



# GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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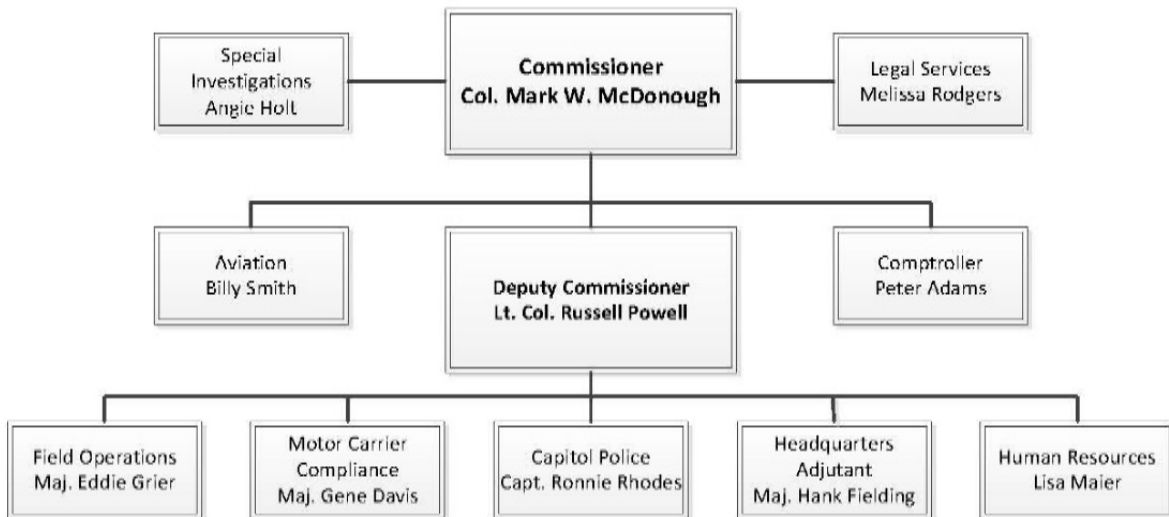
*The annual report of the Georgia Department of Public Safety including the Georgia State Patrol, Motor Carrier Compliance and Capitol Police.*

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## History of the Department

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

"Wisdom, Justice and Moderation" has been the motto of the Georgia State Patrol since its inception in March 1937. It was the motoring public who first advocated the need for the Department of Public Safety. Traffic fatalities, increased crime, and a need for a larger law enforcement agency with statewide arrest powers, led Georgia lawmakers to create the State Patrol. In the summer of 1937, the first Trooper School was held at Georgia Tech and graduated 80 Troopers. To date, the Georgia State Patrol has graduated 86 Trooper Schools.

### **Georgia State Patrol**

The Georgia State Patrol (GSP) has 49 posts throughout the state responsible for patrolling state highways, enforcing traffic laws, and assisting other law enforcement agencies. GSP is comprised of several special operation units including: Honor Guard, Specialized Collision Reconstruction Team, Specialized Weapons and Tactics, Dive Team, Nighthawks DUI Task Force, Motorcycle Unit, Criminal Interdiction Unit, K-9 Task Force, and the Governor's Task Force/Drug Suppression.

### **Capitol Police**

Officers with the Capitol Police Division investigate criminal incidents and traffic crashes; manage street closures for events; patrol the streets on Capitol Square and those adjacent to other state buildings; provide courtroom security for Georgia's Supreme Court and Court of Appeals; conduct security assessments and surveillance detection; and deliver personal safety training for state employees and others.

### **Motor Carrier Compliance**

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

**DPS Command Staff**

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**CAPTAIN RONNIE RHODES**  
CAPITOL POLICE DIVISION  
COMMANDING OFFICER



## Commissioner’s Office

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

### SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION (SID)

The Special Investigations Division (SID) performs its function by conducting a variety of investigations, including internal affairs matters, pre-employment background cases, some criminal activity and violations of speed detection device permits. In late 2012, the Special Investigations Division became the Office of Professional Standards (OPS).

OPS is comprised of the Internal Affairs Unit, the Background Investigation Unit, the Polygraph Unit, the Permits Unit, and support staff. In 2012, personnel assigned to the division included a director, an assistant director, two GSP Sergeants First Class, four GSP sergeants, three GSP Troopers First Class, one MCCD sergeant three, one police corporal, one investigator, two polygraph examiners/investigators (one transferred mid-year to another division), one Permit Issuance Specialist, one Confidential Secretary, and one part time support member.

**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 unit also investigates complaints alleging the misuse of speed detection devices by any agency bearing the department’s certification as well as assessing threats made against the department’s interests, and some criminal activity.

During 2012, the Department of Public Safety initiated 124 investigations. Of this number, 29 were complaint investigations conducted by field troop officers, while 95 were complaint investigations conducted by the Internal Affairs Unit. Members also performed a number of pre-employment investigations.

The table below is a summary of the types and number of cases investigated during 2012:

<b>Internal Affairs Unit</b>	
Abuse of Authority	3
Accident Investigation	5
Conduct Unbecoming	9
Domestic Misconduct	3
Harassment/Hostile Work Environment	2
Impersonating a Trooper	2
Improper Conduct	27
Misconduct during Traffic Stop	6
Off Duty Misconduct	1
Other	28
PIT/Pursuits	5
Recovery of Stolen Weapon	1
Speed Detection Device Complaint Investigations	17
Threat Assessment	5

Use of Force	8
Violation of Technology Policy	1
Work performance	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>124</b>

**Background Investigation Unit:** The Background Investigation Unit is responsible for conducting pre-employment investigations for candidates seeking to join the Department of Public Safety. During 2012, the Background Investigation Unit managed 1,077 pre-employment applications from Human Resources, an increase of 15% from 2011. Of those, 689 did not meet the department’s employment standards (as discovered during background investigation) and were disqualified from further consideration; and 72 applicants withdrew prior to the completion of the pre-employment investigations. The Background Unit, assisted by the Internal Affairs Unit, as well as GSP field Lieutenants and MCCD SFCs, conducted 316 pre-employment investigations on applicants who moved forward for further consideration for employment.

The 1,077 applicants wished to be considered for the following positions: (693) GSP trooper, (219) dispatcher, (134) Motor Carrier (cadet and weight inspector), (1) Capitol police/safety officer, and (30) support staff (secretary, clerk, computer services technologist, and mechanic).

**Polygraph Unit:** During 2012, the two polygraph investigators conducted 750 polygraph examinations for the Department of Public Safety. The overall number is steady from 2011, but both years represented a substantial increase from 2010. Of the 750 examinations conducted, 744 were pre-employment type and six were specific issue. The examination total represented a 242% increase over 2010 primarily due to expanded pre-employment testing. An additional 184 pre-employment polygraph examinations were conducted for the department by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Polygraph Unit.

In addition to conducting polygraph tests, the examiners provided instruction and specialized training for the Georgia and Tennessee Polygraph Associations, and in national seminars for the American Polygraph Association. Personnel also rendered support to the law enforcement community by serving on the Northwest Georgia Police Academy Advisory Board and by providing instruction at Kennesaw State University for the Criminal Justice program, the Georgia Internal Affairs Investigators Association, and the Georgia Public Safety Training Center.

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

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

During 2012, the Permits Unit issued or renewed 822 speed detection device permits (an increase from 310 in 2010 and 733 in 2011), 1,273 wholesale/retail firearms permits with attached fees of \$42,376 (an increase from 988 in 2010 and 1,131 in 2011), and 267 window tint permits (down from 286 in 2010 and 306 in 2011) with attached fees of \$2,670.

The initiative to reduce the delinquencies of firearms dealers permit was continued and helped to increase compliance with licensing statutes. This project includes acting upon information provided by the Bureau

of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms from inspections conducted on federal firearms license holders. The program seems to be responsible for a higher rate of renewal of firearms permits.

**Additional Accomplishments:** An OPS initiative in the Background unit was to reach outside of the unit for assistance with pre-employment investigations. The commissioner suggested GSP sergeants and MCCD SFCs be trained to conduct pre-employment investigations to accommodate the influx of applicants for all DPS positions and facilitate a quicker turnaround. These sergeants and SFCs joined GSP lieutenants who were trained in 2011, to be a “force multiplier” for the efficient, effective assessment of applicants for jobs in the department.

Members of OPS continued to support the department’s Training Unit by providing instruction in GSP Basic Trooper schools, POST IT Training, and DPS in-service classes.

## **LEGAL SERVICES**

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

The Legal Services staff works closely with Human Resources Division to ensure compliance with all applicable state and federal labor and employment laws and technical assistance to Human Resources in responding to inquiries made by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Georgia Commission on Equal Employment Opportunity.

The Legal Services staff also works closely with Investigative Services, providing guidance and assistance with investigative matters. The attorneys regularly provide training to the department’s employees during Trooper School and in-service training. The Legal Services staff also responds to inquiries from the general public regarding the department and the laws it enforces.

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

The Open Records Unit is responsible for processing open records requests from the public with a focus on prompt and efficient customer service. The unit also provides guidance and assistance to field staff responding to open records requests. The Open Records Unit saw many changes in 2012. In 2012, there was a 26% increase in the number of Open Records requests received although the staffing level remained the same with a Records Manager, an Assistant Records Manager and four Customer Service personnel. (This percentage does not take into account that many requests are for multiple reports/videos at the same time.)

In 2004, the department was awarded an Administrative License Suspension (ALS) grant from the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety (GOHS). The ALS grant is now part of the Nighthawk DUI Task Force grant, which was also awarded to the department by GOHS. The grant provides specific funding for an ALS attorney who serves as a department representative and assists troopers at ALS hearings, along with a paralegal who assists the ALS attorney with case preparation and record-keeping. The ALS attorney provides assistance at a majority of the ALS hearings in Troop C (metropolitan Atlanta). In addition, the ALS attorney provides assistance at ALS hearings for troopers assigned to the Nighthawk



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

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

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

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

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 2012, some of the activities performed by the Legal Services staff were:

- Reviewed, revised or drafted 67 contracts, agreements, or memoranda of understanding.
- Opened and processed 248 legal case files which included 43 asset forfeiture cases.
- Responded to 10,283 Open Records requests.
- Opened 2,031 Administrative License Suspension (ALS) cases and filed motions and briefs in approximately 1,102 of those cases and served as the agency representative at the related ALS hearings.
- Opened 129 overweight/oversize citation cases and served as the agency representative at 63 administrative hearings.

## **AVIATION**

The Georgia State Patrol Aviation Division is a support agency that encompasses 159 counties covering over 59,425 square miles and provides 24/7 law enforcement/public safety services to the citizens of Georgia. This assistance to state, county and city municipalities is at no cost to these agencies.

The GSP Aviation Division staffing consists of a director, assistant director, 14 pilots, 20 tactical flight officers, one maintenance supervisor, five maintenance technicians, and one administrative assistant. The Unit fleet of helicopters currently consists of, four Bell 407s, six OH-58s, one Bell 206, two UH-1H Hueys and one Cessna 182 airplane. Currently, the Aviation Division has six field hangars, in addition to the headquarters hangar facility at the Charlie Brown/Fulton County Airport in Atlanta. They are strategically located in Kennesaw, Gainesville, Augusta, Reidsville, Albany and Perry.

In 2012, the Aviation Unit collectively flew just under 1500 flights totaling over 2,900 hours of flight time. The vast majority of these flights were assisting local law enforcement agencies in locating missing/wanted persons in aerial searches and support to the Georgia Governor's Task Force for Marijuana Suppression. GSP Aviation flew over 163 missions, covering 93 counties, resulting in

approximately 1000 hours of flight time in support of the marijuana eradication program. This assistance resulted in eradicating 67,734 plants worth an estimated \$135 million. In addition to the 133 grow sites located, 81 felony arrests (79 US Citizens and two Foreign Nationals) were made and 138 firearms were seized. Also, due to the combined efforts of the federal, state and county agencies and the hard work and dedication of the task force, approximately \$1.8 million in assets was also seized. Fire suppression, SWAT, hoist rescue operations, aerial surveillance, microwave downlink and executive transport are some of the other major services provided by the GSP Aviation Unit.

Also in 2012, the Aviation Unit adopted and implemented a Safety Management System (SMS). This invaluable system provided guidance and direction toward improving safety awareness and aided in implementing changes in policy and procedures that directly affected the manner in which operations are conducted. SMS is based on leadership and accountability. It requires a proactive approach in identifying hazards, implementing risk management and mitigating techniques, encouraging employee participation by a simplified reporting method, and requiring timely feedback. Some of the benefits associated with the SMS program is reduced exposure to risk, improved safety culture, reduced costs and improved economic and operational efficiencies. It also results in fewer accidents and incidents, and creates a better trained, more cooperative and safety conscious unit.

