and 18 for the 105th
• Disposed of and/or sold 210 vehicles: including 24 sold to other agencies; 122 sold through auctions; 32 sold for salvage through DOAS Risk Management and 27 transferred to the GA Public Safety Training Center. The total for auto sales was $575,870

Communication Services
• Provided communications plans, solutions and support during Winter-Ex details, IRON Man bike races, Peachtree Road race, Presidential visits, Hurricane Michael, Military plane crash in Port Wentworth, Rainbow Gathering, Championship Football game, MCCD PORT/Stop the Threat, St. Patrick's Day parade and Hands Across the Border
• Performed 158 GIN Link visits/installations
• Attended Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) Conferences
• Attended 12 local radio system communications meetings
• Attended and supported the statewide Mobile Communications Vehicle (MCV) Exercise at Lake Lanier Islands
• Attended and provided support for 11 Super bowl planning committee meetings Inventoried and decaled 1004 new mobile radios, 364 new portable radios, 241 vehicle repeaters, four base radios and 201 mobile cameras
• Successfully programmed and tuned mobile radios an estimated 4,800 times, portable radios an estimated 4,300 times, and programmed FutureCom repeaters an estimated 3,400 times
• Performed field repairs to roughly 150 vehicle mobile radios, cameras, lightbar, sirens and printers
• Performed radio system quality control checkouts on 325 new or reissued vehicles
• Removed radio, camera and emergency equipment from roughly 225 surplus vehicles
• Managed and coordinated repairs of roughly 180 statewide network outages
• Assisted with development/implementation of the new work order system
• Instructed as Trooper/MCCD Cadet School radio training sessions
• Instructed two Mobile Communication Vehicle training sessions with DPS dispatchers
• Performed 56 Tower site inspections
• Performed and managed repairs/optimizations to 18 radio tower sites
• Assisted DNR with management, programming and repair coordination of all their radio towers and control stations
• Investigated 12 cases of harmful radio interference with DPS communications systems
• Provided requested radio communications support, advice and assistance to several state and local agencies

Supply Section
• Outfitted the 103rd, 104th and 105th Trooper Schools
• Provided logistical support for Hurricane Michael
• Purchased and issued new rain gear to all sworn members
• Outfitted the second and third MCCD Motor Carrier Officer School

Facilities/Maintenance
• HQ Building and property renovations- $1.2 million
  • New computer services area
  • New MCCD Area
  • Open Records Unit renovation
  • Building #5 Peer Support Group
  • New paving
    • Parking lot
    • Helipad
• Post renovations and misc. work
  • Post 18 Reidsville - $84,000
  • Post 46 Monroe - $36,000
  • Post 39 Cuthbert - $51,000
  • Post 40 Albany - $25,000
• Hangar renovations and misc. work
  • Athens Hangar - $160,000
  • Albany Hangar - $42,000
• MCCD Weigh Station renovations and misc. work
  • Station 7 (Chester Ave) - $65,000
  • New generator installation for all weigh stations - $305,000
• The new Administrative Services building completion and grand opening - October 2018

Facilities submitted over 15 insurance claims relating to any DPS building damages to the Department of Administrative Services (DOAS). To date, Facilities has received over $110,000 in repayment for those claims.

Property Management
During 2018, Property Management processed 2,854 additions with acquisition costs totaling $15,256,697.35; processed 617 deletions valued at $8,902,770.92; and processed 9,630 in-house equipment transfers. These transactions are updated daily on the property system in an effort to track equipment and maintain an accurate inventory. All assets purchased, donated and/or transferred with an acquisition cost of $1,000 or more and all weapons, computers and communication equipment regardless of cost are recorded and managed using the statewide system, PeopleSoft.

Headquarters Security
This unit is responsible for monitoring the entrances and outside grounds of DPS Headquarters, as well as patrolling the parking lots and outside grounds. During 2018, approximately 3,500 individuals were signed in as visitors at the front desk of the DPS Headquarters Building. The sworn member of the unit performed approximately 75 vehicle inspections, which assisted the vehicle owner with obtaining a valid tag. During these inspections, one stolen vehicle was recovered by this unit. The unit delivered approximately 400 packages from the State Capitol and to the State Employees Retirement System. The unit also provided transportation for approximately 125 DPS employees to the airport and other business related destinations.