

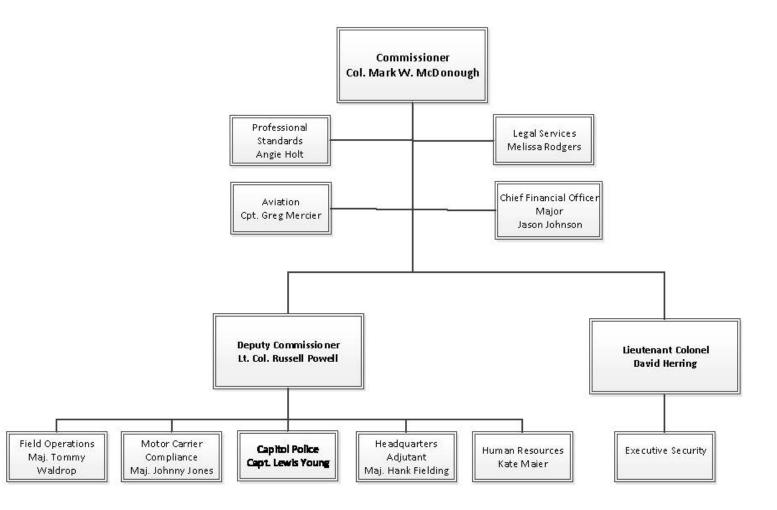
# **2016 ANNUAL REPORT**

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

# 2016 GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY ANNUAL REPORT

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#### History of the Public Safety

**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.

The **Georgia State Patrol (GSP)** has 52 posts throughout the state responsible for patrolling state highways, enforcing traffic laws, and assisting other law enforcement agencies. GSP is comprised of several special operation units including: Honor Guard, Specialized Collision Reconstruction Team, Specialized Weapons and Tactics, Dive Team, Nighthawks DUI Task Force, Motorcycle Unit, Criminal Interdiction Unit, K-9 Task Force, and the Governor's Task Force/Drug Suppression.

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

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



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#### **DPS Command Staff**

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MAJOR JOHNNY JONES MOTOR CARRIER COMPLIANCE DIVISION COMMANDING OFFICER



#### **CAPT. LEWIS YOUNG** CAPITOL POLICE DIVISION COMMANDING OFFICER





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#### **Commissioner's Office**

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



#### Aviation

The Georgia State Patrol Aviation Division operates 24/7 to provide air support to the Georgia State Patrol and in support of public safety interest for the citizens of Georgia. There are six field hangars located in Kennesaw, Albany, Gainesville, Perry, Reidsville, and Augusta.

#### **GSP** Aviation Field Hangars

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

#### • Augusta Hangar (patrols Eastern Georgia)

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

- Total number of Missions flown: 1,724 Missions 3,019.7 Flight Hours
- Total flight hours for general searches (both criminal and search and rescue combined): 608.9 hrs.
- Percentage of Individuals found through general searches (both criminal and search and rescue combined): **56.11%**
- Total flight hours for Governor's Task Force: 913.7 hrs.
- Total flight hours for property search and surveillance: **86.9 hrs.**

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- Total flight hours for training: **267.3 hrs.**
- Total flight hours for aerial photography: **73.0 hrs.**
- Hoist Rescue Missions:
- Night Vision Goggle Flight Time: **342.2 hrs.** 
  - Average response time of missions (in minutes): **45 mins.** (Call received to arrival on scene)

#### Office of Professional Standards

The Office of Professional Standards (OPS) supports the mission and core beliefs of the Department of Public Safety and is dedicated to protecting the integrity of the department through ensuring adherence to ethical standards, performance criteria and commitment to public service. OPS performs its function by conducting a variety of investigations including internal affairs matters, pre-employment background cases, some criminal activity and violations of speed detection device permits. The business components of the Office of Professional Standards include Internal Affairs, Background Investigations, Polygraph, Permits and support staff.

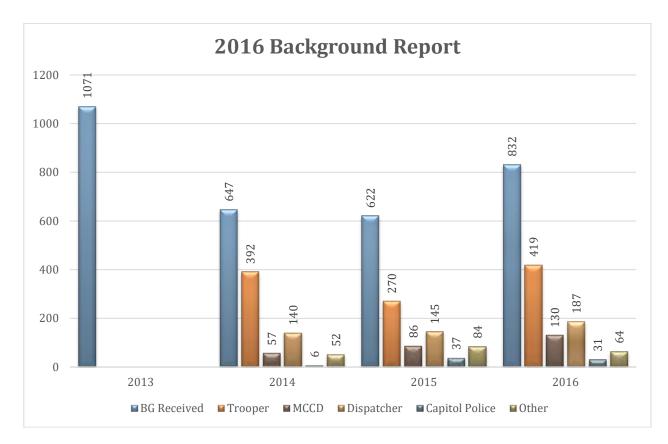
**Internal Affairs:** The Internal Affairs Unit investigates allegations of wrongdoing against members of the Department of Public Safety, including the Georgia State Patrol, Motor Carrier Compliance Division and Capitol Police. The Internal Affairs Unit also investigates complaints alleging the misuse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

During 2016, the Department of Public Safety initiated **355 investigations**. Of this number, 42 were complaint investigations conducted by field troop officers or Human Resources staff, while 313 were investigations conducted by the Internal Affairs Unit. The table below is a summary of the types and number of cases investigated during 2016:

Abuse of Authority	2
Accident Investigation	3
Administrative-Other	22
Agency Assist-Pre Employment/Other	162
Bias Based Profiling	2
Chaplain Background	4
Citizen Complaint Other-	8
Conduct Unbecoming	4
Domestic Misconduct	2
Impersonating a Trooper	1
Improper Conduct	12
Improper Search and Seizure	3
Improper Use of Speed Detection Device	5
Lost/Damaged/Misuse of Equipment	2
Misconduct during Traffic Stop	9
Off Duty Misconduct	4
Officer Involved Shooting	4
PIT/Pursuits	5
POST Arrest	30
Speed Detection Device Complaint Investigations	22
Theft	6
Threat Assessment	20
Title VI	8
Use of Force- Firearm Discharge	9
Work Performance	6
TOTAL	355

**Pre-Employment:** OPS is responsible for coordinating the function of pre-employment investigations for candidates seeking to join the Department of Public Safety. During 2016, the Background Investigation Unit managed **832 pre-employment applications** from Human Resources. Of which, 517 did not meet the department's employment standards and were disqualified from further consideration. There were 97 applicants who withdrew prior to the completion of the pre-employment investigations. The pre-employment investigations performed by GSP field lieutenants and NCOs, as well as MCCD SFCs, and assisted by OPS, resulted in **94 applicants who were hired** by DPS.

The **832** applicants aspired to be considered for the following positions: **419**-GSP trooper, **187**dispatcher, **130**-Motor Carrier (Cadet, Weight Inspector), **31**-Capitol Police/Safety Officer, and **64**-other (secretary, clerk, computer services technologist, mechanic, and others.

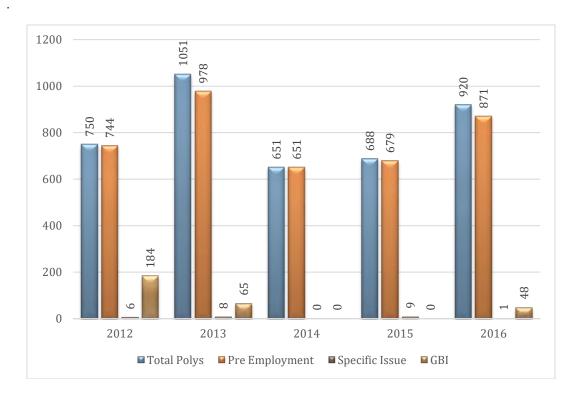


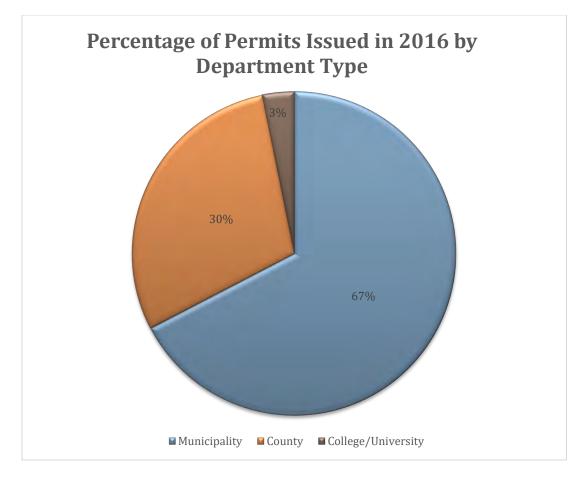
**Polygraph Unit:** During 2016, 920 polygraph examinations were conducted by the Office of Professional Standards. There were 871 DPS pre-employment screening tests, one was a specific issue (internal affairs) test and 48 were pre-employment screening tests for outside agencies. The chief polygraph examiner conducted quality control which also included video reviews.

All examiners completed ongoing professional training during the year, through attendance at the 2016 GBI Polygraph Training Seminar held at Gwinnett County Police Department in October, as well as the Georgia Polygraph Association bi-monthly training at various locations. At the end of 2016, there was a total of six examiners on staff.

Plans for the Polygraph Unit include continuing rigorous quality control to insure the most professional and proficient operations. It is anticipated there will be an increase in the number of pre-employment tests during 2017, due to the salary increase and the ongoing advertisement for Trooper, Dispatcher, and MCCD Cadet. Plans are also underway to build new polygraph suites adjoining the Office of Professional Standards.

The chart below depicts the number of pre-employment and specific issue polygraph examinations conducted by OPS and GBI, 2012-2016.





**Permits Unit:** During 2016, OPS administered the statewide issuance of 190 speed detection device permits to law enforcement agencies. Of those permits, **128** were issued to cities or municipalities, **56** to sheriff's offices, and **six** to colleges or universities.

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

During 2016, two members completed the Force Science Institute Certification course which provides instruction in a wide variety of crucial dynamics that impact the analysis and investigation of force encounters. The OPS members earned a new certification for investigators of force-related incidents. Currently, four members hold this certification.

#### Legal Services Office

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 of the department.

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

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

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

The Legal Services Office serves as the agency representative before administrative law judges in personnel appeals and other administrative hearings. They provide assistance to the Motor Carrier Compliance Division on issues involving commercial vehicles and serve as the agency representative at administrative hearings related to overweight and oversized commercial vehicles.