Finally in 2012, the GSP Aviation Division was selected for the 2012 International Association of Chiefs of Police Excellence in Police Aviation Award. Nominations from aviation units all around the world are submitted each year for this prestigious award. Many factors, including training programs, safety records, mission capabilities and other facets, are considered in the selection process. Only three awards are given each year for these categories: Individual, Small Aviation Unit and Large Aviation Unit. The Aviation Unit was selected in the Large Aviation Unit category. In addition to this great honor, the Unit has also received national recognition by being featured in several national aviation magazines, a great tribute to the Georgia State Patrol and its Aviation Division.

## **COMPTROLLER**

**Budget Office:** The Budget Office is a section within the Comptroller's Office. The Budget Administrator is responsible for managing the department's Budget, DPS/MCCD Concur Travel Office, Facilities and Mailroom sections.

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

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

Excess Property was formally created in 1991 to provide a coordinated means for state and local law enforcement agencies to obtain excess Department of Defense (DOD) equipment.

This division is the state point of contact for the 1122 Procurement program, which provides a means for state and local agencies to purchase equipment using federal government contracts. This office is also a state coordinator for the Bulletproof Vest Partnership program.

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

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

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

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

The amount of revenue for the Overweight Citations Unit that was transferred to the state treasury was \$6,952,622.63 for fiscal year 2012.

Revenue received from the Motorcycle Patrol Unit for fiscal year 2012:

Atlanta Municipal Court:	\$ 125,558.01
Cobb State Court:	\$ 1,636.11
Fulton Magistrate Court:	\$ 862,484.12
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 989,678.24</b>

The Department of Public Safety has 50 Posts located throughout the state, and Capitol Police located in Atlanta. The 50 GSP posts, Capitol Police, and the Motorcycle Unit collect the fees for copies of accident/incident/citation reports requested by citizens. The total revenue collections for fiscal year 2012 were \$122,175.17.

The Accounts Payable section processed 9,975 checks and 5,559 electronic funds transfers.

The Department of Audits performed a financial review of the accounting records for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. As a result of this review the department received a clean opinion and remitted surplus back to the state treasury in the amount of \$183,901.75.

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

The Purchasing staff was heavily involved in training classes, on and off-site meetings, webinars and various other aspects of securing hands-on exposure which assisted in successfully moving to the Team Georgia Marketplace (TGM) environment at the close of 2011. What initially began as a few introductory courses has developed into a mainstream regimen of applications. In addition to being designated Super Users, the purchasing professionals have achieved certifications such as Georgia Certified Purchasing Associates (GCPA), Georgia Certified Purchasing Card Administrators (GCPCA), and the Request for

Proposals (RFP) certification. These certifications empower purchasing professionals with the ability to demonstrate competencies in many areas of procurement. Corporate procurement knowledge achieved through the many phases of training is being constantly reviewed and passed to those in the field who are involved with preparation of requisitions for products, services, IT and infrastructure needs, as well as purchasing card purchases.

After a full year of TGM implementation, Purchasing has been made more aware of the primary benefits of this transition which include a requisition tracking system to detail the purchasing process into specific tasks, along with automated purchasing systems to improve workflow and create transparency. As a result, department leaders can see details regarding the status of requisitions processed by the Purchasing Division, tracking their projects from the creation of a requisition through the award of a purchase order.

The three primary roles in the new process are:

- The **Requester** is a designated employee within each troop, unit, or region that purchases supplies or services.
- The **Approver** is usually the Requester's direct supervisor or other employee who has approval authority.
- The **Agency Buyers** are the procurement professionals—those designated in the Purchasing Division.

The Purchasing Division is also responsible for overseeing the Purchasing Card (P-card) program for the agency, which currently has 149 cardholders. Responsibilities include keeping field personnel apprised of all changes/updates to the program, as well as monitoring purchasing activities. This year Purchasing has had the additional task of ensuring each user and the designated approver received the proper training in Team Georgia Marketplace (TGM), which enabled them to review, verify, and approve all transactions electronically. Field personnel have continued to attend classes as needed, webinars, regional training and taken on-line training courses to round out their exposure to the methodologies required to be successful in the Team Georgia Marketplace arena.

During 2012, DPS has processed over 1,600 requisitions, and the department's cumulative expenditures using purchase orders and p-cards totaled \$23,915,258. Purchases using agency contracts totaled \$1,543,252. Purchases utilizing mandatory and convenience Statewide Contracts totaled \$16,151,009. Purchasing cardholder transactions totaled \$1,746,816. Other generic categories made up the remaining expenditures.

**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 2012, 1,945 W-2s were issued. The payroll office assists employees with any questions regarding W-2s. Other payroll functions are as follows:

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

- Balancing all deduction reports and coordinating with Accounts Payable to send out checks or transfer monies for all employee deductions, including but not limited to tax levies, garnishments, child support payments, supplemental insurance deductions, credit union deductions, and deferred and defined compensation. Additionally, payroll assists employees with any questions or concerns regarding tax levies and garnishments.
- Reconciling, balancing and submitting retirement reports, which includes four different retirement plans, each with a different percentage for employer share. Monthly retirement reports must be corrected and resubmitted for all retroactive salary adjustments.
- Balancing health insurance reports for all health insurance plans and coordinating with Department of Community Health (DCH) to resolve problems.
- Balancing and submitting quarterly 941 federal tax reports, quarterly state tax reports, and the quarterly unemployment report for the Department of Labor.
- Entering information for all annual leave, FLSA, and holiday leave payouts as necessary.
- Entering hours for all hourly employees each pay period when timesheets are received.
- Entering all overtime hours to be paid.
- Coordinating with the Budget Office regarding all employees who are paid through grants.
- Distributing quarterly payroll calendars to all employees, incorporating internal cutoffs dates for submission of timesheets and payroll exceptions.
- Ensuring that all personnel entries are correct in the system and making any and all payroll corrections when errors are discovered.
- Completing special projects, as necessary, due to lawsuits or other requests from the Legal Services Division.
- Researching and answering all requests on employees and former employees from the IRS, Social Security Administration, Retirement System, and other agencies.

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

**Overweight Citations Unit:** The Overweight Citations Unit is responsible for collecting and processing monetary fines imposed on trucks for being overweight when issued a citation at Georgia weigh stations. This office establishes the accounting policy to determine and implement internal financial controls in order to develop and institute accounting procedures for processing the collection of these monetary funds. This included the daily depositing of these funds so these funds can be transmitted to the Treasury of the State of Georgia. This process allows this unit to monitor and maintain accounting records on these transactions.

Additional functions performed by the Overweight Citations Unit include:

- Processing insufficient funds (INS) checks.
- Researching and applying unapplied funds to appropriate accounts.
- Initiating refunds.
- Linking carriers' accounts to departmental accounts.
- Monitoring appropriate bankruptcy cases.
- Maintaining citation disputes and administrative hearing documents in coordination with the department's Legal Services Office.
- Preparing monthly financial statements and reports for the department's comptroller.
- Issuing and monitoring conditional release agreements between DPS and the carrier/owner-operator (when signed by both parties) which permits monetary funds to be applied in a timely manner to past due citations.

This unit processed, collected and deposited \$6,946,713.28 of monetary fines for fiscal year 2012.

**Excess Property Office:** Excess Property is responsible for managing the 1033 and 1122 Procurement Program. The mission of this office is to support Georgia's state and local law enforcement agencies. Excess Property works with a number of federal government offices to maximize support for Georgia.

Section 1033 of the fiscal year 1997 (FY 97) National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) authorizes the Secretary of Defense to transfer excess Department of Defense (DOD) personal property to federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies (LEAs). Special consideration is provided to counter-drug and counter terrorism activities. Section 1033 of the FY 97 NDAA superseded Section 1208 of the FY 90 and FY 91 NDAA. It was codified into law as 10 USC Section 2576a. Department of Defense Instructions and Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) instructions provide additional guidance and assigns DLA Disposition Services Law Enforcement Support Office as the program manager.

This valuable program recycles federal tax dollars back to Georgia. Many law enforcement agencies receive much needed equipment free of charge that they would not be able to purchase without these programs.

The Excess Property Office has been in operation since September 1991. More than \$300,000,000.00 worth of used and new Department of Defense property/equipment has been recycled back to Georgia law enforcement agencies.

During this year, the Excess Property Office underwent a Program Compliance Review. Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO), DLA Office of Inspector General audited 32 law enforcement agencies. The overall results of the audit for the state were good. Excess Property received several outstanding accolades.

Excess Property Office conducts annual inventories certification of controlled property for each law enforcement agency which participates in the 1033 program. This included submitting photos of aircraft, watercraft, weapons and High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWVs) to LESO and provided serial numbers in the certification report.

Law enforcement agencies receive much needed equipment free of charge through the 1033 program that they are not able to purchase and would not be able to obtain without this program.

**Receiving and processing Law Enforcement Agency (LEA) Applications for Participation to Law Enforcement Support Office:** This is an annual requirement and is done throughout the year for over 500 agencies, plus having each agency sign a Memorandum of Agreement to participate in the 1033 program.

The Department of Defense is undergoing a changeover into a new computer program for the accountability for property. The new program requires each agency that had property issued through the 1033 program to go online and register. This is an updated electronic screening process for property. There is a two-step process for an agency to get registered. Once they are registered, the next step is to train them on the new system.

In June 2013, LESO will begin with a new automated property book. This will require each LEA to register into the new program in order to have access to their property book. This will be an additional training that will have to be done with the law enforcement agencies which participate in the 1033 program and any new agencies that sign up to participate.

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The 1122 program resides with the Department of Defense. The U.S. Army, as the executive agent of the program, formed a steering committee initially consisting of representatives from the Army, the General Services Administration (GSA), the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), and the Department of Justice (DOJ). Today, the Army, GSA, and DLA are actively involved in the program. One of GSA's responsibilities under the program is the development of a catalog that delineates the items available under the 1122 program.

The 1122 program offers Americans peace of mind by enabling state and units of local government access to federal sources of supply to purchase equipment in support of counter-drug, homeland security and emergency response activities. The Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2009 amended 10 U.S.C. 381, to expand the procurement authority under the 1122 program beyond counter-drug activities, to include equipment for homeland security and emergency response activities.

During July 1, 2012 through March 28, 2013, Excess Property processed \$6,790,323 worth of purchases using the 1122 program for state and local agencies.

Excess Property provides training classes for the 1033 and 1122 programs. From July 1, 2012 to March 28, 2013 Excess Property Unit provided this training to 172 personnel from state and local agencies throughout Georgia. Excess Property employees also work closely with the LESO to resolve all problems related to the LEA's property book and the automated screening concerns.



## Deputy Commissioner's Office

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

### 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.

For the calendar year 2012, the Dignitary Protection Unit handled 2569 security details logging in 28,402 hours. There were 56 visiting Principals from other States or Countries. In September 2012, security was provided for 12 out-of-state governors attending the Republican Governor's Association Conference in Atlanta.

The Special Services Section screened 14,020 visitors attending public tours at the Governor's Mansion during the 2012 calendar year. There were an additional 6760 guests attending special events. There was a total of 20,780 security hours for the Governor's Mansion Facility in 2012. The Executive Security Division logged in 655 training hours for calendar year 2012.

### TRAINING



The DPS Training Division consists of the GSP Training Unit and the MCCD Training Unit. The office is located at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) in Forsyth, Georgia. The Training Division is responsible for facilitating basic and advanced training for all members of The Georgia State Patrol, Motor Carrier Compliance, and Capitol Police. The DPS Training Division maintains training records for all members as well as reporting training to The Peace Officer Standards and Training Council. Upon request, with the approval of the Commissioner, the DPS Training Division also provides basic and advanced training to local agencies.

**GSP Training Unit:** The 89<sup>th</sup> GSP Trooper School graduated on June 1, 2012, with 45 cadets. The 90<sup>th</sup> GSP Trooper School began March 18, 2012, and graduated on October 26, 2012, with 29 cadets. The 91<sup>st</sup> GSP Trooper School began on August 12, 2012, with 32 new cadets. The unit conducted the following training for the department: Spring and Fall Firearms In-service, Spring and Fall Physical Training In-service, Firearms Simulator Training, Police Patrol Rifle, Pursuit Liability, Standardized Field Sobriety Training (SFST) Update, Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE), Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST), Field Training Officer (FTO) Refresher, an FTO School, and POST Instructor.



**MCCD Training Unit:** The MCCD Training Unit is responsible for the professional development, training, and the continuing education of 204 MCCD Law Enforcement Officers, 16 Georgia State troopers assigned to the MCCD Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit. During 2012, MCCD instructors provided 15,478 hours of individual instruction through core classroom instruction leading to the initial certification of NAS inspectors and continuing education in General Hazardous Materials, Cargo Tank, Bulk Packaging, Motor Coach, Radiological Materials and securement. Additionally, MCCD instructors provided instruction for the professional development of supervisors. MCCD instructors provided a minimum of 20 hours of in-service instruction for each MCCD officer, as required by Georgia Peace Officer's Standards and Training, including firearms training, first aid and CPR, as well as federal and state legal up-dates. The MCCD Training Unit offers and coordinates commercial vehicle inspection courses, the required field training for newly trained commercial vehicle inspectors, drug interdiction courses, and other law enforcement specific courses to state, local, and out-of-state law enforcement officers.

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

Sworn members of DPS received a grand total of 234,236 P.O.S.T. credited hours for 2012.

## GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE

The Governor's Task Force/Drug Suppression (GTF) is supervised by a task force commander from the Georgia State Patrol. GTF is comprised of six state agencies and four federal agencies. The primary role of the task force is to eradicate domestic marijuana within Georgia and to gather intelligence relating to its manufacture and cultivation. Agencies comprising the task force are: The Georgia State Patrol, Department of Natural Resources – Law Enforcement Division, Department of Corrections – Probation Division, Georgia Army National Guard Counter Drug, Drug Enforcement Administration, Civil Air Patrol, and United States Forest Service.

Each agency provides resources specific to their enforcement mission, i.e. aircraft, intelligence, logistical and administrative support, equipment and personnel trained and experienced in operating in a variety of environments found within the state. The task force is funded by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program (DCE/SP). These federal funds are asset forfeiture funds and administered by the Georgia Department of Public Safety.

**Unit Summary:** Operational goals for the Georgia Eradication program in 2012 were to utilize intelligence and aggressive enforcement to locate marijuana cultivation operations and prosecute those responsible for the criminal activity with increased efforts on public lands. 2012 Operational goals were exceeded with an increase over 2011 in plants eradicated, arrests, weapons seized and asset seizures. The increase is attributed to the prevalent use of public lands by drug trafficking organizations. Fifty-three percent of the outdoor marijuana plants eradicated were located in 11 plots in the Chattahoochee National Forest. The remaining 47% were located in 122 plots in 93 of 159 counties statewide. GTF initiated and developed intelligence for grow operations throughout the state. The intelligence was then forwarded to local agencies. Subsequent investigations resulted in numerous



arrests and seizures. The 2012 statistics indicate the degree of success in achieving primary operational goals.

<b>Category</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Indoor Grow Plants	4,846 Plants	4,255 Plants	<b>12% decrease</b>
Outdoor Grow Plants	18,710 Plants	67,634 Plants	<b>72% increase</b>
Total Plants	23,556 Plants	71,889 Plants	<b>67% increase</b>
Arrests	101	112	<b>10% increase</b>
Outdoor Sites Eradicated	182	157	<b>14% decrease</b>
Indoor Grows	20	24	<b>16% increase</b>
Weapons Seized	133	180	<b>26% increase</b>
Asset Seizures	\$812,247.65	\$3,952,307.00	<b>79% increase</b>

Outdoor and Indoor domestic marijuana cultivation continues to be problematic in the State of Georgia. A current cultivation trend noted the use of indica plants in place of sativa plants resulting in a shorter wider plant producing larger yields of marijuana per plant. Numerous Drug Trafficking Organization (DTOs) sites were located in different regions of the state to include Mexican, Vietnamese and Cuban Organizations operating indoor and outdoor grow sites. Each of the outdoor locations had similarities such as food and tent shelters. The northeast region, a mountainous area which provides an ideal location for marijuana cultivation, continues to produce cannabis. The southeastern region, predominantly rural, is also an area frequented by growers. Predominantly, marijuana growers continue to plant small plots or individual plants in order to hinder detection. The warmer climate of the southern regions of Georgia allows marijuana growers the ability to harvest a minimum of two crops during the season. The Task Force has found that most plant seedlings were initially germinated in an indoor environment and transplanted outdoors as the season began. Most seedlings displayed grow cups attached to the root system indicating various indoor growers around the state.

Percentage of enforcement spent on:

- Public Lands vs. Private Lands
  - 35% Public Lands vs. 65% Private Lands
- Outdoor Cultivation vs. Indoor Grows.
  - 80% Outdoor Cultivation vs. 20% Indoor Grows

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

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

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

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

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

## HUMAN RESOURCES

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

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

**Employment and Career Development:** The Human Resources Division works closely with hiring managers to attract and retain a qualified workforce. Human Resources staff conducts targeted recruitments, assesses and communicates with job applicants as they move through the hiring process, and participates in interview and selection processes. Human Resources staff compiles applicant data and works closely with the Office of Professional Standards to process applicants through background investigations. In an effort to continuously provide opportunities for growth and advancement for sworn personnel, testing and assessment centers are coordinated through Human Resources in partnership with the University of Georgia.

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

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

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

## **PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE**

The Public Information Office (PIO) serves as the liaison for the Department of Public Safety to the news media and citizens of Georgia. This office consists of three units: Documents, Graphics and Publications. The Public Information Office staff provides research and clearance for media inquiries and interview requests for 50 Georgia State Patrol posts, nine Motor Carrier Compliance regions, including the Statewide School Bus Safety Region 10, and Capitol Police.

**Director's Office:** The PIO Director manages the daily operations in the Public Information Office, maintains the retiree notification system, and compiles quarterly GOHS/NHTSA data for statewide seatbelt, child restraint and DUI enforcement campaigns. The director coordinates the dissemination of information to members of the Command Staff of working significant incidents/crashes utilizing the group paging system. Additionally, the director represents the department on the Governor's Public Safety Awards Committee, serves as a member of the Public Safety Memorial Committee, coordinates the department awards program. He also conducts a training course in media relations to trooper cadets during GSP Trooper School.

**Documents Unit:** PIO serves as the central filing, storage and retrieval of evidence photos, videotapes and documents from all GSP, MCCD, and Capitol Police field operations. All PIO staff members are designated as custodians of public record. Documents received and filed over 1,900 types of evidence and completed more than 1,100 evidence requests. This evidence included photographs, videos, crash and incident reports, SCRT reports, subpoenas, requests for production of documents, and other documentation. The Documents and Graphics Units also completed requests from the Open Records Units which included photograph and CD/DVD duplication.

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

**Publications Unit:** Publications is responsible for the production of the department's quarterly newsletter, the DPS Annual Report, special projects and the Department of Public Safety website. This unit also provides special assistance in coordinating departmental submissions for the Georgia Governor's Challenge and the International Association of Chief's of Police (IACP) awards programs.

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



## HEADQUARTERS ADJUTANT

### Administrative Services Division

The DPS Administrative or General Services Division is responsible for providing support to all divisions of The Department of Public Safety. Those services include, but are not limited to: Fleet Management/Vehicle Services, Physical Property Inventory, Supply, Headquarters Maintenance, Risk Management Claims Service, working with the State Properties Commission concerning land acquisitions and disposing of surplus property, and coordinating and managing new post design and construction, as well as maintenance and repair of existing structures and grounds. General Services personnel are often tasked with unexpected or specialized support duties such as arranging for posts or units to obtain needed items through the State Surplus Property Program, moving and sometimes storing furniture, emergency quartering, and bidding out large construction or repair projects to name a few.

**Property Management Unit:** The Property Management Unit is responsible for maintaining an inventory of physical property for the Department of Public Safety. This includes DPS Headquarters, 50 State Patrol posts, 10 Motor Carrier Compliance Division regions, Aviation, and Capitol Police, as well as various specialty units and administratively attached agencies.

All assets purchased, donated and/or transferred with an acquisition cost of \$1,000.00 or more and all weapons, computers and communication equipment regardless of cost are recorded, managed and tracked using the statewide system PeopleSoft.

During 2012, Property Management processed 1,216 additions with acquisition costs totaling \$19,757,249.61 and 742 deletions valued at \$5,790,896.24. The section also processed 8,251 in-house equipment transfers and 236 personnel changes. These transactions are updated daily on the property system in an effort to track equipment and maintain an accurate inventory which is subject to state and federal audit.

**Risk Management Services:** Risk Management filed nine incidents of insurance loss claims with DOAS Risk Management that exceeded the required \$1000.00 deductible. Five were due to lightning, one due to water damage, one due to other storm and wind damage and two as the result of vehicle collisions. Property damage claims from the field resulted in an estimated loss of \$57,431.92 to the department. Insurance reimbursed DPS \$50,934.00 for the claims. Our policy deductible costs account for the \$6,497.92 difference. Although claims are typically closed within 120 days, there is still one outstanding transient property claim that resulted from a patrol car collision which occurred December 31, 2011.

**Maintenance Section:** Maintenance personnel are charged with repair and maintenance of all buildings at the DPS Headquarters complex, as well as the Troop C posts in the Metro Atlanta Area. Maintenance also supervises a crew of transitional inmates that keep the grounds and perform lawn maintenance. Several renovation projects were completed, to the Headquarters building and maintenance was instrumental in helping with several large scale moves of posts or units from one location to another.

**DPS Garage:** The DPS Garage continued preparing, equipping and arranging for repairs of DPS vehicles in support of the Georgia State Patrol, Motor Carrier Compliance Division and Capitol Police Division. The garage also restored and equipped 25 High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWVs) for emergency special purpose use. In addition, garage personnel prepared 74 patrol cars for the graduating cadets of the 89<sup>th</sup> and 90<sup>th</sup> GSP Trooper Schools.

**Supply:** The Supply Section is responsible for supplying and/or issuing all GSP, M CCD, Capitol Police uniformed personnel, Aviation, SWAT, Training, Executive Security, Capitol Police and Customer Service Agents with uniforms and equipment. All clothing and equipment transactions must then be manually logged into a software database. Supply is also tasked with keeping track of countless gun transactions that occur each month. These gun transactions are then forwarded to the Property Section for verification.

There were three different Trooper Schools that were either partially or completely finished within 2012. All cadets had to be outfitted which included about 75 items per Trooper Cadet, as well as firearms. There were approximately 105 retirees, resignations or dismissals processed by Supply during 2012.

Supply also delivers five gallon water bottles to over 40 water coolers daily and delivers packages from UPS, FedEx, etc. to headquarters personnel.

**Vehicle Support Services:** DPS Fleet Services began its vehicle sales program in April of 2012. With the passing of House Bill 253 code section 35-2-58 which allowed DPS to straight sell cars to other government subdivisions or either auction off its surplus vehicle inventory and apply the proceeds toward the purchase of new vehicles for the fleet. A total of \$436,605.00 was paid to the department as a result of vehicle sales from the program's inception beginning April 2012, to the end of December 2012.

Vehicle Support Services processed the paperwork for and purchased 199 new vehicles for our Department. The breakdown of these vehicles is as follows: 171 Dodge Chargers, 24 Chevrolet Tahoes, two Chevrolet Suburbans and two Ford trucks. There were 14 used vehicles transferred or donated to the department. Vehicle Services issued 215 new pursuit vehicles during the calendar year which included vehicles received in 2011 that were not ready for issuance until 2012.

A total of 420 departmental vehicle accidents/incidents were processed and please note that this total includes all vehicle accidents and incidents including P.I.T.S., animal collisions, at fault and not at fault accidents, etc., as well as windshield repairs and replacements (mostly from road debris that DOAS Risk Management began covering on the insurance). Of these accidents, 22 vehicles were totaled.

A total of 192 vehicles were stripped and taken out of service in preparation to sell. Of these, 32 were transferred to the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, 140 were sold at the public auction and 20 were sold directly from the department to other state or local law enforcement agencies.

**Physical Property and Building Management Section:** The addition of Post 50-Capitol Hill took place over the summer and Troop C Command, Aviation, SWAT, Post 48, Motor Unit and the Nighthawks were relocated to a new 77,000 sq. ft. complex, with an aviation hanger, located off Fulton Industrial Blvd. Extensive renovations were completed to Post 5-Dalton, Post 41-LaFayette, Post 8-Madison, and Post 17-Washington.

## Technology Division

The DPS Technology Section consists of the Technology Director, his immediate staff, the Computer Services Unit and the Communications Unit who serve the needs of the department's almost 1,600 employees in the areas of personal computers, servers, land mobile radios, and telecommunications.

The Technology Section also provides direct support to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) through a Memorandum of Understanding through which DNR law enforcement officers utilize the DPS CAD/RMS system.