**Open Records**: The Open Records Unit is responsible for processing open records requests and provides guidance and assistance to field staff responding to open records requests. In 2014, the unit responded to **15,242 open records requests**. In 2015, the unit responded to **16,682 open records requests** for an increase of nine percent. (This percentage does not take into account that many requests are for multiple reports/videos at the same time.)

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

regarding DUI and ALS issues, and conducts DUI/ALS training for all new troopers attending trooper school.

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

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

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

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

In calendar year 2016, some of the activities performed by the Legal Services staff were:

- o Reviewed, revised or drafted approximately 155 contracts, agreements, or memoranda of understanding.
- Opened 28,652 Open Records requests. 0
- Opened approximately 1,796 Administrative License Suspension cases and filed 0 motions and briefs in approximately 774 cases and served as the agency representative at the related ALS hearings.
- Opened **49** overweight/oversize citation cases and served as the agency 0 representative at **24** administrative hearings.





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#### Comptroller

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

There are four agencies attached to DPS, which include Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC), Georgia Peace Officers Standards and Training Council (P.O.S.T.), Georgia Firefighters Standards and Training Council, and the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. This office handles the procurement for all but two, GPSTC and GOHS.

During 2016, the following purchase orders were processed:

- 4,119 purchase orders were processed for a total of \$47,284,946.97
- **1,393** purchase orders were processed for a total of **\$33,861,298.94** by DPS and two attached agencies
- **27** bids were processed
- **21** bids were processed by DPS and two attached agencies

**Accounting Section:** The Accounting Section is responsible for maintaining the DPS accounting books and records for the Department of Public Safety/Georgia State Patrol and four attached agencies. The section consists of accounts payable, accounts receivable/revenue, payroll, grants, and general ledger activity.

The amount of revenue for the Overweight Citations Unit that was transferred to the State Treasury was **\$5,491,394.16** for Fiscal Year 2016.

Revenue received from the Motorcycle Patrol Unit for Fiscal Year 2016:

Total:	\$352,530.61
Fulton Magistrate Court:	\$196,305.00
DeKalb Recorders Court:	\$ 56,782.54
DeKalb State Court:	\$ 1,038.00
Atlanta Municipal Court:	\$ 98,405.07

The **Accounts Payable** section processed 106,710 checks and 273,449 electronic funds transfers. The department remitted surplus from state and other funds back to the State Treasury in the amount of **\$92,806.65**.

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 the four attached agencies. Payroll is also responsible for balancing and issuing W-2s to all current and

former employees and the attached agencies. In 2016, 2,012 W-2s were issued. The payroll office assists employees with any questions regarding W-2s. Other payroll functions are as follows:

- $\circ$   $\,$  Transferring monies from the Office of the State Treasurer each pay period to cover payroll checks.
- Making federal tax transfer for all federal taxes; this transfer includes employee and employer share of all federal taxes.
- Setting up direct deposit information in PeopleSoft when payroll office receives appropriate form and banking information from employee. Payroll also works closely with Wells Fargo Bank to resolve any problems related to employee direct deposit.
- Balancing all deduction reports and coordinating with Accounts Payable to send out checks or transfer monies for all employee deductions, including but not limited to tax levies, garnishments, child support payments, supplemental insurance deductions, credit union deductions, and deferred and defined compensation. Additionally, payroll assists employees with any questions or concerns regarding tax levies and garnishments.
- Reconciling, balancing and submitting retirement reports, which includes four different retirement plans, each with a different percentage for employer share. Monthly retirement reports must be corrected and resubmitted for all retroactive salary adjustments.
- Balancing health insurance reports for all different health insurance plans and coordinating with the Department of Community Health to resolve problems.
- Balancing and submitting quarterly 941 federal tax report, quarterly state tax report, 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.
- 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; making any and all payroll corrections when errors are discovered.
- Completing special projects, as necessary, due to lawsuits or other requests from the Legal Services Division.
- Researching and answering all requests on employees and former employees from IRS, Social Security Administration, Retirement System, and others.

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

The **Grants** Administrators' duties include writing grants, preparing the reimbursement claims, maintaining budgets, and adhering to federal guidelines on spending. The section also manages

all projections and expenditures throughout the year for grants. The following grants/funds were awarded to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) during State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2016:

Administrative License Suspension Program & Nighthawks: In SFY 2008, the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) combined the Administrative License Suspension (ALS) program with the Nighthawk DUI Task Force into one grant for **\$725,100**. This funding continues providing legal assistance to state troopers at civil hearings for DUI suspension of driver licenses. The grant provides for one attorney, one paralegal, travel related to court appearances, and administrative support services. This grant also continues to provide funding for the operation of multiple DUI Task Forces. The Nighthawks Unit North is focused on the five-county metropolitan area, the Nighthawks Unit Middle Georgia is focused primarily on the Albany area, and the Nighthawks Unit South is focused on the Chatham and Bulloch County areas. The units conduct concentrated patrols, road checks, and provide educational information to the public as part of their outreach efforts. The grant provides funding for 20 troopers, a unit secretary, and other operational expenses. The Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016 awarded grant was **\$2,358,400**.

<u>GOHS Bicycle Grant:</u> Grant funds totaling **\$5,000** were awarded from the GOHS. The grant provides funding for Georgia State Patrol to establish a program to reduce bicycle related injuries and fatalities on Jekyll Island.

<u>K-9 Explosive Ordinance Disposal</u>: Grant funds of **\$6,000** were awarded from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) to provide funding for Georgia State Patrol-Capitol Police Explosives Detection Dogs supplies.

**K-9 Regional Task Force:** The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) awarded **\$352,199** to provide continuation funding for the Regional K-9 Task Force. The grant provides funding for the unit commander, seven deputies, a secretary, and veterinary expenses. DPS only retained **\$52,829.85** and passed the remaining funds to the Chatham County Sheriff's Office.

**<u>SWAT/Dive Team</u>**: Grant funds, amounting in **\$35,000** were awarded from the GEMA to provide funding for Georgia State Patrol SWAT/Dive Team supplies.

**Governor's Task Force:** The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) awarded **\$769,600** to provide air and ground search and destroy missions for marijuana eradication efforts in Georgia.

**Overtime Reimbursements:** In SFY 2016, DPS (Georgia State Patrol) worked with various federal agencies and received reimbursement of overtime expenses and other law enforcement expenses related to joint operations. The federal agencies or programs that DPS conducts joint operations with are Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Justice, and Atlanta-Carolinas High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas program. During SFY 2016, DPS was reimbursed **\$126,532.42** for overtime expenses.

**Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP):** Effective July 1, 2005, the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety was reorganized per House Bill 501, and the DPS was designated the lead MCSAP agency for the State of Georgia. During SFY 2016, MCSAP funding was granted **\$5,905,687**. The mission of the MCSAP program is to improve commercial motor vehicle safety on Georgia's highways by reducing crashes, fatalities, and injuries. Each year, new goals and objectives are outlined in a Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Plan and monitored throughout the year. During 2016, the Motor Carrier Compliance Division (MCCD) performed **90,247 commercial motor vehicle inspections**.

**New Entrant Program:** MCCD is responsible for conducting the New Entrant Program for the State of Georgia. Pursuant to federal regulations, within 18 months of a receipt of new entrant registration, a motor carrier based in Georgia must undergo a safety audit performed by MCCD. The audit ensures that the motor carrier has complied with the minimum safety standards necessary to continue operating after initially receiving a USDOT number. For FFY 2016, MCCD was awarded **\$1,220,738**. MCCD officers performed **1,582 safety audits**.

**Safety Data Improvement Program (SaDIP):** For the 2016 period, MCCD was awarded **\$352,877** in a SaDIP grant to improve crash data. The goal of the SaDIP grant funding is to provide assistance to facilitate the collection of accurate, complete, and timely data on all large commercial truck and bus crashes that involve a fatality, injury, or a vehicle towed from the crash scene. MCCD collects data to report to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) in order to update inventories and monitor compliance of motor carrier companies, measure the condition of vehicle fleets, track the driving records of licensed operators, and record crashes involving commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) on public roadways. High quality, timely data in each of these areas is crucial to the mission of improving the safety of CMVs. MCCD also uses the data to identify problem carriers and to plan for the best use of limited resources to improve safety.

**Performance and Registration Information Systems Management (PRISM)**: MCCD received a grant during SFY 2016 for purchasing license plate readers and software technology used by MCCD mobile officers through the federal PRISM program totaling **\$544,458**. The implementation of this system is tied to the centralized Georgia Active Directory for authentication and will query the state's Commercial Vehicle Information Exchange Window (CVIEW) data and other data sources such as vehicle registration and titles as supplied by the Georgia Department of Revenue for use by commercial vehicle enforcement officers.

High Priority Grants: MCCD received a high priority grant during SFY 2016 for \$618,417.

**Operation Stop the Threat (STT):** The "Operation Stop the Threat" campaign focuses enforcement efforts on the leading crash causation factors. By design, "Operation Stop the Threat" serves as a high visibility, crash elimination effort to reduce fatal crashes involving commercial motor vehicles in the identified corridors.

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

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

There are currently 910 agencies listed in the Excess Property database eligible to participate in 1033 Excess Property. These agencies include police departments, sheriff's offices, drug task forces, marshal offices, and state law enforcement agencies.

Four personnel attended the annual Law Enforcement Support Office National Training Conference on August 22-26, as part of continuing training in the management of excess property.

In 2016, **328** agencies participated in the 1033 Excess Property Program. The total value of property distributed was **\$18,515,271.50**. Since the beginning of the Excess Property Program on September 1, 1991, over **\$200,000,000 worth of equipment** has been distributed.

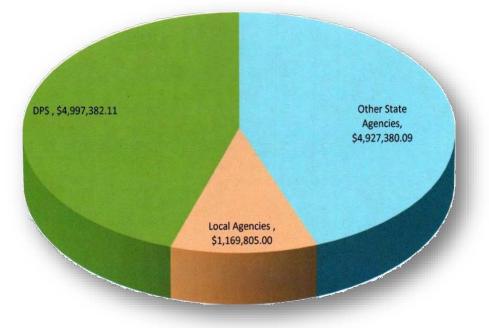
Excess Property provides 1033 training the second Tuesday of each month, at the Excess Property Office. During 2016, there were 124 attendees in the training classes. Training was also conducted at several locations throughout Georgia to accommodate the varying geographic locations of participating law enforcement agencies.