**Technology Director and Staff:** The Technology Director works with the DPS Command Staff to develop and implement technology related initiatives and policies. He also provides direct support for special programs and works closely with the Comptroller in the area of strategic planning. During 2012, the Technology Director served as facilitator for the development of the new DPS 3-year Strategic Plan, assisted with arranging the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE) visit by Israeli law enforcement officers, attended several meetings and seminars regarding the proposed Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network, and served on the advisory board planning the 2012 Georgia Digital Government Summit.

In 2012, the position of Computer Aided Dispatch/Records Management System (CAD/RMS) administrator was added to the Technology Staff. This position is responsible for ensuring that data related to users, their permissions and access, and the general configuration of the system is maintained. In addition, the administrator assists the Communications Director in the technical administration of the Georgia Interoperability Network (GIN), the State of Georgia's interoperable public safety radio network.

The Geographical Information System (GIS) Analyst analyzes data and presents it through accurate maps that provide easy analysis of data. The analyst also maintains the mapping functions of the CAD/RMS system and develops updates as needed.

**Computer Services Unit:** The Computer Services Unit is responsible for providing support to DPS employees in areas related to computers, servers, and telecommunications. The Help Desk Support Team provides direct support to users who are experiencing problems in using issued desktop or mobile computers. This team also installs and upgrades various operating systems and software applications used by the various DPS functions. The Network Services Team maintains the many servers and vast network, including the core servers and equipment needed to keep the network operating, as well as content and service related servers such as the Microsoft Exchange E-Mail Server and the MyDPS SharePoint Portal. The Development Team consists of programmers who not only develop custom applications to meet the needs of various units, but also assist with the implementation of Commercial Off-the-Shelf (COTS) applications purchased by the agency. The Development Team also provides assistance in writing queries and producing reports to deliver data from the various DPS databases to facilitate decision making by DPS command personnel. The Telecommunications Coordinator manages the department's telephone systems and data circuits, and arranges for new installations and relocations as needed.

During 2012, the Computer Services Unit initiated or completed the following:

- Implemented Phase II of a Server Virtualization and Consolidation Project to transition several physical network servers into an integrated virtual environment. This project will reduce the amount of labor necessary to maintain the DPS servers and provide a more secure network.
- Installed a wireless network at the Georgia State Capitol Building to provide secure access by DPS personnel assigned or working at the Capitol. This network allows secure access to DPS applications and systems without the need for a Virtual Private Network (VPN) connection.
- Supported the Training Staff by providing and setting up mobile data terminals (MDTs) for use by cadets assigned to the 90<sup>th</sup>, 91<sup>st</sup> and 92<sup>nd</sup> GSP Trooper Schools.
- Developed an Applicant Tracking System (ATS) custom software application for use by Human Resources and the Office of Professional Standards in tracking the status of background investigations and other activities related to the hiring of new personnel.
- Developed a custom application for the Off-Duty Employment Coordinator to improve the approval and tracking of requests for off-duty employment.

- Assisted with the establishment of several new facilities, including Post 50, Capitol, and the Troop C/Special Operations Headquarters at the former (Georgia Aviation Authority) GAA Hanger facility at the Fulton County Airport.
- Provided support for the deployment of 35 additional troopers to the I-75 corridor in Cobb County. Computer Services procured and deployed the computer equipment and applications necessary for these troopers, as well as implemented a CAD interface between the Troop C Communications Center and the Cobb County 9-1-1 Center.
- Provided technical support to a major mobile field force exercise conducted at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth.
- Established and maintained a website for the Regulatory Compliance Unit of the Motor Carrier Compliance Division (MCCD).
- Initiated an upgraded of all DPS computers to the Windows 7 operating system.

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

During 2012, the Communications Unit completed or initiated the following:

- Completed the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) mandated narrowbanding of the DPS VHF radio equipment. The deadline for completion of this project was January 1, 2013. DPS Communications Unit completed this project prior to the deadline utilizing DPS personnel and equipment, thereby realizing a significant cost savings to the department.
- Consolidated the DPS Radio Shop to improve service and performance. Prior to 2012, the activities in the Radio Shop were divided between the Communications Unit and the DPS Garage. By integrating these functions, activities are easier to coordinate and problems can be resolved more quickly.
- Upgraded the radios located in the weigh stations operated by the Motor Carrier Compliance Division (MCCD).
- Established interoperability between the Tennessee Valley Authority and Palmetto radio systems for patrol posts in the respective posts adjoining their service areas.
- Added an Assistant Communications Director to provide support to the Communications Director and established continuity of operations.
- The Communications Director and Assistant Communications Director served on the newly established DPS Incident Management Team (IMT).
- Initiated a comprehensive inventory of radio infrastructure equipment including transmitters and gateway devices.
- Procured and installed the radios and other equipment for communications by the 35 new troopers deployed to the I-75 corridor in Cobb County.
- Assisted with providing communications support for several special events, including: the Luke Bryan Concert in Troop F, the NASCAR race at Atlanta Motor Speedway, the GEMA Mobile Command Vehicle (MCV) Exercise at Lake Blackshear, the mobile field force exercise at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, and demonstrating communications equipment to a delegation from China.



## **GEMA/Homeland Security Liaison**

The responsibilities for the GEMA/Homeland Security Liaison include attending all emergency management, Homeland Security and other meetings designated by the Commissioner and/or Command Staff. The Liaison serves on committees and subcommittees coordinating the department's roles and responsibilities for potential manmade and/or natural disasters. The Liaison represents the department at hurricane related conferences in and out of state as well as assists with disaster related training exercises. The Liaison will occupy the state operations center during a declared state of emergency and coordinate the department's efforts in the recovery phase of the emergency. Departmental knowledge, professionalism and diplomacy are vital as the Liaison interacts with high level federal, state, local, business and civilian personnel.

The liaison serves on the Child Abduction Recovery Team (CART). CART is made up of 9 state agencies that responds to abducted, missing, or run-a-way children. These agencies provide support to the local law enforcement agency in the recovery of the child.

The liaison also serves on the Child Exploitation and Computer Task Force (ICAC) and coordinates efforts to serve arrest warrants on internet predators against children.

### **Major activities and events for 2012 include:**

- Homeland Security Task Force meetings
- Hurricane preparedness meetings/exercises
- Developed a workable escort plan for former Governor and President Jimmy Carter in the event of his death.
- Monitor and assist with North Georgia tornadoes
- Taught Smoke/Fog In-service
- Developed an incident management team for DPS
- Accrued two driving simulators for DPS
- CART was activated during 2012 on several occasions. Activations this year included 12 missing and two abducted children. All of the missing children were recovered safely except for one who was found deceased, mauled by a stray dog. The two abducted children were found deceased and two arrests were made.

## GEORGIA STATE PATROL



Although focused primarily on the enforcement of traffic laws and investigation of traffic crashes, the Georgia State Patrol supports the efforts of all public safety agencies to reduce criminal activity, apprehend those involved, and respond to natural and manmade disasters. Public safety is a 24-hour responsibility. Stranded motorists and motor vehicle crashes require that troopers work around the clock. As of December 31, 2012, there were 788 troopers.

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



## Troop A

Troop A covers northwest Georgia, with most of the territory lying north of I-20 and west of I-75. As of December 31, 2012, Troop A has six posts, four of which have territory bordering Alabama or Tennessee. Troop A also has a Troop Communications Center which handles all radio and computer traffic for Troop A troopers, as well as DNR rangers and MCCD officers assigned to this area.



- Post 3 – Cartersville (Bartow and Paulding counties)
- Post 5 – Dalton (Whitfield and Catoosa counties)
- Post 28 – Jasper (Pickens and Cherokee counties)
- Post 29 – Cedartown (Polk and Haralson counties)
- Post 38 – Rome (Chatooga and Floyd counties)
- Post 41 – Lafayette (Dade and Walker counties)
- Post 43 – Calhoun (Gordon and Murray counties)

Post	Crash Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	DUI Arrests	Vehicle Stops
Post 3	3,414	28	7,125	16,242	405	12,198
Post 5	2,226	19	7,550	17,511	356	13,627
Post 28	741	14	3,788	9,317	126	9,296
Post 29	472	4	2,826	9,106	130	6,318
Post 38	429	8	4,218	8,655	137	7,979
Post 41	1,069	12	5,807	9,648	167	8,193
Post 43	1,104	15	5,715	11,471	205	9,366
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>9,455</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>37,029</b>	<b>81,950</b>	<b>1,526</b>	<b>66,977</b>

Troop A is very active in providing Department of Transportation escorts. This year Troop A handled over 150 escorts. Troop A actively supports the Governor's Office of Highway Safety through participation in the Mountain Area Traffic Enforcement Network II. Troop A also has individual posts that support the Appalachian Trail and Western Regional traffic enforcement networks. Troop A participated in the 2012 Governor's Challenge Award contest.

The Troop A Communications Center is located at Post 3 in Cartersville. It provides emergency communications for the 14 northwestern Georgia counties that comprise Troop A. In addition to GSP Troopers, the Communications Center also handles radio traffic for MCCD Region 1 as well as both of the MCCD weigh stations located on Interstate 75 in Catoosa County. In the first weeks of 2012, Troop A Communications additionally began dispatching for the Department of Natural Resources Region 1.

During 2012, the Troop A Communications Center received 9,671 calls for motor vehicle accidents. Troopers, MCCD officers, and DNR personnel conducted 74,474 vehicle stops. Communications processed 777 hits through (National Crime Information Center) NCIC for the year while 159 abandoned vehicles were entered into NCIC by communications center personnel.

## Troop B

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

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

Post	Crash Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	DUI Arrests	Vehicle Stops
Post 6	2,858	32	11,688	12,890	437	15,303
Post 7	1,365	24	5,142	9,059	270	9,592
Post 27	777	11	3,412	6,722	155	6,279
Post 32	2,486	35	7,269	11,379	559	11,276
Post 37	1,002	9	3,744	5,304	135	6,117
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>8,488</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>31,255</b>	<b>45,354</b>	<b>1,556</b>	<b>48,567</b>

Troop B was awarded second place in the Georgia State Patrol Troop Division of the Georgia Governor’s Challenge. Twenty-seven troopers from Troop B received recognition by the Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) organization. Nineteen troopers received the Bronze pin and eight troopers received the Silver pin.

Troop B troopers partnered with the United States Marine Corps Reserve during the Toys for Tots campaign in December. Troopers in Troop B conducted 33 Toys for Tots events. While helping to collect 6,985 toys, troopers also checked child seats and educated parents on proper installation of child seats and on seat belt usage.



Troopers were involved in the “Stop Means Stop Campaign” with all the school systems in the territory for public awareness with school bus stops loading and unloading children from the bus. Troopers also visited the schools making staff and parents aware they were there for any assistance needed at any time.

Four Troop B troopers were assigned to the security details for the University of Georgia football program. Troopers from Troop B coordinated and managed the traffic detail for all UGA home football games.

Troop B troopers held two Biker Education Awareness Safety Training (BEAST) details in the troop. These details are to promote motorcycle riding safety, equipment inspections and to educate bikers on Georgia Law.

## Troop C

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

- Post 9 – Marietta (Cobb and Fulton counties, North of I-285)
- Post 47 – Forest Park (Clayton, DeKalb, and Fulton counties, all outside I-285)
- Post 48 – Atlanta (Cobb, Clayton, DeKalb, and Fulton counties, inside I-285)
- Post 49 – Motorcycle Unit (I-285 and the interstate system within Metro Atlanta)
- Nighthawks North– (Cobb, Fulton, DeKalb, Clayton, Gwinnett, and Clarke counties)

Post	Crash Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	DUI Arrests	Vehicle Stops
Post 9	1,297	2	6,805	13,805	41	15,202
Post 47	902	1	6,354	4,225	81	7,385
Post 48	2,149	1	8,550	10,776	58	12,714
Nighthawks North	115	2	3,697	5,085	1,393	8,887
Motor Unit	1,719	2	10,506	11,467	34	15,921
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,182</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>35,912</b>	<b>45,358</b>	<b>1,607</b>	<b>60,109</b>



In September 2012, the Department of Public Safety/Georgia State Patrol moved into the new Troop C Complex at 4005 Fulton Industrial Boulevard Atlanta, GA 30336. The building was previously occupied by the Georgia Aviation Authority and the Department of Transportation. The new Troop C Complex is the Troop C headquarters along with Post 48, Post 49, Motor Unit, Nighthawks North DUI Task Force, State of Georgia SWAT/Dive Team, and the Georgia Aviation Authority.