The division conducted 28 audits of the law enforcement agencies that participate in the program. The Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) conducted their bi-annual Program Compliance Review (PCR) and audited another 31 agencies.

During 2016, two agencies were suspended and reinstated. One agency had a rifle stolen from a patrol vehicle and the other could not produce a rifle during the LESO PCR. One agency was terminated from the program for the loss of five pistols.

**1122 Program:** The authority of the 1122 Program resides within the Department of Defense. The 1122 Program offers Americans peace of mind by enabling state and local government access to several federal sources of supply to purchase equipment and supplies in support of Counter Drug, Homeland Security and Emergency Response activities. The Duncan Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal year 2009 amended 10 USC 381 to expand the procurement

authority under the 1122 Program beyond Counter Drug activities to include equipment for Homeland Security and Emergency Response activities.



Total Amount \$11,094,567.20

The 1122 Program affords state and local government agencies the opportunity to take advantage of discounts available to the federal government due to its large volume purchases. The implementation of the 1122 program allows state and local government agencies to efficiently utilize appropriated funds and save millions of dollars. One of the major benefits of the program include discounts from 15% to as much as 80% when purchasing equipment suitable for Counter Drug, Homeland Security and Emergency Response activities. During 2016, Excess Property provided 856 quotes and purchased **\$11,094,567.20** in equipment and supplies, as well as purchased 37 vehicles through the program. The division has also provided 1122 Program training for 119 customers.

#### **Deputy Commissioner's Office**

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



#### Honor Guard

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

and other functions as deemed appropriate by the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Public Safety.

During 2016, the Georgia Department of Public Safety Honor Guard participated in 93 honor guard details throughout the state, as well as other regions of the United States. The details consisted of four parades, **35** Presentation of Colors details and/or bagpiper, and **54** funeral/memorial services.

The Honor Guard also participated in several very high profile details including the National Peace Officer's Memorial Service Week in Washington, DC, and the funeral details of 12 law enforcement officers/state troopers killed in the line of duty in Georgia, Ohio, New Jersey, New York, Virginia, and Tennessee.

#### 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 Division, 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 97<sup>th</sup> Trooper School graduated on March 18, 2016, with **30** new troopers. The 98<sup>th</sup> Trooper School began April 3, and graduated on November 11, 2016, with **24** new troopers. The 99<sup>th</sup> Trooper School began on August 14, 2016, with **22** cadets. The unit conducted the following training: Spring Firearms Use of Force and qualification, Driving Simulator Training, LWRC Patrol Rifle transition and qualification, Pursuit Liability with Due Regard and live driving in-service, Standardized Field Sobriety Training, Child Passenger Safety Technician, Field Training Officer (FTO) Refresher, an FTO School, Accident Reconstruction 1 – 5, Supervision Level 1 – 3, Driving Instructor, Defensive Tactics Instructor and POST Instructor.

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

The MCCD Unit Conducted the following training for the department: North American Standards Parts A, B, and State, TRUCAM, Cargo Tank, General Hazardous Materials, Other Bulk Package, Honor Guard, FTO, Weights and Measures, RADAR Instructor and Operator, LIDAR Instructor and Operator, Radioactive Material, SFST, ARIDE, Advanced Traffic Law, and Advanced EVOC.



The Training Division conducted several classes for outside agencies including Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT), P.I.T. Training, Firearms Training, Police Patrol Rifle, SFST, ARIDE Training, and Speed Detection Training. Sworn members of DPS received a grand total of **206,979** P.O.S.T. credited hours for 2016.

#### Governor's Task Force (GTF)

The Governor's Task Force/Drug Suppression (GTF) is assigned to the Office of the Deputy Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Public Safety and supervised by a task force commander from the Georgia State Patrol. GTF is comprised of six state and two federal agencies

which include: The Georgia State Patrol, Motor Carrier Compliance, Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division, Department of Corrections - Probation Division, State Board of Pardons and Paroles, Georgia Army National Guard Counter Drug, Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Civil Air Patrol. Each agency provides resources specific to their enforcement mission such as aircraft, intelligence, logistical and administrative support, equipment and personnel trained and experienced in operating in a variety of environments found throughout the state. The task force is funded through the Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program (DCE/SP). These federal funds, derived from asset forfeiture, are administered by the Department of Justice, through the Drug Enforcement Administration to the Georgia Department of Public Safety. The Department of Public Safety then allocates the funds within DEA guidelines to combat locally grown cannabis. The primary role of the task force is to eradicate domestic marijuana cultivation within the state of Georgia, both indoor and outdoor, and to gather intelligence relating to its manufacture and cultivation.



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

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

In 2016, GTF in conjunction with DEA, sponsored and organized a five-day class at Fort Pulaski, Georgia to train and update local enforcement agencies about locally grown marijuana detection, eradication, and prosecutions. The curriculum guest speakers included prosecutors, pilots, police chiefs, and DEA agents. The class also included training in hands-on field operations and spotting techniques. The class was also an opportunity to build and foster relationships and cooperation between GTF members and local agency members.

GTF works with the Federal Forestry Service to decrease the number and size of marijuana grows on its public lands. Grow operations on public lands present a unique safety issue to the public who may wander into these sites while hiking in the national forests or other public lands and encounter armed members of Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTOs). Other hazards to the public include the hazardous waste that is often affiliated with illegal grow operations. Georgia is home to two national forests, the Chattahoochee National Forest, located in North Georgia, which is the trailhead to the Appalachian Trail and the Oconee National Forest, located in middle Georgia. In addition to these national forests, Georgia has many state administered Wildlife



Management Areas (WMAs) located throughout the state. These hazards also present safety concerns to the hunters and fishers as they traverse these areas. The attraction for marijuana growers to public land is their ability to grow the plants without accountability for their presence while traveling to and from the marijuana plots, and the lack of risk to a capital investment loss from asset forfeiture. In addition, seclusion is offered in large wooded areas that can easily conceal sites while remaining close to hiking trails. This is why aviation support is so critical in the marijuana eradication program.

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

In 2016, GSP Aviation logged (922) hours of flight time for GTF operations. The Georgia National Guard Counter Drug logged (447.0) hours and the Civil Air Patrol logged (388.2) hours in support of GTF operations. This combined effort in support of the marijuana eradication program resulted in eradicating (7,952) plants, worth an estimated \$19,880,000.00. In addition to the (108) grow sites located, (85) felony arrests were made and (91) weapons were seized. Due to the combined efforts of the federal, state, county agencies, and the hard work and dedication of the task force, approximately \$731,029.00 of drug related assets were seized.

Yearly efforts of the GTF put clandestine growers on the defensive. Deterrence through the threat of arrest is very real. Each year growers become more innovative in their efforts to elude detection. Because of the concerted efforts of the combined participating agencies, the Governor's Task Force program continues to show how important this service is and how it helps to reduce and discourage the illegal activities of the marijuana grows. Often times, other illicit activities go hand in hand with marijuana production. The Task force recovered stolen construction machines, stolen motorcycles, and stolen automobiles during the 2016 season affiliated with grow sites and suspected growers.

#### Recruiting/Off-Duty Coordinator

**RECRUITING:** The Recruiting Coordinator is responsible for arranging and coordinating all recruiting events, developing strategic marketing plans, providing DPS with a sustainable flow of quality diverse candidates to meet business needs, providing Human Resource with applicants for trooper schools, and providing informational actives at civic organizations, educational institutions, military bases, intrastate and interstate job fairs. There were 13 job fairs scheduled at educational institutions, 22 at military bases and 18 at other organizations for a total of 53 job fairs. There were two schools advertised in 2016. The 99<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> trooper

schools. The total number of applicants for the 99<sup>th</sup> trooper school were 1,355 and there were 1,510 applicants for the 100<sup>th</sup> Trooper School.

**OFF-DUTY EMPLOYMENT:** The Recruiting Coordinator also serve as the Off-Duty Coordinator to allow both sworn and civilian employees of the department to engage in Outside Employment. In this capacity, he obtains the approval or disapproval of the commissioner or the commissioner's designee; provides the employer with the Notice to Off-Duty Employer form upon approval/disapproval of the commissioner or the commissioner's designee; and maintains an approved employee list in accordance with policy. When a prospective employer contacts the department to request a DPS Officer for employment, the coordinator provides the list of approved employees. The coordinator is also responsible for maintaining all files and data entry referenced to off-duty employment for all employees hired by the Department of Public Safety. Over 650 requests for outside employment forms were approved and 15 part-time employers were approved and added to the database.



#### Human Resources

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

**Career Development:** Human Resources is responsible for coordinating the process for career advancement and growth of the DPS sworn personnel. Testing and assessment centers were held in partnership with the University of Georgia and Promotion Boards were convened to provide opportunity for eligible sworn personnel to compete for promotion into established supervisory openings.

**Classification and Compensation:** In January 2016, Human Resources implemented the new statewide classification (Job Descriptions) and compensation structures.

**Employment:** The Human Resources Division worked closely with hiring managers to attract and retain a qualified workforce. Human Resources staff assessed and communicated with job applicants as they moved through the hiring process, and participated in interview and selection processes. In 2016, Human Resources staff processed thousands of applicants through the hiring process for our core jobs, including staffing for the 98<sup>th</sup>, 99<sup>th</sup>, 100<sup>th</sup> and 101<sup>st</sup> Trooper Schools, MCCD officer positions as part of the continued efforts to address the increasing commercial vehicle traffic in the Georgia Port corridor, Capitol Police officers, and dispatchers. The employment team also partnered with the GSP Recruitment Division by providing training and overall support of their efforts to recruit trooper school candidates. Human Resources developed an Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (EEOP) and partnered with Recruiting and the Public Information Office to implement strategies to ensure we employ a diverse workforce.

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

**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 ensure fair and consistent treatment of all employees and improve the employee management relations climate within the department. Human Resources staff consulted with individual employees and managers to address specific workplace issues, and conducted investigations into employee complaints. In 2016, Human Resources implemented a marketing

program to ensure employee awareness of the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) and the available services designed to help employees with both work and life issues.