Troop C provided escorts for several dignitaries and security escorts for numerous fundraising organizations.

Listed below are just a few of the details covered in 2012: Georgia Tech Football, Georgia State University Football, Tennessee/Clemson College Football Kick-Off Classic, Southeastern Conference (SEC) Football Championship, Chick-Fil-A Bowl, Child Passenger Safety Seat education and events, Annual Line of Duty Ride/Benefit, Council of Atlanta Premiers, 100 days Summer HEAT, Motorcycle Round-Up, Multi Agency Patrols and Road Checks, Rolling Thunder, GOHS Metro Atlanta traffic enforcement network meetings, Governor’s Mansion Christmas Tours, escorts for several dignitaries such as President Barack Obama, and Vice President Joe Biden, Chief Justice Conference, Fallen Heroes Tour, Give Kids a Boost Conference, Child Safety Fair, Trooper Lecroy Bridge dedication, and 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Red Carpet Tour.

The Troop C Communications Center handles all communications for Headquarters personnel, Troop C personnel and all specialty units, including Aviation, Safety Education, Implied Consent, C.I.U., S.W.A.T., and S.C.R.T. Teams. Troop C Communications is the primary point of contact for all Communication Centers Statewide. The Communications Center employs DPS dispatchers from the Motor Carrier Compliance Division, Capitol Police and the Georgia State Patrol. Dispatchers in Troop C logged 13,317 crashes and 61,814 traffic stops which resulted in 32,654 arrests and 47,265 warnings. The Communications Center handled 96 pursuits, 637 hits, 260 emergency/courtesy relays, 143 recovered stolen vehicles, 67 abandoned vehicles and 4,624 impounded vehicles. Personnel from Troop C Communications operate the Mobile Command Post during special details or events, emergency situations such as natural disasters, manhunts or any other unusual occurrence or circumstance.

## Troop D

Troop D consists of seven patrol posts. It is tasked with covering 20 counties in the central and west-central portion of the state. There are a large number of state routes within the territory, and many of the urban areas within the troop experience a high volume of traffic virtually around the clock.

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

Post	Crash Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	DUI Arrests	Vehicle Stops
Post 1	1,047	8	3,062	6,077	136	5,671
Post 2	1,251	20	5,073	7,077	151	7,896
Post 4	4,043	27	6,792	14,117	346	11,134
Post 24	1,377	9	4,778	8,189	259	8,802
Post 26	462	4	3,864	7,512	105	7,033
Post 34	426	12	385	5,213	120	6,226
Post 44	912	4	6,514	5,239	155	7,501
Nighthawks Mid GA	21	0	1,320	2,002	634	3,182
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>9,518</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>30,468</b>	<b>53,354</b>	<b>1,272</b>	<b>54,263</b>

In addition to the Georgia State Patrol posts within its territory, the Troop D Communications Center handles CAD calls from the Motor Carrier Compliance Division and the Department of Natural Resources. Troop D is one of the busiest troops in the state that experiences one of the highest crash volumes. An increase in population combined with numerous construction projects contribute to this problem.

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



## Troop E

Troop E is located in the eastern central section of the State of Georgia. The northern end begins in Rockdale County at Interstate 20 and continues south-easterly for approximately 150 miles of this 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 (Glascok, Warren, McDuffie, Columbia and Richmond counties)
- Post 33 – Milledgeville (Jones, Baldwin, Hancock, and Washington counties)
- Post 46 – Monroe (Rockdale, Newton, and Walton counties)

Post	Crash Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	DUI Arrests	Vehicle Stops
Post 8	344	14	3,701	8,245	176	10,254
Post 17	322	8	4,809	6,912	165	9,242
Post 25	823	11	7,796	6,304	511	9,517
Post 33	465	7	4,174	9,829	168	9,958
Post 46	1,108	19	6,996	15,511	232	15,534
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3,062</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>27,476</b>	<b>46,801</b>	<b>1,252</b>	<b>54,506</b>

During the first week of April, 2012, the Masters' Tournament took place in Augusta. Numerous dignitaries attended this event and troopers provide escorts for them from various parts of the state. Also, Augusta receives numerous visits from the Governor and Lt. Governor at different times of the year and troopers provide assistance to them as well.

On October 6 – 7, 2012, troopers from each post held a concentrated patrol during the "Border Bash" in Augusta. During this event the following activity was generated: 127 citations, 28 DUIs, four wanted subjects apprehended, four drug arrests, one stolen car recovered, and 70 warnings.

Despite staffing shortages at the posts, Troop E has strived to improve DUI enforcement. Eighteen troopers received awards for their DUI enforcement efforts. One trooper who made 157 DUI arrests in 2012 was also recognized as "Trooper of the Year" for his excellence in DUI arrests. Post 25 – Grovetown was also recognized as "GSP Post of the Year" for their overall excellence in not only enforcement endeavors, but also for their dedicated community involvement.

On May 22, personnel from Posts 46 and 25 were honored to assist in escorting the Vietnam Wall Memorial from Augusta to Roswell.

Due to the heavy media coverage of multiple school tragedies, the presence of GSP personnel was requested and provided at schools throughout the territory.

## Troop F

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

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

Post	Crash Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	DUI Arrests	Vehicle Stops
Post 16	481	9	3,847	8,113	184	8,178
Post 18	481	7	3,288	6,249	241	6,009
Post 19	500	10	3,191	6,957	200	7,552
Post 20	729	21	3,755	8,705	171	8,649
Post 21	610	19	3,579	6,130	222	6,349
Post 45	1,309	14	3,170	6,187	172	6,995
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4,110</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>20,830</b>	<b>42,341</b>	<b>1,190</b>	<b>43,732</b>



Troop F personnel assisted with many different special details during calendar year 2012. The Georgia Governor’s Office of Highway Safety sponsored several traffic safety details in which Troop F participated. These included: Click It or Ticket, 100 Days of Summer Heat, Operation Zero Tolerance, Hands Across the Border, Give Kids a Boost, and Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.

For the second year in a row, Troop F received First Place in the Governor’s Challenge competition. Troop F is the first Troop to win this award twice. The awards program, sponsored by the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety, recognizes agencies for outstanding traffic enforcement and highway safety efforts. Twenty-five members of Troop F were nominated for Mothers Against Drunk Driving

DUI Awards. Twenty of these troopers were nominated for Bronze pins (25+ DUI arrests), and two of troopers were nominated for Silver pins (50+ DUI arrests). Troop F personnel were awarded the “2012 Outstanding Volunteers of the Year” by Safe Kids Georgia. The award was presented at the annual Safe Kids Awards Banquet in May in Atlanta.

Troop F also participated in the Toys for Tots collecting 6,279 toys, \$6,878 and 90 food items.



## Troop G

Troop G of the Georgia State Patrol consists of five patrol posts that are located in Americus, Thomasville, Colquitt, Cuthbert, and Albany. The five posts in Troop G cover 23 southwest Georgia counties. As of December 31, 2012, there were 51 sworn personnel, 15 CSAs, and six secretaries in Troop G, inclusive of the command staff.

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

Post	Crash Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	DUI Arrests	Vehicle Stops
Post 10	348	9	4,402	9,918	235	10,945
Post 12	558	23	5,849	9,897	388	12,110
Post 14	425	11	3,347	8,176	291	8,770
Post 39	182	4	3,215	8,890	156	8,839
Post 40	479	4	5,832	8,921	253	9,710
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,992</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>22,645</b>	<b>45,802</b>	<b>1,323</b>	<b>50,374</b>

Troop G Command coordinated several training classes held in the troop during the year. The command staff also coordinates personnel to handle special details such as, Atlanta Motor Speedway, Georgia National Fair, Hands Across the Border, and the Sunbelt Ag Expo.

Troop G Communications is responsible for coordinating and relaying radio and data communication traffic according to federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations. The communication center receives, processes, logs, and relays emergency and non-emergency information for troopers, as well as the Motor Carrier Compliance Division, and the Department of Natural Resources.

During 2012, Troop G Communications logged 52,336 traffic stops and dispatched officers to 273 \*GSP calls. Dispatchers set up and coordinated 46 medical relays to and from various medical facilities within the territory, as well as to the Georgia Eye Bank in Atlanta. Our communications center handled 269 hits during the year, resulting in the apprehension of 195 wanted persons, the recovery of four stolen vehicles and one stolen weapon, and the discovery of one previously deported felon who had re-entered the country.

Beginning in 2012, Troop G Communications, along with all the other communication centers, worked in cooperation with the Georgia Forestry Commission and GEMA on the GODAWGS system by dispatching troopers to check and verify smoke dispersal and hazard potential at all large controlled land burns within the territory.

## Troop H

Troop H consist of five patrol posts encompassing 19, south and mid-Georgia counties. One hundred and fifty-two miles of Interstate 75 traverse Troop H through four post territories. This is the greatest number of interstate miles patrolled in the state. Troop H is also home to the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter, Robins Air Force Base, Moody Air Force Base, Valdosta State University, Fort Valley State University, South Georgia College, and Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

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

Post	Crash Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	DUI Arrests	Vehicle Stops
Post 13	1,018	3	5,646	14,975	273	14,267
Post 15	1,016	11	5,169	9,650	249	9,913
Post 30	721	9	4,498	8,813	162	9,067
Post 31	1,635	12	8,350	16,397	413	13,914
Post 36	1,078	18	5,120	11,297	264	9,483
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5,468</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>28,783</b>	<b>61,132</b>	<b>1361</b>	<b>56,644</b>

Throughout the year, Troop Command encouraged troopers to become highly visible through an effort of increasing vehicle stops. The goal was to have troopers focus on the old adage of “look for your warnings and the arrests will come.” Through this initiative the hope was to promote positive customer contacts and that this would increase our enforcement efforts and solidify public support for our mission. In 2012, Troop H began conducting quarterly “Troop Concentrated Patrols” to saturate the entire territory. We also formed a Troop H Task Force near the end of 2012 to focus on I-75 and other areas for DUI enforcement saturation. In July, troopers were additionally challenged to increase traffic stops on motorists speeding at 10 MPH over the posted speed limit. Troopers increased traffic stops 22% over 2011. This has drastically increased our visibility on the roadways and further deterred traffic infractions.

Each post recognizes its Top Performers on an annual basis. In 2012, Troop Command started recognizing the “Quarterly Top Performers” during the “Commander’s Breakfast.” A Communications Officer is also selected each quarter for their top performance.

Troop H piloted a “Due Regard” training program “Troop-wide” to emergency personnel responding to “true emergencies” in designated vehicles. The training proved to be a tremendous relationship building opportunity with other agencies. The goal of the training was to educate personnel on applicable laws and case law to prevent tragedies and reduce liability. The program was so successful that it was mandated statewide for anyone operating an “emergency vehicle.”

## Troop I

Troop I has five patrol posts that cover 15 Southeast Georgia counties extending from the Georgia/Florida state line to the Georgia/South Carolina state line. It covers all of I-95 through Georgia, as well as portions of I-16 and I-516 in Chatham County. The entire Georgia coastline is located in the Troop I territory. Points of interest and responsibility within the troop include the Georgia Ports Authority Terminals in Savannah and Brunswick, Savannah International Airport, The Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), Kings Bay Naval Base, Hunter Army Airfield, Fort Stewart Army Base, the US Coastguard Marine Safety Office, and the Okefenokee Swamp and Wildlife Refuge.

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

Post	Crash Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	DUI Arrests	Vehicle Stops
Post 11	362	15	4,130	8,284	219	9,262
Post 22	444	23	3,002	4,848	298	5,754
Post 23	465	28	5,954	9,486	336	10,896
Post 35	83	0	565	2,393	29	2,776
Post 42	515	11	4,449	6,174	237	8,205
Nighthawks South	117	0	1,910	5,652	680	4,983
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,986</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>20,010</b>	<b>36,837</b>	<b>1,799</b>	<b>41,876</b>

Troopers from the Waycross and Brunswick posts participated in the GTACT (Georgia Targeting Aggressive Cars and Trucks) campaign led by the Motor Carrier Compliance Division to target high-risk corridors.

In March, as in past years, troopers were called upon to assist the Savannah-Chatham Metro Police in securing the parade route during the 188th St. Patrick's Day parade and celebration in the city. This annual event draws thousands of visitors to the area, and is considered one of the largest celebrations in the nation. Troopers travelled to the Annual MADD Awards banquet to be honored for their DUI enforcement efforts and the Governor's Challenge Awards for recognition of the troop's efforts in occupant protection, impaired driving, and speeding.

## **IMPLIED CONSENT UNIT (ICU)**



Organized on July 1, 1968, 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. This elite unit is comprised of 15 troopers which are strategically and operationally positioned throughout the state to conduct the daily operations of the unit which will be elaborated on below. ICU members remain on-call around the clock for emergency instrument repairs and courtroom availability. In

addition to their regular enforcement responsibilities, ICU members provide a broad range of specialized services designed to compliment field operational needs.

Tasked with this important undertaking and in cooperation with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, these sworn GSP members are responsible for inspecting and maintaining all evidential breath testing devices in the State of Georgia. Currently there are nearly 600 instruments statewide in all 159 counties. During 2012, ICU personnel conducted 1,824 instrument inspections and documented over 3,900 hours of service related matters.

In addition to performing regular maintenance and quarterly inspections of breath testing instruments, the members of the ICU provide crucial expert testimony in DUI and DUI related court cases for state, area and local law enforcement Agencies statewide. Members regularly responded to manual open record requests during 2012, although formal open records requests were almost eliminated due to the transition toward electronic submission and availability of GBI/DOFS records. ICU members also spent 101 hours in court and other legal proceedings, serving as expert witnesses regarding Intoxilyzer operation, theory and instrumentation.

The Implied Consent Unit personnel are also responsible for the training and certification of all evidential breath testing device operators. In 2012, this was conducted through 36 two-day basic operator courses and 35 four hour refresher courses taught at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center and other local area police academies. Through these courses, 700 new operators were certified and 1,426 existing operators were recertified. ICU was also instrumental in the selection, design and instrumentation of the CMI Intoxilyzer 9000, as the official evidential breath testing instrument to succeed the CMI 5000 beginning in mid-2013. This will entail a three-year phase-in process ultimately designed to convert all statewide instruments to the technologically advanced CMI Intoxilyzer 9000 by the end of 2015.

Implied Consent Unit personnel issued 466 arrests, 1,966 warnings and conducted 2,075 vehicle stops. The members of ICU also supplemented field operations on many levels with troop related special patrols, the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah, GSP Honor Guard details and holiday enforcement efforts. ICU also coordinated the planning and implementation of several events such as the Georgia Power Cancer Run, Boys State, Special Forces Operation One-Voice-One-Run, the Annual Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education Bus Trip Across Georgia, as well as the GOHS "Hands Across the Border" sobriety checkpoints and media events.

Major initiatives continued during 2012 included 25 safety program presentations and course training at 63 GOHS Traffic Enforcement Network meetings across the State and the DPS Portable Breath Test (PBT) device repair and service program. The PBT repair and service program remains functionally equipped and centrally located at Post 15 in Perry and Post 3 in Cartersville where ICU personnel coordinate PBT repairs for all DPS officers. Expansion efforts in this initiative have ensured that functional PBT's are in the hands of officers quickly and at a significant cost savings to the department. During 2012, members of the Implied Consent Unit documented 514 PBT repairs that required 240 hours. The Implied Consent Unit also issued new Intoximeter FSTs (PBT's) to graduating members of the 89<sup>th</sup> and 90<sup>th</sup> GSP Trooper Schools.



Also during 2012, the Implied Consent Unit continued the collateral responsibility of conducting Excess Property audits through the Department of Defense 1033 program. After continued specialized training, ICU members expended 2,497 hours conducting 98 agency audits throughout the state. As of November 2, 2012, there were approximately 518 participating law enforcement agencies within the state. Implied Consent Unit personnel also assisted with the federal program compliance review during September 2012. Through the contributions of the Implied Consent Unit, the Excess Property program and the State of Georgia was credited with doing a commendable job of following all regulations and guidelines required under the federal 1033 program. A "Compliant" rating was given to the Georgia and its 1033 program by the DLA Law Enforcement Support Office after an extensive four-day audit.

ICU was recognized and awarded the 2012 MADD award for their commendable impaired driving reduction efforts. Despite continued budget limitations and attrition of key personnel, the Implied Consent Unit continues to make significant strides towards increased public safety.

## **CRIMINAL INTERDICTION UNIT (CIU)**

The Georgia State Patrol's Criminal Interdiction Unit is a statewide unit tasked with the pro-active enforcement of traffic and criminal laws. During 2012, the unit consisted of three small teams spread across the state assigned to work major interstate corridors. This Unit averaged 14 members during 2012.

The Criminal Interdiction Unit had four canine handlers recognized for outstanding performance out of 41 participating narcotics detection canine teams. CIU members and their canines were awarded first, second, third and fifth place at the 2012 Mantracker Training Conference held in Newnan, GA.

In 2012, another member of the Criminal Interdiction Unit was recognized for his outstanding performance and willingness to help others through networking by receiving the DIAP/EPIC National Networker of the Year Award.

During 2012, CIU members attended several nationally recognized training events as both students and instructors in the field of criminal interdiction. Members of the Unit taught advanced level criminal interdiction techniques to more than 1,000 law enforcement officers across the United States. The Criminal Interdiction Unit, in cooperation with the Morgan County Sheriff's Office, now trains

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departmental canine teams in a state-of-the-art training facility located in Madison, Georgia. At least 12 other law enforcement agencies train their canine teams alongside members at this facility.

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

During 2012, the Board of Public Safety accepted the following equipment donations to the Criminal Interdiction Unit:

Braselton Police Department

(10) Tactical Boots	Value \$ 900
(1) Havis K9 Kennel Insert & Accessories	Value \$ 4,800

Coweta County Sheriff's Office

(1) Narcotics Storage Safe	Value \$ 390
(1) Canine transport crate	Value \$ 599

Morgan County Sheriff's Office

(2) Havis K9 Kennel Insert for Patrol Cars	Value \$ 8,993
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Troup County Sheriff's Office

(1) LWRCI Rifles & Accessories	Value \$ 2,200
(15) UHF Radio's, Radars & Equipment	Value \$ 54,343
(4) Narcotic Detection Canine Dogs	Value \$ 30,000
(16) Taser X26 Devices	Value \$ 17,651
(3) ELSAG License Plate Reader Systems	Value \$ 58,221

**Total \$178,097**

**Criminal Interdiction Unit Activity Totals:** During 2012, the Criminal Interdiction Unit expended 180 hours on crash investigations, made 1,469 arrests, issued 4,623 warnings, made 12 DUI arrests, 93 felony drug arrests, 38 non-drug felony arrests, and made 40 misdemeanor drug arrests. CIU members made 66 criminal apprehensions, assisted 313 stranded motorists, recovered 19 stolen vehicles, and conducted 5,970 traffic stops.

Criminal Interdiction Unit members seized over 55.26 kilograms of marijuana, 3.48 kilograms of cocaine, .02 kilograms of methamphetamine, and 254 dosage units of other dangerous drugs. They seized 15 weapons, located nine hidden constructed compartments, and recovered five items of stolen or counterfeit property.

Additionally, CIU members assisted other agencies in seizing over 2,181 kilograms of marijuana, 342 kilograms of cocaine, 110 kilograms of methamphetamine, 10.2 kilograms of heroin. Criminal Interdiction Unit members also assisted with joint operations such as search warrants and sting operations where CIU members assisted in seizing another 7,129 kilograms of marijuana, 304 kilograms of cocaine, 1,673 kilograms of methamphetamine, and 55 dosage units of other dangerous drugs.

In total, the Criminal Interdiction Unit members initiated or assisted in making a total monetary impact of more than \$68,043,581 against organized crime elements operating in Georgia.

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

During 2012, the members of Criminal Interdiction Unit received advanced training on weapons, and received training in other counter-terrorism related issues. Additionally there are two Troopers from each troop area that are also assigned to the Counter-Terrorist Task Force and fall under partial CIU control during any designated operations.

## **SWAT AND DIVE TEAM**

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

The State of Georgia SWAT Team was requested to assist with 40 critical incidents during the calendar year 2012. Some of the incidents were resolved prior to the team's arrival, by the requesting agency, others lasted hours. The majority of the requests were to assist with a barricaded gunman or a hostage situation. Others ranged from 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 harm to a hostage or team member.

The State of Georgia Dive Team was requested 12 times during 2012. 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 needs which require working in water.

The SWAT and Dive Team have both relocated to the DPS Special Operations Facility at the Fulton County Airport on Fulton Industrial Boulevard.

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

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

SCRT currently has five teams of specially trained investigators strategically stationed in the cities of Calhoun, Gainesville, Forsyth, Reidsville and Valdosta to assist the field troopers with investigating fatal crashes. These teams consist of six investigator positions whose personnel are equipped with the latest technology and are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. SCRT is also responsible for assisting allied agencies in the investigation of major incidents including homicide cases, officer involved shootings, fatal crashes and air disasters.

During 2012, SCRT recorded a total of 299 new cases resulting in 228 deaths. This is a 4% reduction in cases from 2011. SCRT was involved in 47% of all fatalities that GSP worked and an estimated 20% of the reported statewide fatalities. SCRT members closed 249 cases during the year.

**Team 1** – Calhoun opened 55 cases in 2012, which resulted in 41 fatalities. This is only two less investigations than they opened in 2011. On top of being involved in a number of high profile cases this year, Team 1 members assisted Fairmount Police, Gordon County Sheriff's Office and Post 43 troopers with several vehicle and foot pursuits. Team 1 also participated in several community events ranging from static displays at the Paulding County Family Festival and the Georgia State Patrol's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ceremony in Atlanta, Georgia. Team 1 members also conducted a child safety seat event with the Gordon County Health Department in Calhoun, Georgia. As always Team 1 continues to assist field troopers and other agencies by providing assistance at crash scenes and by providing backup assistance to officers during non-routine traffic stops.

**Team 2** – Gainesville opened 56 new cases, which resulted in the fatalities of 41 individuals. These figures represent an increase of 1.7% in the number of cases opened (55 in 2011). On top of their reconstruction duties, Team 2 assisted Troop B with additional patrols and with special event with in the field. Team 2 members assisted with UGA football games in Athens, Georgia. Team 2 members assisted several posts in Troop B with wreck rotations when manpower shortages due to training commitments were experienced late in 2012.

**Team 3** – Forsyth opened 85 cases, which resulted in 50 fatalities. These figures represent a decrease of 20% in the number of cases opened (102 in 2011). Team 3 members also investigated a number of high profile collisions, one involving a Columbus Police Officer that struck and killed a pedestrian. Team 3 was also very successful in apprehending several hit and run drivers. In March, Team 3 apprehended one hit and run driver in Lamar County and in December assisted in locating a hit and run driver that struck and killed a Henry County Police officer who was assisting a stranded motorist. Team 3 members also assisted a number of outside agencies with a variety of specialized services throughout the year. Team 3 assisted Fort Benning CID personnel on multiple occasions that occurred within the confines of the military base. Team 3 also assisted the Tennessee Highway Patrol and Team 1 with ECM downloads throughout the year. Team 3 members have also participated in a variety of special events such as the career fairs in Newnan and at Tift College. Team 3 members also participated in hosting the Israeli delegation in Atlanta.

**Team 4** – Reidsville opened 47 new cases for 2012 that resulted in 45 fatalities. These figures represent the same number of cases opened in 2011). On top of their collision reconstruction responsibilities, Team 4 participated in a number of school safety presentations at various schools throughout this year. During the month of February Team 4 members read to school groups throughout their area. In May Team 4 conducted a child safety seat check event in Reidsville, Georgia. In July, Team 4 members participated in the Chatham County Explorers Conference in Savannah, Georgia.

**Team 5** – opened 56 new cases resulting in 42 fatalities. These figures represent an increase of 12.5% in the number of cases opened (49 in 2011). In April, Team 5 assisted with Dougherty County's 4H Prom Promise program. This is a comprehensive DUI/Drug awareness program that covers all four area high schools in the county to make prom season safe. In May, Team 5 assisted with Thomas County's "Night Out with a Cop". This is an annual event to bring awareness within the community and display the many services that the different public safety departments have to offer.

In 2012, 112 SCRT cases were adjudicated. Of the cases that were forwarded for prosecution, SCRT is proud to have a current conviction rate of 97% for the year. Only three defendants were found not guilty



during trial. Of these convictions 44% were “Guilty Pleas” as a result of the overwhelming evidence developed in the cases. This saves countless tax dollars in court trial costs.

In addition to our accident reconstruction duties, SCRT investigators conducted 1,893 traffic stops and issued 431 citations and 2,149 warnings during the year. SCRT members attended countless hours of training in 2012, and continued to instruct crash reconstruction courses to field troopers throughout the year.