#### Public Information Office (PIO)

The Public Information Office serves as the liaison for the Department of Public Safety to the news media and citizens of Georgia. The Public Information Office staff provides research and clearance for media inquiries and interview requests for 52 Georgia State Patrol posts, 10 Motor Carrier Compliance regions and Capitol Police. This office also serves as support to GEMA/Homeland Security during natural disasters and state emergencies.

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

**Documents Unit:** PIO serves as the central filing, storage and retrieval of evidence photos, videotapes and documents from all GSP, MCCD, and Capitol Police field operations. All PIO

staff members are designated as custodians of public record. Documents received and filed over evidence and completed evidence requests, which included photographs, videos, crash and incident reports, SCRT reports, subpoenas, requests for production of documents, and other documentation. The Documents and Graphics Units also completed requests from the Open Records Units which included photograph and CD/DVD duplication. This unit also compiles quarterly GOHS/NHTSA data for statewide seatbelt, child restraint and DUI enforcement campaigns.

**PUBLICATIONS/GRAPHICS UNIT:** Publications is responsible for the production of the department's quarterly newsletter, the DPS Annual Report, special projects and content for the Department of Public Safety website. This unit also provides special assistance in coordinating departmental submissions for the Georgia Governor's Challenge and the International Association of Chief's of Police awards programs. The Graphics Unit provides special projects support to the Publications and Recruitment Units. This unit also serves as the official photographers for the department at local and state events.

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

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

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

Below is a list of accomplishments for the Public Information Office in 2016:

- Wrote 27 news releases and posted to departmental website;
- Published 89 DPS Bulletins to current and retired employees;
- Provided public information support to GEMA during WinterEx details and Hurricane Matthew;
- Photographed departmental events such as awards programs, pinning ceremonies, press conferences, trooper school, and other special events;
- Designed layout, edited content and posted annual reports to departmental website;
- Deigned layout, wrote/edited content, and posted quarterly newsletters to website;

- Designed Core Value posters, We Set the Standard posters, and 80<sup>th</sup> Challenge Coin;
- Created and designed GSP and DPS recruiting brochures;
- Compiled and submitted applications for IACP National Law Enforcement Challenge, and (4) LEO awards;
- Served as coordinator for the 2017 DPS Awards Ceremony, included planning and preparation.
- Processed and entered 2,233 crash photo/DVD evidence into the system;
- Edited and scanned fatality reports for daily submission to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety;
- Reviewed and corrected demographic information for the database of traffic fatalities;
- Submitted a total of 140 fatality reports;
- Compiled and distributed holiday enforcement activity and fatal crash reports for the 2016 holiday periods;
- Downloaded and entered monthly activity for submission for Sustained Activity Report and Operation Zero Tolerance and Click It or Ticket.
- Prepared video footage for the International Association of Chiefs of Police conference;
- Edited 35 video files of interviews containing confidential information;
- Prepared 102 certificates for presentation;
- Printed 1,250 photographs and 35 large scale prints;
- Researched enforcement activity and fatal crash experience for the six holiday periods in 2015 to be used in 2016 holiday news releases;
- Compiled and distributed holiday enforcement activity and fatal crash experience for the 2016 holiday periods;
- Digitized case evidence for the Office of Professional Standards including 123 audio cassettes and 29 VHS cassettes tapes were converted to digital files;
- Reviewed and corrected monthly the database of traffic fatalities;
- Downloaded and compiled monthly activity for submission to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for the sustained enforcement activity and specialized mobilizations Operation Zero Tolerance and Click It or Ticket;
- Published one new policy, 11 revised policies, seven revision memos and eight policy acknowledgment forms;
- Trained 98<sup>th</sup> and 99<sup>th</sup> trooper school on departmental policies, trained troop commanders and post NCOs about the departmental shred process, and taught social media at MCCD in-service;
- Completed statewide photography sessions and completed departmental album submission for publication;
- Coordinated social media campaign which helped the Georgia State Patrol win the "Best Looking Cruiser" contest. The vehicle was featured on the front of the 2017 calendar;
- Social media accounts posted include the following: Facebook (898), Twitter (12), Recruiting Facebook pages (1,634), Instagram (498), YouTube (8) and Periscope (6);

#### Headquarters Adjutant

#### Administrative Services Division

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

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

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

The **Facilities Division** is responsible for guiding the Post/Troop Commanders in the building of new posts, as well as repairs to current buildings. It is also responsible for approving certain requests for purchases and repairs to items belonging to those facilities. The Maintenance Section is responsible for the upkeep of the Headquarters Facilities. This section is predominately responsible for the main HQ facility, but will assist in the maintenance of other outlying buildings owned or leased by the department. They are responsible for many actions, including, but not limited to grounds keeping, construction, plumbing, roof repair and HVAC.

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

The **Property Division** is responsible for the inventory and tracking of data for the Department. This includes headquarters, 52 state patrol posts, 10 Motor Carrier Compliance Division regions and the Capitol Police, as well as specialty units and various administrative attached agencies. This division maintains assets that meet DOAS Inventory requirements, as to the recording of serial numbers, issuance of decals and their recording. They are also responsible for when items are no longer serviceable: to handle the removal from inventory and the surplus of said items by DOAS rules and regulations. All assets purchased, donated and/or transferred with an acquisition cost of \$1,000 or more and all weapons, computers and communication equipment regardless of cost are recorded and managed using the statewide system, PeopleSoft.

# **FLEET SERVICES:** The following new vehicles were purchased for the department in 2016:

- o 110 Dodge Chargers, blue/gray for GSP
- o 30 Dodge Chargers for GSP, MCCD and Capitol Police
- 30 Ford Explorers for GSP, MCCD, Capitol Police and GOHS 13 Chevrolet Tahoe's for MCCD
- Three Kia Optima's for MCCD New Entrant Program three Chevrolet Suburban's for Executive Security
- Three Ford F-250 Trucks for GOHS 2 Ford F-250 Trucks for MCCD
- One Ford F-150 Truck for Appalachian Drug Task Force one Dodge Ram 1500 Truck for Recruiting
- One Ford Cargo Transit Van for Supply
- One Ford Rollback Wrecker for DPS Garage
- 598 departmental vehicle accidents/incidents were processed. This includes all accidents and incidents including PIT maneuvers, animal related, and storm related damages. Of these accidents, 25 vehicles were total losses.
- \$1,075,587.40 was spent on vehicle body repairs by DOAS Risk Management. The department spent \$46,000 for claims with deductibles or claims not covered in 91 of the accidents. A total of \$261,856.26 was recovered for totaled vehicles.
- 205 used vehicles were sold. Of these, 14 were sold to other state or local law enforcement agencies, 171 were sold via auction and the remaining were transferred to other state agencies. The total for auto sales in 2016 was \$598,741.10.
- 1,107 work orders were completed from start date of work order system until the end of 2016.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** During the 2016 reporting period, the following tasks and projects were attended and/or completed by the Communications Staff:

- Developed radio-training curriculum for Trooper Cadet School. This training is delivered by Communication Services personnel with the focus of instructing Cadets on DPS radio communication equipment and operation.
- Assisted with several protests in Atlanta and Stone Mountain. Communications personnel assisted with providing food and water to DPS personnel at the events as well as ensuring operable communication.
- Provided communications solutions and assistance for Hurricane Matthew. This included the set up and operation of the Mobile Command Bus at Post 45 and Interop 1 trailer at Post 11 during the event.
- Completed the digital repeater project for the 44 Digital P-25 repeater installations throughout the state.
- Worked with Motorola Solutions to reduce the annual Motobridge contract from \$779,000 to \$201,000 per year.

**FACILITIES/MAINTENANCE:** The following construction/renovations were completed for the department in 2016:

- Post 29 Grand opening, March 2016.
- Began operations of the new Camilla Hangar, April 2016. Renovation of Post 16 was completed in June 2016.
- Renovation of Post 27 was completed in July 2016.
- The construction of the new Perry Aviation Hangar was completed (Grand Opening) November 2016.
- Started the transition for the new Post 4 Villa Rica (Grand Opening) 2017. New construction of the Hampton scale barn began November 2016.
- First phase of lighting project (E. Sam Jones) \$86,000, our staff was involved with relocation of new lights that were not needed in offices that lighting output was improved due to new lights.
- Building 18 complete renovation of electrical, plumbing, sheetrock repair, painting, roofing and gutters.
- Building 12 reroof \$101,295.
- King Tree Service tree removal \$13,500.
- Post 47- replacement of one complete HVAC system \$13,239 and replacement of one condenser unit.

**SUPPLY:** This unit purchased/provided the following items for the Department in 2016:

- Provided equipment and logistical support for the Republican National Convention.
- Outfitted the 99<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> Trooper Schools.
- Provided logistical support for Hurricane Matthew.
- Purchased and issued new gas masks for all sworn members.
- Purchased and issued Level 4 ballistic vests for all sworn members.

**PROPERTY:** During the calendar year of 2016, Property Management processed the following transactions that are updated daily on the property system in an effort to track equipment and maintain as accurate inventory:

- o 1,995 additions with acquisition costs totaling \$16,593,667.83,
- o 3,230 deletions valued at \$10,413,996.72
- 4,710 in-house equipment transfers.

#### DPS Technology Section

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

**CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER:** The Chief Information Officer works with the DPS Command Staff to develop and implement technology related initiatives and policies. He also provides direct support for special programs. During 2016, the Chief Information Officer attended several meetings and seminars regarding the proposed Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network, and served on the advisory board for the 2016 Georgia Digital Government Summit. He initiated the overhaul and transformation of the network which when completed, will modernize connectivity across the state, and participated in a cybersecurity review of DPS operations for the GEMA Homeland Security for DPS, and continued traveling throughout the state to visit every post and weigh station to discuss their technology needs.

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

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

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

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

During 2016, the Technology Section initiated or completed the following:

- Commenced after-hours access to help desk on weekdays.
- Implemented computer inventory software statewide to monitor volume licenses.
- Commenced the transition to Office 365.
- Prepared for the deployment of SANS training and issued monthly awareness bulletins regarding network security.
- Headquarters storage upgrade project was completed enabling for continued growth and expansion.
- Commenced upgrade of the Netmotion servers.