SCRT personnel assigned to training as well as instructors assigned to teams participated in a variety of training sessions throughout the year. Team members presented crash investigation instruction to the 90<sup>th</sup> and 91<sup>st</sup> trooper schools, for a total of 240 hours (two schools - 120 hours each). Team members also participated in crash reconstruction instruction presented to approximately 150 troopers for a total of 320 hours. Team members also conducted crash practical exercises for the 90<sup>th</sup> and 91<sup>st</sup> trooper schools, for a total of 40 hours (two sessions - 20 hours each). They also presented instruction and demonstrations during the 2012 PAC Lethal Weapon Seminar at GPSTC, for an approximate total of 16 hours. Team members also presented numerous topics to outside agencies – both law enforcement and civilian – associated to crash investigation and related issues. Members assigned to training also assisted other SCRT team members with CDR/ECM imaging and analysis, as well as with speed calculations and time/distance studies. Team members assisted the GSP Training Division with several classes, including driver training, active shooter training and the MMF exercises at GPSTC. SCRT training officers presented a class to the Tennessee Highway Patrol on Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) post-crash inspections. SCRT member also assisted other states with ECM imaging. (Tennessee and South Carolina) Team members have provided assistance to several other allied agencies within the state with CDR Images and speed calculations. SCRT training officers attended training with the MCCD members at a Bendix CMV Brake Class, (Charlotte NC) and a CMV ECM Class (Tulsa OK).

SCRT personnel participated in numerous speeches, presentations, and demonstrations to various schools, civic groups, and other law enforcement agencies. SCRT members continuously receive requests for future presentations and demonstrations.

## HONOR GUARD



The Georgia State Patrol Honor Guard represents the State of Georgia and the Department of Public Safety at events such as funerals, memorial services, opening ceremonies, post dedications, and other special details where color guards are required or deemed appropriate.

The Georgia State Patrol Honor Guard participated in several details during 2012. Honor Guard members represented the State of Georgia, Georgia Department of Public Safety and the Georgia State Patrol in Fallen Trooper Memorials, Presentation of Colors details, and Funerals/Memorial Services.

## MOTOR CARRIER COMPLIANCE DIVISION



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

**Size and Weight Enforcement:** Enforcement of laws and regulations relating to size and weight of commercial motor vehicles and loads are provided for in Article 2 of Chapter 6 of title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. The operation of 19 permanent weigh/inspection stations provides enforcement coverage on the interstates and related by-pass routes. The utilization of 75-man portable weigh/inspection teams allows for monitoring and enforcement efforts on other roadways within the state.

**Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Program:** The Commercial Vehicle Safety Program is outlined in the Commercial Vehicle Safety Plan (CVSP), 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/Education, and Data Collection. The Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit of the DPS/MCCD consists of 16 Georgia State troopers who are trained to conduct MCSAP inspections.

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

**New Entrant Program:** The New Entrant program is responsible for performing safety audits on new interstate motor carriers based in Georgia within 18 months, (nine months for passenger carriers) of receipt of new entrant registration. The Safety Audit Unit is comprised of 12 officers who are also cross trained to conduct Compliance Reviews and CSA Investigations.

**Public Information and Education (PI&E) 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 (GMTA), and the general public. PI&E is also responsible for arranging and attending functions that focus on the commercial motor vehicle industry and the general public. MCCD also promotes the Georgia Targeting Aggressive Cars and Trucks (GTACT) campaign that sends a positive message to the motoring public to "leave more space." This is accomplished by conducting enforcement

activity in high crash corridors and outreach activities in the selected geographical locations. This project also utilized partnerships with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Georgia Division, Georgia Motoring Trucking Association (GMTA), and various industry entities, state and local law enforcement personnel.

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

**School Bus Safety:** The School Bus Safety Unit consist of 11 MCSAP certified officers who are responsible for conducting safety inspections on approximately 19,557 public school buses statewide. The unit also conducts annual inspections on over 600 Head Start buses. In addition to the primary responsibility of bus inspections, other responsibilities include conducting safety meetings and performing commercial motor vehicle inspections.



# GA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY CELEBRATES 75 YEARS

The Motor Carrier Compliance Division is divided into 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.



**Annual Statistics  
Department of Public Safety Motor Carrier Compliance Division**

**Law Enforcement Statistics**

***Safety Inspections CY 2012***

<b>CVSA Certified Officers</b>	<b>216</b>
<b>Inspections</b>	<b>84,084</b>
<b>Out-of-service Vehicle Violations</b>	<b>13,942</b>
<b>Out-of-service Driver Violations</b>	<b>6,258</b>

**Size & Weight CY 2012**

<b>Total Trucks Weighed</b>	<b>11,759,003</b>
<b>Overweight Assess. Written</b>	<b>49,501</b>
<b>UTC's Written</b>	<b>9,592</b>

**High Occupancy Vehicle CY 2012**

<b>HOV/HOT Citation Arrest</b>	<b>3,068</b>
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**Commercial Bus Inspections CY 2012**

<b>Commercial Bus Inspections</b>	<b>1,780</b>
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**School Bus Inspections CY 2012**

<b>School Bus Inspections</b>	<b>19,557</b>
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## Regional Accomplishments

**Region 1** is responsible for 14 counties located in the northwest corner of the state. Region 1 operations center around the Catoosa County Inspection Station located on I-75 at mile marker 343. The region has 20 MCCD officers, six civilian weight inspectors and one trooper. Region 1 personnel issued 6,881 overweight assessments totaling \$ 1,101,753, performed 9,320 commercial vehicle safety inspections, issued 2,159 uniform traffic citations, and conducted 1046 safety inspections of hazardous material shipments. As a result of these regulatory compliance inspections, drivers, and shipments of hazardous materials, 13,797 violations were noted, 1,077 commercial motor vehicles were placed out of service, and 376 commercial vehicle drivers were placed out of service. Region 1 also participated in numerous special law enforcement details such as the GOHS Traffic Enforcement Network events, Motor Coach inspection details, Click It or Ticket, Georgia Motor Trucking Association, CVSA National Road Check, CVSA Operation Air Brake, CVSA Operation Safe Driver, and an FMCSA national passenger carrier safety detail. Numerous educational outreach training sessions were also conducted with both industry and municipal and county law enforcement personnel.

**Region 2** is responsible for 20 counties located in North East Georgia. Region 2 operations center around the Franklin County Inspection Station located on I-85 at mile marker 169. Region 2 has 21 MCCD officers and one trooper. The officers issued 5,185 overweight assessments totaling \$786,889.50, performed 8,929 commercial vehicle safety inspections and issued 2,490 uniform traffic citations. Region 2 conducted 22 outreach and safety meetings ranging from trucking companies to technical colleges. Region 2 officers participated in the “Gold Rush” held in Dahlonega, GA as well as all UGA home games in Athens, GA, Laser Pilot Program, Motor Coach Strike Force Detail, GMTA Truck Rodeo, Annual National Road Check, Honor Guard Details, and Governor’s Office of Highway Safety Hands across the Border and Brake Safety Week and the Georgia Forestry Commission Truck Inspections. Officers from Region 2 held a GTACT campaign in Gwinnett, Clarke and Barrow counties concentrating on traffic enforcement on and around Commercial Motor Vehicles. Region 2 officers also assisted Region 3 in a GTACT campaign in Forsyth County. Officers from Region 2 attended the Northeast Traffic Enforcement Network meetings on a monthly basis representing Motor Carrier Compliance Division for the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety. Region 2 officers received 1,631 of training hours.

**Region 3** is responsible for 10 counties located in the Metro Atlanta area, and includes HOV/HOT operations. Region 3 operations center around the Douglas County Inspection Station, located on I-20 eastbound at mile marker 43 and the Carroll County Inspection Station located on I-20 westbound at mile marker 15. The Region has 17 MCCD officers, 13 MCCD HOV officers, one trooper and the addition of 11 weight inspectors assigned to the inspection stations. Region 3 officers issued 7,099 overweight assessments totaling \$944,637. Together the officers performed 10,906 commercial vehicle safety inspections and issued 1,281 uniform traffic citations. The officers participated in special events such as, Safety and Health Fair, Click It or Ticket, 100 Days of Summer Heat, Hands Across the Border, Governors Challenge Program, Career Day Programs, Public Safety Expos, Truck Driver Rodeo Competition, CVSA Operation Air Brake, FMCSA’s Be Ready Be Buckled, and GTACT. The officers attended training on the North American Inspection Standards, Hazardous Materials and Radioactive Materials Inspection, Cargo Tank and Other Bulk Inspection, and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing and Weights and Measures training. They assisted with security during special events at the State Capitol. Additionally, Region 3 officers conducted several Safety & Outreach Meetings, Escorted hazardous material loads through the region, responded to approximately 212 motor vehicle accidents involving commercial vehicles. Region 3 field officers received 3,734 training hours.

**Region 4** is responsible for 18 counties in east Middle Georgia. Region 4 operations center on the Columbia County Inspection Stations on I-20 at mile markers 187 and 188. The regions 21 officers issued 4,505 overweight assessments resulting in weight fines of \$677,345, performed 6011 commercial

vehicle safety inspections having 13,859 violations observed, placed 127 vehicles and 189 drivers out of service, issued 932 uniform traffic citations and 40 IFTA citations. MCCD officers participated in joint effort road checks with local law enforcement, Georgia State Patrol, adjoining MCCD Regions, Department of Revenue, and Georgia Office of Homeland Security, CVSA Operation Air Brake and Operation Safe Driver, Motor Coach Strike Force, Hands across the Border, 100 Days of Summer Heat, and Click It or Ticket. Region 4 officers completed 57 Significant Crash Reports in 2012. Officers attended and assisted road checks with local traffic enforcement networks including the East Central and Central Region Traffic Enforcement Networks. In addition to attending regular Georgia Motor Trucking Association meetings, the inspection stations hosted several events to allow GMTA personnel and officers to conduct courtesy inspections for their members. Region 4 officers also assisted with judging the 2012 GMTA Truck Driving championships held on Lake Lanier Islands. Region 4 officers conducted several outreach programs in attempts to promote safety by explaining DPS rules and regulations to various owner/operators in the trucking industry. Region 4 had six officers become certified with the Lidar speed detection device to help fulfill the CMV speed enforcement requirements. One officer is a member of the department's Critical Incident Support team having responded to help with two debriefings and numerous contacts. This officer has obtained seven of seven required training courses which will grant him an international certification in Critical Incident Support. Region 4 has three officers who are members of the Department of Public Safety's Honor Guard. These officers attend regular honor guard training and conduct many details throughout the year, including awards banquets, conventions and funerals. Region 4 officers all received extra training of GCIC/CAD/MDT and began the use of the CAD/MDT operating system in mobile enforcement functions. A WIPP (Waste Isolation Pilot Plant) disaster drill was held in the spring of 2012. Two Level 6 certified officers have attended several planning meetings to help with response teams and performed a mock Level 6 inspection on the day of the drill.

**Region 5** is responsible for 15 counties in West Georgia. Region 5 operations center around the Troup County Inspection Stations located on Interstate 85 at mile marker 23. The Region has eight MCCD officers, two CVEU Troopers and four weight inspectors. The officers issued 2,287 overweight assessments totaling \$397,986.75, performed 5,839 commercial vehicle safety inspections and issued 1,511 uniform traffic citations. The officers participated in 25 joint agency concentrated enforcement activities which included, Governor's Office of Hwy Safety road checks, CVSA Operation Air Brake, National Road Check, National Brake Safety Week, GTACT, Click It or Ticket, Hands Across the Border, Zero Tolerance and road checks with local agencies within the region.

**Region 6** is responsible for 20 counties in Central Georgia. The operations center around the Monroe County Inspection Station located on I-75 at mile marker 190. The Region ended 2012 with 16 MCCD officers, two troopers, and seven civilian weight inspectors. The officers issued 6,840 overweight assessments totaling 1,083,956.00, issued 1,529 uniform traffic citations, and performed 8,675 commercial vehicle inspections. They conducted 27 concentrated patrols, 19 of which were located high crash corridors. Of the 19 high crashes corridor concentrated patrols, two were GTACT campaigns. They conducted 26 safety outreach meetings.

**Region 7** is responsible for 18 counties located in South East Georgia. Operations center around the Bryan County Inspection Station located on I-16 mm 144 and the Chatham County inspection station located on I-95 at mile marker 111. The Region conducts safety inspections of commercial motor vehicles (primarily trucks and buses), inspects highway shipments of hazardous materials, and enforces laws and regulations that govern vehicle size and vehicle weight. Region 7 operates three permanent inspection stations. The stations are equipped with Pre-Pass and "weigh in motion" systems to screen vehicles. Region 7 has nine motor carrier mobile officers and fur Georgia State troopers. Within Region 7 are three counties listed in the top 15 Georgia counties with fatalities involving Commercial Motor Vehicles. Region 7 conducts "Concentrated" enforcement efforts in these High Crash Corridor areas. The region's 27 officers issued 4,873 overweight assessments resulting in weight fines of \$878,177, performed

11,466 commercial vehicle safety inspections having 24,166 violations observed, placed 1,584 vehicles and 937 drivers out of service, issued 1,953 uniform traffic citations and 1,295 hazardous material inspections.