- Continued with network attached storage project at several posts for the Watchgard 4RE camera system.
- Supported the Training Staff by providing and setting up mobile data terminals (MDTs) for use by cadets assigned to the 98<sup>th</sup> and 99<sup>th</sup> GSP Trooper School.
- Assisted with the establishment of new/relocated facilities.
- Commenced the upgrade of all DPS computers to the Windows 10 operating system.
- Completed the deployment of Panasonic laptops throughout the Georgia State Patrol, Capitol Police and MCCD.
- Created queries and reports against mobileforms database to deliver information that help facilitate decision making by DPS command personnel.
- Development team worked closely with Open Records Unit and Public Information Office to process data requests in a timely manner.
- Completed the development of a web application for the Excess Property division to help the employees to keep up with inventory. The new web application replaces the outdated FoxPro application.
- Performed daily maintenance of many software applications, such as Leave accounting, rosters and scheduling, sharepoint portal, and the overweight citation system.
- Worked with the Recruiting Unit to develop GAtrooper.com website.
- Commenced development of an inventory system for garage, radio shop, and supply.
- Ensured that data related to users, their permissions and access, and the general configuration of the Computer Aided Dispatch/Records Management System (CAD/RMS) was maintained.
- Assisted the communications director in the technical administration of the Georgia Interoperability Network (GIN), the State of Georgia's interoperable public safety radio network.

## Headquarters Security

Headquarters Security provides security for Headquarters personnel by maintaining 24-hour security of the grounds and buildings. This unit is staffed by a sworn officer and eight cadets who maintain 24-hour security of the grounds and building. There are five key responsibilities that Headquarters Security is responsible for.

Their descriptions are as follow:

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

- **Headquarters Security:** The member assigned to this duty has the responsibility of monitoring the outside grounds of the main entrance as well as the inside halls and all the doors leading to the outside grounds. They must ensure that everyone in the building has authorization.
- **Roving Seccurity:** The member assigned to this duty has the responsibilities of patrolling the parking lots, and all outside grounds as well as assist with the front gate. The member should make sure that anyone entering the compound has a valid ID.
- **Guard Shack:** The member assigned to this duty has the responsibility of monitoring the gate where employees enter and exit. This member also has to inform the radio room and their immediate supervisor of any unusual activity. They should make sure that they are visible at all times to ensure that anyone approaching the gate will stop and show ID upon request. The member should make sure that anyone entering the compound has a valid ID. This member should inform all visitors to park in the east parking lot which is located on the eastside of the building below the credit union.
- **Relays:** Relays are a secondary mission but has to be done in a timely manner and with the highest regard to the unit's ability. The member assigned to this duty also has the responsibility of checking on all other duties assignments to make sure that everyone is given a break in a timely fashion. This member must remember that there are other members that cannot easily leave there assigned area.

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

During 2016, approximately 2,000 individuals were signed in as visitors at the front desk of the DPS Headquarters Building. The sworn member of the unit performed approximately 75 vehicle inspections, which assisted the vehicle owner with obtaining a valid tag. During these inspections, one stolen vehicle was recovered by this unit. The unit delivered approximately 225 packages from the State Capitol and to the State Employee's Retirement System. The unit also provided transportation for approximately 70 DPS employees to the airport and other business related destinations.

### GEMA Líaíson

The GEMA Liaison keeps the DPS Commissioner and Command Staff advised of emergency responses where it appears that DPS will be needed; and coordinates and provides a liaison between DPS, GEMA, and other law enforcement agencies. The GEMA Liaison creates, maintains and updates DPS emergency plans including responses to natural and manmade disasters. The DPS GEMA Liaison Officer represents the DPS Commissioner at Homeland Security sponsored meetings, conferences and workshops as needed; serves as a member of the Homeland Defense Task Force and as an evaluator and monitor on Homeland Defense sponsored exercises to prepare for state level responses. This position serves as the DPS

representative on the GBI's Internet Crimes Against Children Unit. The GEMA Liaison monitors weather conditions and prepares and notifies the potential affected areas of DPS regarding the pending storms. The Georgia State Patrol (GSP) is designated as the lead state law enforcement agency for the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Project in the State of Georgia and the GEMA Liaison is responsible for the planning, preparation and response for incidents requiring SNS materials within the state. The GEMA Liaison is on call seven days a week, 24 hours a day, to fill requests from GEMA and other state and local agencies to respond to emergencies.

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

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

### January

- The GEMA Liaison met with the Department of Public Health for an update on Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) preparations; in case Georgia got its first case.
- The GEMA SOC was activated for winter weather events; none of which resulted in significant ice or snow in the Metro Atlanta Area. Other meetings included the Homeland Security Task Force and a HURREX 2016 Planning meeting.

#### **February**

- The Georgia Ports Authority held a Hurricane Workshop in February to discuss the statewide response after a Major Hurricane. Each state agency conducted a presentation covering their response capabilities.
- Other meetings included a Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) planning meeting, After Action Review from a previous Receipt Staging and Storage (RSS) Exercise, GBI's annual Child Abduction Response Team (CART) exercise and a Tropical Cyclone Re-entry planning meeting to prepare for the upcoming hurricane season planned by GEMA.

#### March

- The GEMA Liaison assisted the Georgia Secretary of State's Office with a March election by providing escorts and transportation for investigators around the state.
- An evaluation was held for the Pursuit Immobilization Technique in a Chevrolet Tahoe and Ford Interceptor on the high-speed track at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC).

- The GEMA Liaison planned and organized a successful fire drill at the Georgia Department of Public Safety Headquarters on March 10.
- Other meetings for the month included a National Veterinary Stockpile Meeting with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, planning meetings with The Georgia Ports Authority and multiple civil disturbance planning meetings at Stone Mountain Park.

### April

- New Chief's School was attended during the first two weeks of April and the two day Initial Planning Meeting for the Georgia National Guard's Vigilant Guard Exercise was held in Savannah, Georgia at the Air Dominance Center.
- A day of demonstrations was held at Stone Mountain Park, where multiple Mobile Field Forces were deployed by DPS and DOC in support of the Stone Mountain Park Police Department.

### May

- HURREX is an annual hurricane exercise involving state and local agencies. HURREX 2016 was a full-scale exercise and the scenario was a Gulf Coast Hurricane Strike. Multiple planning meetings were held with the southeastern local and state partners. HURREX 2016 began on May 13, and ended with a full activation of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) State Operations Center (SOC) on May 17.
- On May 21, the GEMA Liaison participated in the 2016 Hurricane Preparedness Expo at Home Depot in Pooler.

#### June

- The Georgia Department of Defense/National Guard held a Rehearsal of Concepts (ROC) Drill for a hurricane response at the Clay National Guard Center in Marietta. State agencies presented on their response capabilities and discussed inter-agency planning and preparations for a hurricane strike on the Georgia Coast.
- A Georgia Ports Authority Tabletop Exercise was held on June 8, in Savannah.

### July

- On July 4, the GEMA SOC was activated for the Peachtree Road Race in light of the terrorist attack on the Boston Marathon in 2014.
- The FBI held a planning meeting prior to July 4, with all key agencies and briefed on current threats. There were no issues on race day.
- The Georgia State Patrol received an EMAC request from the Ohio State Highway Patrol for a Mobile Field Force to assist them with the 2016 Republican National Convention, held July 18 21. The GEMA Liaison is responsible for coordinating the completion of the EMAC request between states.

#### August

• The Georgia Department of Agriculture's RRT Radiological Food Contamination Tabletop Exercise was held on August 3, at the Georgia Tech Global Learning Center in

Atlanta. The Georgia Department of Agriculture held a High Path Avian Influenza Tabletop Exercise on August 25, at the GEMA SOC where state agencies came together to discuss their response capabilities.

• The Georgia National Guard's Mid Planning Meeting for the Vigilant Guard Exercise was held on September 14 and 15 at the Air Dominance Center in Savannah.

#### October

- Preparations for Hurricane Matthew began on Saturday October 1; with impacts to the Georgia Coast beginning the morning of Friday October 7.
- Multiple planning meetings were held for the 2016 Multi-Agency Traffic Strike Team exercise; which was held on November 3.
- The GEMA Liaison assisted the Georgia Secretary of State's Office with another Election Day response/coordination on November 8. WinterEX 2016 was held on November 9, at Georgia Gwinnet College. Winter weather responses were presented during a winter storm scenario.
- On November 15, the Statewide After Action Review (AAR) for Hurricane Matthew was held at the GEMA SOC. During December, the Georgia National Guard's Vigilant Guard Final Planning Meeting was held in Savannah in preparation for the multi-state exercise in March 2017.

Other activities/duties performed by the GEMA Liaison throughout 2016 included:

- GEMA Emergency Services Branch Quarterly Meetings;
- Quarterly Homeland Security Task Force Meetings; and
- Multiple Metro Atlanta Protest responses.

### **Georgia State Patrol**

Although focused primarily on the enforcement of traffic laws and investigation of traffic crashes, the Georgia State Patrol (GSP) supports the efforts of all public safety agencies to reduce criminal activity, apprehend those involved, and respond to natural and manmade disasters. Public safety is a 24-hour responsibility. Stranded motorists and motor vehicle crashes require that troopers work around the clock. As of December 31, GSP had 782 troopers.

The Georgia State Patrol is divided into 52 patrol posts within 10 geographic troops and six specialized units, including Criminal Interdiction, Implied Consent, Specialized Collision Reconstruction Team (SCRT), Specialized Weapons and Tactics (SWAT), GSP Dive Team, Governor's Task Force, and the Regional K-9 Task Force. The Command Officer and his staff are located at the Department of Public Safety Headquarters in Atlanta.



## Тгоор А

Troop A is located in northwest Georgia encompassing 14 counties stretches from Gilmer County and Forsyth County lines on an eastern boundary to the Douglas and Carrol County lines and Alabama State Line on a western boundary. The northern boundaries of the Troop extend to the Tennessee State Line. Troop A consists of the following posts:

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

During the year, Troop A participated in multiple events to facilitate safe driving and decrease fatal areabas. These quants included a



decrease fatal crashes. These events included enforcement campaigns, safety presentations, special details, and partnering with other agencies, including Hands Across the Border, a biannual event sponsored by the Governor's Offices of Highway Safety in Georgia, Tennessee, and Alabama; the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Golden Shield Awards; Crimes Against Children Patrols, centered on a Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) training and federal law enforcement campaign, involving child exploitation and human trafficking; and Stop the Threat, a collaboration between Troop A Troopers and MCCD Region 1 members in an effort to address traffic violations and crimes involving commercial motor vehicles.

Troop A, along with other Georgia and Tennessee law enforcement, coordinated the Iron Man 70.3 and full Iron Man Triathlons. Troop A also participated in numerous Chamber of Commerce events including leadership training, senior citizens memorials, and annual dinners. Additionally, Troop A presented various safety programs focused on impaired driving, speeding, occupant restraint, and bicycle safety to local schools, state colleges, and senior citizen gatherings. Troop A was active in three Governor's Office of Highway Safety, (GOHS) traffic enforcement networks and raised a total of \$19,235.67 and collected 11,882 toys for Toys for Tots.

During 2016, Troop A Communications Center logged and dispatched a total of 94,191 CAD calls. Of the calls logged 58,556 were traffic stops, 12,699 were crashes, 3,894 BOLO's and 3,674 were motorist assist/mechanical breakdowns. Also logged and dispatched were 3,659 calls for the Department of Natural Resources. Troop A Communication dispatchers entered 207 vehicles into the Recovered/Abandoned Vehicles files, processed 708 HITS, of the HITS processed 657 were wanted persons, 43 were stolen vehicles/vehicle tags recovered and eight weapons were recovered.

### Тгоор В

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

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

Troop B participated in several special details and community events throughout the year including, but not limited to the University of Georgia Home Football Games and DUI Strike Patrols; troopers participated in GOHS traffic enforcement network meetings; Hands Across the Border in Blairsville; 2015 Golden Shield Award from MADD; Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds; 100 Days of Summer Heat; Marine Corps. Toys for Tots; Athens-Clarke County Police Department Summer Camp; Southern Worthersee (SOWO) and Oktoberfest in Helen; Ghost Out presentation at North Forsyth High School; child safety seat checks; and the opening ceremony for Post 52 in Hartwell.



### Тгоор С

Troop C covers the ever-growing Metropolitan Atlanta area and oversees the day-to-day operations of four patrol posts, a DUI Task Force, a Motorcycle Unit, and the Communications Center located at DPS Headquarters. Troop C Headquarters is located at the Georgia State Patrol Special Operations Center at Charlie Brown Airport.



It is also headquarters for the Motor Unit and the State of Georgia SWAT/DIVE Team.

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

Troop C troopers concentrated efforts towards crash investigations for the Metro Atlanta area to specifically target the interstates in Cobb and Gwinnett counties and the City of Atlanta. The Georgia State Patrol Nighthawks DUI Task Force patrols the five Metro-Atlanta counties of Cobb, Clayton, Gwinnett, DeKalb, and Fulton concentrates on the apprehension of DUI offenders during the peak hours when statistics have shown DUI related incidents occur. In 2016, Troop C participated in winter weather events, Presidential Details, and the Strategic National Stockpile.

During 2016, the Implied Consent Unit personnel conducted 291 instrument inspections and documented over 980 hours of service/repair related matters. Major initiatives included safety program presentations and course training at GOHS Traffic Enforcement Network meetings and the DPS Portable Breath Test (PBT) device repair and service program. During 2016, ICU members documented 29 PBT repairs that required 17 hours.

In 2016, the Communications Center participated in winter weather events, presidential details, and the Strategic National Stockpile. The center handled 209,329 CAD calls.

#### Below is a breakdown of 2016 yearly activity:

Traffic Stops64,816	Relays273
Stolen vehicles145	Abandoned vehicles179
Recovered Hits918	Impounded vehicles 7,661
Suspended License151	Chases191

### Troop D

Troop D consists of seven patrol posts, the Troop D Specialized Collision Reconstruction Team, the Middle Georgia Nighthawks DUI Taskforce and the Troop D Communications Center. It covers 20 counties in the central and west-central portion of the state.

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

Troop D continues to participate in special details such as Hands Across the Border, Toys for Tots, Governor's Challenge, MADD awards, and traffic enforcement networks, to name a few. Again this year, Troop D handled the traffic for the NASCAR race at Atlanta Motor Speedway without having to detach anyone from an outside Troop. Troop D Command was contacted by the Georgia Department of Corrections on multiple occasions for assistance with executions in Jackson. The IRT Team was activated for assistance with winter weather problems in the metropolitan Atlanta area, and provided additional security for the Governor and First Lady of Georgia.



Troop D Communications Center handled a total of 113,786 CAD calls for 2016. This shows an increase in calls by 1% from the previous year. The Communications Center entered 82,722 traffic stops (+1.3% YTD), and 3,585 motorist assists (+4.7% YTD). The operators in Troop D assisted with the recovery of 54 stolen vehicles (+3.1% YTD), processed 865 GCIC HITs (+12% YTD), and entered 190 abandoned vehicles (+1.5% YTD). Troop D Communications also called wreckers for 8,651 vehicles (+.5% YTD) that were impounded, coordinated or assisted with 183 medical relays (-28% YTD) and called 122 chases (+8% YTD). Senior operators completed 361 open record requests for 2016 (+84% YTD).

## Тгоор Е

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

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

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



Troop E detached Troopers to assist Troop I with Hurricane Matthew and also to assist Troop F with the contraflow. Troop E also detached Troopers to assist Troop I with the Saint Patrick's Day Parade. The Troop E Honor Guard has assisted other Troop Honor Guard teams in north and south Georgia.

Troop E Command oversaw two, high profile, out of state deployments, both the Republican National Convention detail in Cleveland, OH and the Presidential Inaugural detail in Washington, DC. The captain was appointed by the Command Staff to serve as the statewide Honor Guard coordinator.

## Troop F

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

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

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

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



During 2016, 19 members of Troop F were nominated for Golden Shield Mothers Against Drunk Driving DUI Awards. Sixteen of these Troopers were nominated for Bronze pins, which recognize Troopers who made over twenty-five DUI arrests, and three of these troopers were nominated for Silver Pins, which recognizes 50 or more DUI arrests. Troop F also participated in the Toys for Tots Campaign. During the 2016, Toys for Tots campaign, Troop F personnel collected 5,428 toys, six bicycles and collected \$3,772.75. In October, Troop F was involved in directing and assisting with the contra-flow of I-16 during Hurricane Matthew.

## Тгоор 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.

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



Troop G handled special details such as Hands Across the Border, Georgia National Fair, Sunbelt Ag Exposition, MADD, Child Passenger Safety Technicians, and Road Side Memorials for Fallen Troopers, just to name a few. Troopers assigned to Troop G Command participated in several law enforcement activities including WCTEN and SWTEN meetings, Troop G Task Force, GOHS Road checks, Operation Rolling Thunder, St. Patrick's Day Parade, Bainbridge Bike Fest, and monthly concentrated patrols. In December 2016, Troop G Command, along with Post 10 Americus, helped coordinate the

manhunt of the suspect involved in the fatal shootings of two Americus police officers, Nicholas Smarr and Jodi Smith.

Troop G Communications dispatches for Georgia State Patrol, Post 10 Americus, Post 12 Thomasville, Post 14 Colquitt, Post 39 Cuthbert, and Post 40 Albany, as well as personnel attached to Regions 5 and 8 of Motor Carrier Compliance Division and Department of Natural Resources, Region 5. Troop G Communications also works closely with the Georgia Forestry Commission. In 2016, Troop G operators logged 58,788 calls. That figure includes 46,199 traffic stops, 2,462 accidents, 17 relays, 51 pursuits, 1,723 DNR related calls, and other various calls. The Communications Center also handled 181 Hits and 212 Open Records requests.

## Тгоор Н

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

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



Throughout the year, Troopers remained highly visible with increased vehicle stops and license checkpoints. Troop G conducted several concentrated patrols and each post conducted monthly concentrated patrols and monthly seatbelt enforcement details. Troopers across the Troop continued the initiative of conducting school safety checks to make sure our children are learning in a safe environment. All posts participated in Rolling Thunder in Houston County and in Valdosta. Each post participated in 100 Days of Summer HEAT, Click it or Ticket, **Operation Zero Tolerance and Hands Across the** Border and the Troop H Task Force. The Troop H Task Force was used extensively throughout the

year for patrols on I-75 and other areas for DUI enforcement.

Troop H Communications logged 301 HIT confirmations, 46 relays, 55 vehicle pursuits and entered 84 abandoned vehicles.

Post Commanders recognized Top Performers for their respective Post for the year. Additionally, each quarter Top Performers in Troop H were recognized by Troop Command. A Communications Officer was also recognized for their vigilant watch over our Troopers. Several Troopers were recognized by local civic clubs in their respective communities. Troopers also assisted with the annual St. Patrick's Day parade in Savannah and were deployed to Coastal Georgia to assist with a Hurricane Detail. Troopers were also detached to Savannah and to Valdosta on two separate occasions. Troopers were also detached to Post 30 – Cordele due to the post being shorthanded. At one point, Cordele was operating with only five troopers.

### Troop I



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

Safety Office, and the Okefenokee Swamp and Wildlife Refuge.

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

Due to the Troop's proximity to beach resorts, conference centers, tourist attractions, and military bases, dignitary details are abundant throughout the year. Georgia's Governor, Governors from other states, Georgia's First Lady, Georgia's Lieutenant Governor, and Speaker of the House are common visitors to the area throughout the year. This year included visits from the Prime Minister of Estonia and dignitaries from across the country to attend the AEI (American Enterprise Institute) World Forum on Sea Island in March. Troop I also attended GOHS meetings with both traffic enforcement networks that encompass its territory.

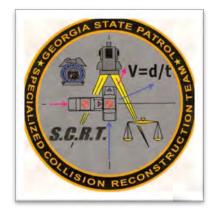
Troop I Communications dispatches for GSP personnel, MCCD Regions 7, 9 and 10 South, Jekyll Island Fire/911, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Chatham County K-9 Task Force. The Communications Center also receives calls for assistance/service from local agencies, as well as \*GSP calls from the motoring public. The Communications Center logged 75,690 CAD calls in 2016. Troop I Communications is given the task to ensure all Troop I Troopers, MCCD Officers, and DNR Rangers are current on their GCIC certifications and Security and Awareness training. During 2016, all necessary personnel were certified or re-certified in these areas in order to properly view/receive sensitive law enforcement information. During the Hurricane Matthew evacuations and re-entry, communications personnel showed their resilience when faced with moving out of the Brunswick Post to a post further inland.