**Region 8** is responsible for 29 counties in South Central and South West Georgia. The Lowndes County Inspection Stations are located on I-75 at mile marker 23 and there is one semi-permanent inspection station located on GA 273 Spur in Early County. The Early County site has an office type modular building and is equipped with pit scales. The Region has 14 MCCD officers, two troopers, and seven civilian weight inspectors. Region 8 personnel issued 7,651 overweight assessments totaling \$1,020,345.05, 2,168 uniform traffic citations, performed 6,206 commercial vehicle safety inspections, and conducted 655 safety inspections of hazardous material shipments. As a result of these regulatory compliance inspections of commercial motor vehicles, drivers, and shipments of hazardous materials, 20,919 violations were noted, 858 commercial motor vehicles and 474 commercial vehicle drivers were placed out of service. Additionally, utilizing Performance Based Brake Testing (PBBT) technology and equipment, acquired in October 2010, Region 8 continues to conduct frequent brake safety inspection details region wide. Region 8 also participated in numerous special law enforcement details such as the GOHS Traffic Enforcement Network events, the Sunbelt Agricultural Expo Motor Coach inspection detail, Department of Revenue's Code Red, 100 Days of Summer Heat, Click It or Ticket, CVSA National Road Check, CVSA Operation Air Brake, CVSA Operation Safe Driver, and an FMCSA national passenger carrier safety detail. Numerous educational outreach training sessions were also conducted with both industry and municipal and county law enforcement personnel.

**Region 9** consists of fifteen southeast Georgia counties with two permanent inspection stations located on I-95 northbound and southbound at mile marker 55 in McIntosh County. The Region also has a Satellite Station on Georgia 38 in Long County. The 23 field officers assigned to Region 9 consist of one Captain, one Lieutenant, two Sergeant First Class, two Sergeants, six mobile officers, six station officers, three station cadets, four weight inspectors, and two CVEU troopers detached to the region. The officers issued 4,029 overweight assessments totaling \$ 649,836, issued 3,498 uniform traffic citations and performed 8,926 commercial vehicle safety inspections. They participated in 56 special enforcement activities including concentrated traffic checks in high commercial vehicle crash corridors, multi-agency joint enforcement details and division-wide enforcement efforts such as Hands Across the Border, Passenger Carrier Strike-force, Chatham County Port- checks, Saint Patrick's Day Parade, Shop With A Cop, GTACT, Air Brake checks, seatbelt checks, log book checks, HM Checks, Leave More Space Enforcement details and the 2012 National Road Check. Additionally, region officers participated in all holiday patrol activities and Click It or Ticket/Zero Tolerance campaigns. Also, Region 9 officers participated in 35 safety outreach events, including the Georgia Motor Trucking Association Truck Check., National Life Saver event, and health fairs and judicial outreach programs to the court systems in the region. The region provided seminars and public information to trucking companies in reference to regulations and general safety issues.

**Region 10** is responsible for Compliance Review, Safety Audit and School Bus inspections. This region has 37 officers. The office is located in Madison. The officers perform safety inspections on each of the approximate 19,000 public school buses within the state. Region 10 conducted 345 Compliance Reviews and 1,211 safety audits on carriers throughout the state. Officers had 121 enforcement cases resulting in \$347,818 in civil penalties. These officers are also required to conduct commercial vehicle inspections and maintain the required number of inspections for certification. The Region 10 staff also handles challenges on Data Quality (Data Qs) on inspection reports. In 2012, 1,920 challenges were received and 1,920 were closed after review. Region 10 also handles complaints on motor carrier and provides regulatory guidance upon request.



## **Other Accomplishments and Activities in 2012:**

- In addition to their regular duties, 60 Stalker Lasers were added to our mobile force in addition to the 16 CVEU troopers allowing MCCD officers enforcement of CMV speeders across Georgia.
- MCCD officers issued 49,501 overweight assessments totaling \$7,522,023.00. MCCD officers also collected \$78,796.75 in delinquent citations from companies on the impound list during this reporting period.
- The Motor Carrier Compliance Division has officers assisting in Mobile Field Forces and 19 officers in our Honor Guard Unit along with five officers detached to Georgia State Patrol SCRT teams.
- In addition to HOV and HOT activities and statistics incorporated into the full Region 3 report, the HOV/HOT Traffic Unit made 277 custodial arrests, including 50 fugitive arrests, and recovered 35 stolen vehicles.
- In a joint effort from all regions, a total of 211 NAS certified MCCD officers have completed 657 Significant Crash Reports involving commercial vehicles with a serious injury, fatality, or significant road closure, resulting in 524 post-crash inspections.
- Georgia Targeting Aggressive Cars and Trucks (GTACT) project continued with five enforcement details held in Regions 2, 5, 7 and 9. Each region was assigned six days a month for six months beginning in November focusing on Gwinnett, Barrow, Clark, Troup, Harris, Muscogee, Laurens, Treutlen, Camden, Glynn, Pierce, Ware, and Wayne counties.
- GTACT officers performed 1,033 inspections, 1,340 Uniform Traffic Citations, 165 CMV speeding citations, 407 Non-CMV speeding violations and 820 warnings, 117 Vehicle Placed Out-of-Service, 62 Drivers Placed Out-of-Service and a total of 2,368 CMV violations. By utilizing proactive training, outreach opportunities and through strategies targeted toward motor carriers who operate unsafe equipment MCCD will provide a safer driving environment for the motoring public and the commercial vehicle industry.



## CAPITOL POLICE DIVISION



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

**Police Services:** The Capitol Police Services section of the division is comprised of 20 sworn police officers that respond to public safety issues, and secure and protect the state's assets, resources, personnel, and visitors from interruption, or destruction. In addition to the day-to-day operations, the Capitol Police Division establishes and manages access and security policies for the Capitol Square area in conjunction with building tenants, government leadership, and the Georgia Building Authority, and is responsible for planning and providing security and law enforcement services for all public events in the Capitol Square area, including but not limited to:

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

**Georgia State Patrol, Post 50-Capitol Hill:** On January 1, 2012, the department established a general order creating Georgia State Patrol Post 50- Capitol Hill. The troopers of Post 50 control the access into the State Capitol by checking all state employees, guests, and other personnel for valid identification. This includes screening all incoming packages, deliveries, and mail. They provide security for all elected officials, state employees and guests at the State Capitol. The troopers of Post 50 also provide security for all the buildings on Capitol Hill by conducting patrols in and around these buildings. Troopers, including supervisors, are also required to secure the Georgia Court of Appeals and the Georgia Supreme Court. Post 50 is staffed by 24 troopers and one post secretary.

On September 18, 2012, the Capitol Police Division held its ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Capitol Police Division headquarters located at 180 Central Avenue in Atlanta. Under the direction of the Governor's office and with the help of the Georgia Building Authority, renovations were made to the building to accommodate the division with offices for the Capitol Police Command, Capitol Police Division, and Post 50-Capitol Hill. The building also includes an auditorium with a 297 person capacity. The auditorium is available for use for DPS functions and may also be reserved by other state agencies.

**Capitol Security:** The Capitol Police Safety Officers control and monitor access to the State Capitol, Coverdell Legislative Office Building, and the Judicial Building. The Capitol Police Security section consists of three safety officer supervisors, and 38 non-sworn security officers. Additionally, the security staff provides assistance to the Capitol Police Services section as Capitol Hill events are scheduled, and adequate security measures are implemented for each event. While most events are held on the Washington Street side of the State Capitol, some individuals or groups periodically request to utilize the surrounding areas of the Capitol for special events.



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

**Capitol Hill K-9 Unit:** The Capitol Police Division has one explosive detection canine assigned to the unit. The canine and his handler are responsible for responding to suspicious package notifications on Capitol Hill and also upon request from other law enforcement agencies throughout the state. In November 2012, the Capitol Police Division was awarded a grant from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) for two additional canines for the unit. The grant allocated funds for the purchase of the canines, vehicles and equipment, uniforms for the officers, and food and maintenance supplies for the canines to be secured in January, 2013.

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

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

## Activity

<b>Sworn Officer Activity</b>	
Arrests from Traffic Stops	1,578
Vehicle Stops	7,929
Suspicious Package, Persons, and Vehicle Reports	924
Impounded Vehicles	155
Traffic Crashes	167
Calls for Service	3,243
<b>Non-Sworn Security Activity</b>	
Security Location Checks (non-sworn officers)	25,588
Unsecured Doors	1,921
Unlocked Building Doors	36
Unlocked Parking Decks and Courtyard Areas	107
<b>Communications Activity</b>	
Duress Alarms Answered	108
Fire Alarms Answered	132
Elevator Entrapments	239
GCIC Hits	64

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**Events:** Troopers and officers from the Capitol Police Division participated in the 2012 Toys for Tots campaign by sponsoring several toy drives which resulted in the collection of over 900 toys. There were a total of 210 events requiring security and police presence for 2012. Listed below are a portion of the larger events that required Capitol Police, GSP Post 50, and safety officer staffing:

**January 9, 2012**

Georgia State Conference NAACP  
Rally to abolish the Death Penalty

**January 23, 2012**

Georgia Right to Life  
Memorial for unborn

**January 25, 2012**

Center for an Educated Georgia  
Rally to promote school choice

**February 01, 2012**

Street Grace  
Rally to end the sexual exploitation of children

**February 02, 2012**

Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Stop Violence Against Women Lobby Day

**February 08, 2012**

Behavioral Health Services Coalition  
Mental Health Day

**February 16, 2012**

Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Promote Disability Awareness

**February 22, 2012**

Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation  
Press Conference to launch Community  
Campaign

**February 27, 2012**

We Can Do All Things, Inc.  
Anti-Violence Movement Rally

**March 10, 2012**

Office of the Lt. Governor  
Healthy Kids Georgia Festival

**March 13, 2012**

Senator Vincent Fort  
Occupy Atlanta Press Conference

**March 19, 2012**

Georgia Department of Public Safety  
75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ceremony

**March 21, 2012**

American Cancer Society  
Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids

**March 23, 2012**

Holy Spirit Catholic Church  
Religious Freedom

**March 26, 2012**

Doctors for America  
Health Care

**March 26, 2012**

Office of Rev. Markel Hutchins  
Non-violent Rally for Trayvon Martin

**March 27, 2012**

Metro Atlanta Mayors Association  
Bicycle Awareness Day

**April 12, 2012**

Safe America Foundation  
Teen Driving Safety

**April 20, 2012**

Civil Disobedience  
Cannabis Reform

**April 28, 2012**

Unite Women.Org  
Unite Against the War on Women

**May 1, 2012**

Georgia Latino Alliance for Human Rights  
Rally/March- May Day Celebration

**May 3, 2012**

National Day of Prayer Georgia  
National Day of Prayer Observance

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**May 18, 2012**

Special Olympics Georgia  
Law Enforcement Torch Run

**May 26, 2012**

Africa Heritage Foundation  
Africa Day Celebration

**June 16, 2012**

Phi Kappa Kappa Chapter/ Omega Fraternity  
Proud Father's Rally

**July 10, 2012**

Rescue Atlanta  
Youth Outreach Praise and Prayer Rally

**August 3, 2012**

Georgia Green Party  
Presidential and Local Campaigns

**August 16, 2012**

Gammon Theological Seminary Center  
Immigration

**August 31, 2012**

UGA Shepherd Center  
Relay of Heroes

**September 6, 2012**

Atlanta Harm Reduction Coalition  
HIV Overdose Prevention Rally

**September 25, 2012**

Congressman John Lewis  
Voter Registration Day

**September 30, 2012**

Pancreatic Cancer Action Network  
Remembrance Ceremony/ Proclamation

**October 3, 2012**

Friends of Georgia Archives  
Save Georgia Archives

**October 13, 2012**

Blue Sky Girls  
International Rett Syndrome Awareness

**October 20, 2012**

Holy Spirit Catholic Church  
Healthcare coverage/ Anti-Obamacare Rally

**October 24, 2012**

Health Students Taking Action Together  
Medicaid Expansion Rally

**November 1, 2012**

Representative Vincent Fort  
Charter Schools Press Conference

**November 6, 2012**

City of Duluth Police Department  
Annual Special Operations Forces Run Press  
Conference



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