## Statewide Enforcement Activity

TROOP A	Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	<b>DUI Arrests</b>	Vehicle Stops
Post 3	2,559	35	6,496	8,981	292	8,395
Post 5	2,660	21	5,931	12,697	255	8,453
Post 28	1,429	8	4,270	8,128	125	7,102
Post 29	2,702	27	4,064	8,023	227	6,724
Post 38	537	10	3,012	5,154	131	4,753
Post 41	1,124	11	4,890	6,331	144	5,350
Post 43	1,417	20	6,645	10,240	192	9,546
TOTALS	12,428	132	35,308	59,554	1,366	50,323
TROOP B	Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	<b>DUI Arrests</b>	Vehicle Stops
Post 6	3,653	45	9,043	9,772	262	11,493
Post 7	1,131	18	6,523	9,346	252	10,515
Post 27	1,109	15	4,452	7,569	175	7,656
Post 32	1,992	39	8,990	13,583	325	14,152
Post 37	1,574	10	5,454	10,362	146	8,501
Post 52	1,402	20	6,896	10,466	335	13,265
TOTALS	10,861	147	41,358	61,098	1,495	65,582
TROOP C	Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	<b>DUI Arrests</b>	Vehicle Stops
Post 9	5,772	4	11,606	12,133	66	11,312
Post 47	1,844	4	4,921	3,133	12	4,852
Post 48	2,983	9	5,760	7,235	102	8,302
Post 49	3,822	0	10,713	4,031	22	9,145
Post 51	3,783	5	15,734	13,363	80	13,896
Nighthawks North	302	12	3,784	6,953	1,089	7,694
TOTAL	18,506	34	52,518	46,848	1,371	55,201
TROOP D	Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	<b>DUI Arrests</b>	Vehicle Stops
Post 1	1,559	12	7,186	9,080	358	12,046
Post 2	1,581	21	5,830	6,259	157	6,967
Post 4	4,779	37	7,967	11,496	307	9,241
Post 24	1,975	23	6,516	6,481	206	8,718
Post 26	554	11	4,489	7,272	163	9,224
Post 34	655	7	4,607	7,803	118	8,754
Post 44	533	4	7,675	8,572	124	11,547
TOTALS	11,636	115	44,270	56,963	1,433	66,497

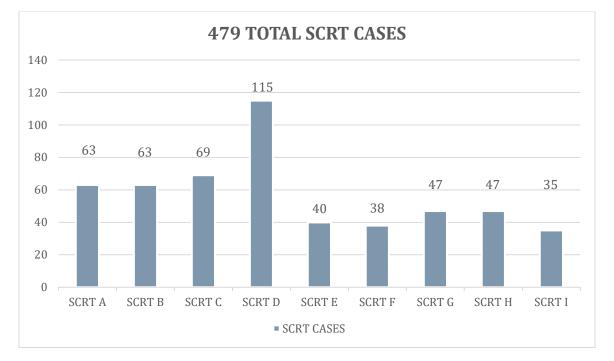
TROOP E	Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	<b>DUI Arrests</b>	Vehicle Stops
Post 8	589	20	3,426	5,856	150	7,418
Post 17	507	7	3,910	5,593	172	7,234
Post 25	1,978	14	5,170	10,301	319	11,704
Post 33	516	18	3,343	6,832	168	7,008
Post 46	1,599	32	6,011	11,485	181	12,613
TOTALS	5,189	91	21,860	40,067	990	45,977
TROOP F	Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	<b>DUI Arrests</b>	Vehicle Stops
Post 16	522	15	2,635	5,166	131	4,788
Post 18	563	9	2,731	6,498	156	6,353
Post 19	640	20	2,485	4,765	94	5,478
Post 20	854	22	3,646	5,759	129	6,844
Post 21	493	20	3,194	4,477	219	4,561
Post 45	1,546	27	4,097	6,081	283	7,831
TOTALS	4,618	113	18,788	32,746	1,012	35,855
TROOP G	Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	<b>DUI Arrests</b>	Vehicle Stops
Post 10	431	15	3,117	8,493	356	9,302
Post 12	625	25	3,906	7,386	235	8,703
Post 14	470	27	3,866	5,727	347	7,370
Post 39	322	6	2,594	5,520	144	6,792
Post 40	544	10	4,246	7,694	277	9,078
Nighthawks Middle	68	0	2,315	3,494	621	5,082
TOTALS	2,460	83	20,044	38,314	1,980	46,327
TROOP H	Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	<b>DUI Arrests</b>	Vehicle Stops
Post 13	1047	23	6,432	8,462	283	10,114
Post 15	1,627	20	6,190	10,081	199	11,417
Post 30	544	13	5,448	5,346	133	8,489
Post 31	1,637	19	6,926	9,021	297	11,046
Post 36	1,107	16	5,167	11,803	212	10,803
TOTALS	5,962	91	30,163	44,713	1,124	51,869
TROOP I	Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	<b>DUI Arrests</b>	Vehicle Stops
Post 11	488	12	4,375	5,915	287	7,450
Post 22	573	26	4,464	6,420	257	6,416
Post 23	561	13	5,371	4,866	159	7,498
Post 35	81	0	1,153	1,946	19	2,668
Post 42	409	34	4,941	4,352	167	6,599
Nighthawks South	100	1	3,641	5,158	631	6,410
TOTALS	2,212	86	23,945	28,657	1,520	37,041

## Specialized Collision Reconstruction Team (SCRT)



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

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



### **SCRT Cases Investigated in 2016**

## Nighthawks DUI Taskforce

The Nighthawks Task Force was initiated in October 2004 and the 10 members are the most highly trained DUI law enforcement officers in Georgia. The Nighthawks patrol Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton and Gwinnett counties during peak DUI related hours. The program is funded with a grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. In 2006, the Nighthawks DUI Task Force received the International Association of Chief's of Police National Impaired Enforcement Award for their work in 2005. In November 2009, a newly formed DUI Nighthawks South Team was deployed in Bulloch County. This eight-member team patrols the Savannah-Statesboro area in an effort to reduce the number of impaired driving crashes in the areas.

In late Fall 2009, the Nighthawks DUI Task Force was expanded. The Nighthawks were divided into two separate units, Nighthawks DUI Task Force North and the Nighthawks DUI Task Force South. The Nighthawks DUI Task Force North was expanded by adding an additional six troopers. The North Task Force primarily focuses enforcement efforts in Fulton County (City of Atlanta), Gwinnett County, and



Athens-Clarke County. These three counties were in the top five counties leading the State of Georgia in alcohol related fatality crashes. The Nighthawks North is assigned 15 troopers. The Nighthawks South Unit was created and primarily focuses enforcement efforts in Chatham County (City of Savannah) and Bulloch County. The Nighthawks South Unit is assigned seven troopers.

In Spring 2012, another Nighthawks DUI Task Force was created in Middle Georgia. This task force focuses its enforcement on impaired driving in Macon and Columbus. Nighthawks Middle Georgia DUI Task Force is assigned six troopers. All of the Nighthawks DUI Task Force troopers are law enforcement officers that specialized in DUI enforcement.

## Implied Consent Unit (ICU)

Organized on July 1, 1968, the mission of the Implied Consent Unit is to effectively train, maintain, and administer the breath alcohol testing and certification program for all law enforcement agencies in the State subject to the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and Georgia Bureau of Investigation Rules and Regulations. ICU members remain on-call around the clock for emergency instrument repairs and courtroom availability. In addition to their regular enforcement responsibilities, ICU members provide a broad range of specialized services designed to complement field operational needs.

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. During 2017, the Implied Consent Unit personnel conducted 341 instrument inspections both in Troop C and Troop A and documented over 1,181 hours of service/repair related matters.

In addition to performing regular maintenance and quarterly inspections of these breath testing instruments, the members of the ICU provide crucial expert testimony in DUI and DUI related court cases. ICU members also spent 57 hours in court and other legal proceedings, serving as expert witnesses regarding Intoxilyzer operation, theory and instrumentation.

### Criminal Interdiction Unit (CIU)



The Georgia State Patrol's Criminal Interdiction Unit (CIU) is a statewide unit tasked with the pro-active enforcement of traffic and criminal laws. During 2016, the unit consisted of four teams assigned to work major interstate corridors. CIU had teams assigned to proactive patrols concentrating on the I-20 west of Atlanta, I-75 north of Atlanta, I-85 south of Atlanta and I-85 north of Atlanta. One member was assigned to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement as a Task Force Officer. The unit has four NCOs (with one also being responsible for K-9 training and certification) and a captain.

CIU attended several nationally recognized training events as both students and instructors in the field of

criminal interdiction. During 2016, CIU members instructed several advanced criminal interdiction technique courses to officers across the nation, as well as with our own department.

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

**Criminal Interdiction Unit Activity Totals:** During 2016, CIU worked 132 crash investigations, made 995 arrests, issued 4,981 warnings, made 10 DUI arrests, 85 felony drug arrests, 18 non-drug felony arrests, and made 36 misdemeanor drug arrests. CIU made 99 criminal apprehensions, assisted 619 stranded motorists, recovered 78 stolen vehicles, and conducted 5,128 total traffic stops.

CIU seized 5.497 kilograms of marijuana, 18 grams of cocaine, 13.37 kilograms of methamphetamine, 173 dosage units of other dangerous drugs, and five kilograms of heroin. They seized 16 weapons and located 24 hidden or constructed compartments. They also seized a total of \$117,976.

Additionally, CIU assisted other agencies in seizing over 69 kilograms of marijuana, 142 kilograms of cocaine, 319 kilograms of methamphetamine, four kilograms of heroin, and \$10,938,642 in illegal drug proceeds. Members also assisted with joint operations such as search warrants and sting operations where CIU assisted in seizing another 1,278 kilograms of marijuana, 94 kilograms of cocaine, 198 kilograms of methamphetamine, 13 kilograms of heroin, and \$7,055,375 in illegal drug proceeds.

In total, CIU initiated or assisted in making a total monetary impact of more than \$38,803,289 against organized crime elements operating in the State of Georgia.

**COUNTER-TERRORIST TASK FORCE:** CIU 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 2016, CIU received advanced training on weapons, and received training in other counter-terrorism related issues. Additionally, there are two troopers from each troop assigned to the Counter-Terrorist Task Force and fall under partial CIU control during any designated operations.



### SWAT and Dive Team

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

The State of Georgia SWAT Team was requested to assist with 41 critical incidents during 2016. Some of the incidents were resolved prior to our team's arrival, by the requesting agency, others lasted hours. The majority of our requests were to assist with a barricaded gunman or a hostage situation. Others ranged from woodland searches,



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

The State of Georgia Dive Team was requested 17 times during 2016. 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.



SWAT attended 14 different public relations details across the state providing a static display of tactical vehicles, equipment and dive gear. Members also answered numerous questions from all ages about our equipment and callouts. These events included air shows, law enforcement appreciation events and others.

### Regional K-9 Task Force



The K-9 Training and Certification Unit is assigned to the Criminal Interdiction Unit of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and is supervised by a commissioned officer from the Georgia State Patrol. This unit is comprised of three state agencies; Georgia State Patrol, Motor Carrier Compliance Division and Capital Police. The unit has two types of detection 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 four certified K-9 instructors that are responsible for 18 K-9 teams. In 2016, the unit performed 4,413 hours of maintenance training and 1,360 hours of certification. The unit also assisted two other outside agencies with their K-9 team's training and certification.

There are 13 narcotic K-9 teams which were deployed 174 times. These deployments resulted in seizures of 570 kilograms of marijuana, 161 kilograms of cocaine, 281 kilograms of methamphetamine, 21 kilograms of heroin, 11 handguns and \$15,346,709 in U.S. currency. Eight of these K-9 teams are assisting the following Federal Agencies on a regular basis: Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE), Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) and High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA). The K-9 Teams also assisted the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI). The narcotic K-9 teams also performed 11 K-9 demonstrations for the public.

There are five Explosive Ordnance Detection (EOD) K-9 teams. These teams performed 723 sterility sweeps and 60 calls for service. No explosive devices were located. All five of these K-9 teams are certified and utilized by the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA).

### **Motor Carrier Compliance**

The Motor Carrier Compliance Division is divided into 22 weigh stations within nine geographic regions and two specialized units. One Specialized Unit, operating within Region 3, is the HOV/HOT Enforcement Unit. This unit is located in the Metro Atlanta Area at 320 Chester Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia. The other specialized unit is the Safety Compliance Unit which consists of the New Entrant Safety Audit, Compliance Review, and School Bus Safety identified as Region 10. Region 10's office is located in Madison, Georgia. The administrative staff for MCCD is located at the Headquarters for the Department of Public Safety in Atlanta. As of December 31, MCCD had 242 officers and 40 weight inspectors.



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

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

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

#### **DRIVER/VEHICLE INSPECTIONS**

**SAFETYNET PROGRAM:** The SafetyNet unit is responsible for handling all commercial vehicle driver inspections reports generated by the MCCD. SafetyNet has a staff of three fulltime and three part-time (29 hours per week) employees. Any violations noted on the inspection reports are required to be corrected within 15 days and returned to SafetyNet. The returned inspections are then certified by the staff in the SafetyNet database. Original and certified reports are filed and maintained by the unit for a period of three years. SafetyNet handles the import and upload of all inspection reports to the Federal Motor Carrier Management Information System (MCMIS) database. SafetyNet staff monitors and audits driver inspection reports conducted by 238 MCCD officers certified to conduct driver vehicle inspections in the 10 regions located geographically around the state. The SafetyNet unit acts as a support mechanism to all of the MCCD officers, motor carrier industry, and the general public. The SafetyNet unit houses all crash data on commercial vehicle through an interface with the Georgia Department of Transportation's contractor, Lexis-Nexis. This data is also uploaded to the federal database. The State of Georgia is currently ranked fourth in the nation for fatalities involving commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in the nation. Crash analysis is used to identify crash trends and to allocate resources in an effort to reduce the number of crashes occurring in the State. Crash trends include identifying and mapping roadways, day and time segments, and crash causation factors on all commercial vehicle crashes. These trends act as a tool for Region Commanders to concentrate and deploy officers to locations that show a high number of crashes. Additional analysis of enforcement activities and identifying which activities have impact on the crash rate is necessary component of any safety plan. The supervisor for this unit is responsible for the preparation and evaluation of the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Plan (CVSP) required annually by FMCSA for MCSAP funding. In addition, the supervisor prepares high

priority grant requests for federal grant monies and prepares quarterly and annual reports on each grant. In addition, the Supervisor compiles and disseminates monthly reports for the command staff at headquarters and each regional commander.

**SCHOOL BUS SAFETY:** The School Bus Safety Unit consists of 11 MCSAP certified officers who are responsible for conducting safety inspections on approximately 19,775 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.

#### **TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT**

**OVERWEIGHT CITATION UNIT:** The Overweight Citations Unit consists of one working supervisor and three full time customer service personnel. This unit receives payments from carriers that that have been issued civil citations for violating Georgia weight law limitations. Additionally, Georgia law provides for the impounding of violating vehicles when assessment fees remain unpaid. The Overweight Citations Unit manages the impound program and provides remedies that may allow carriers to simultaneously operate their business and pay delinquent fines. The Overweight Citations Unit receives and processes carrier request for administrative law hearings to contest overweight assessments. In 2016, Overweight Citation Unit collected \$ 167,171.69 for impounded vehicles.

**METRO UNIT:** This unit is responsible for the enforcement of HOV and HOT lane restrictions. HOV lane operations are currently conducted by 12 officers (including unit supervisors) who are responsible for patrolling over 100 HOV and HOT lane miles in the metro Atlanta area. HOT lanes went into effect October 2011. HOT lanes have been assigned four full-time officers patrolling the I-85 and Hwy 316 corridor. The effort put forth by these officers is designed to ensure compliance with HOV and HOT lane restrictions, thus improving air quality and traffic mitigation in Metro Atlanta. These officers also conduct Motor Carrier Safety inspections and enforce truck lane restrictions in the metro Atlanta Area, as well as other agency assistance, traffic control assistance and enforcement regarding violations of all other state laws when encountered during the course of their assigned duties.

**CMV AWARENESS AND ENFORCEMENT TRAINING:** MCCD's Commercial Motor Vehicle Awareness and Enforcement educational course is a two-hour presentation specifically tailored to Georgia law enforcement officers that are not typically assigned to commercial motor vehicle enforcement duties. The course is designed to enhance the knowledge and skills required to reduce commercial motor vehicle related crashes and injuries. The curriculum includes: methods for the proper identification of commercial motor vehicles and their carriers; information collection for crash reporting; common commercial motor vehicle crash causations; and commercial motor vehicle crash prevention through enforcement to include distracted driving and following too closely enforcement. Georgia law specific to commercial motor vehicles is also discussed with printed materials disseminated for future independent reference.

### **COMPLIANCE REVIEWS**

**REGULATORY COMPLIANCE PROGRAM:** The regulatory compliance program consists of one officer and five civilian employees who are responsible for the issuance of certificates and permits for the Passenger Carrier, Household Goods and Transportation Referral Services and Non-Consensual Towing Programs for intrastate carriers in Georgia. In addition to the primary responsibilities of the program managers, educational outreach classes and training sessions are regularly performed. This unit is also responsible for registering companies with Unified Carrier Registration and Georgia Intrastate Motor Carrier Registration. This gives these companies authority to haul interstate and intrastate commerce.

**NON-CONSENSUAL TOWING SECTION**: Non-Consensual Towing regulates towing companies that tow illegally parked vehicles for private property. Non-Consensual Towing has one full time employee, who is responsible for regulating over 300 Non-Consensual Towing companies. There were 38 new towing permits issued, and 13 consent agreements were sent to noncompliant towing companies. There were 26 complaints that were investigated and 42 cease and desist orders were issued in 2016.

**HOUSEHOLD GOODS SECTION**: Household Goods regulates intrastate moving companies. This section has one full time employee. There are 244 active household good carriers registered with the department. There are currently two carriers suspended for violations of the Household Goods rules and tariff regulations. There were 11 permanent certificates issued after mandatory desk audits of the companies records were completed, there were 14 interim certificates issued, and one name change. There were 35 consent agreements issued to noncompliant carriers. There was a total of 63 random audits completed, with 49 cease and desist orders being issued and 40 complaints investigated. There were 10 training sessions conducted for 2016.

**FOR HIRE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES SECTION:** For-Hire transportation services are companies like Uber, Lyft, and taxi companies that provide transportation to individuals for a fee. This unit has one full time employee that handles all the registrations for For-Hire Transportation services. This past year, there were 239 licenses issued to transportation referral service providers, and 58 licenses issued to transportation referral services, and 13 licenses issued to Rideshare network companies. This data was collected from January 1, to December 31, 2016, and only consists of new applicants. Since previous registrations issued between June 30 and December 31, 2015 were not due to expire until December 31<sup>st</sup> 2016, the previous carriers were not required to renew their registration last year.

**PASSENGER CARRIER AND LIMOUSINES SECTION:** The Passenger Carrier and Limousine Section has one full time and one part time employee. They are responsible for handling approximately over 1, 200 passenger and limousine carrier accounts. This past year they issued 22 new permits, 18 interim passenger certificates, and 73 interim limousine certificates. There were 62 audits performed and nine cease and desist orders issued and five

complaints investigated. There were also 22 consent agreements issued, and 12 training sessions conducted in 2016.

**UNIFIED CARRIER REGISTRATION AND GEORGIA INTRASTATE MOTOR CARRIER REGISTRATION SECTION:** The UCR/GIMC section has four full time employees, and is responsible for the registration of over 7,702 carriers for GIMC, and over 15,000 carriers for UCR registration. The UCR/GIMC registration gives intrastate and interstate carriers operating authority to haul goods and services in and through the state of Georgia. This unit collected the following registration fees in 2016.

- 1. GIMC funds deposited for 2016 \$246,981.00
- 2. UCR funds deposited for 2016- \$2.660,060.00

### **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 five 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).

**NEW ENTRANT PROGRAM:** The New Entrant program is responsible for performing safety audits on new interstate motor carriers based in Georgia within 12 months, (four months for passenger carriers) of receipt of new entrant registration. The Safety Audit Unit is comprised of 11 officers who are also cross-trained to conduct compliance reviews and CSA investigations.

#### **PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION**

**PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM:** This program involves extensive educational outreach by the Motor Carrier Compliance Division to the general public, drivers, carriers, industry groups, law enforcement agencies and the judiciary. MCCD distributes over 62 separate informational brochures and handouts on commercial vehicle safety topics. This information is distributed by the officers at the weigh stations to the general public. Our regional officers work closely with The Georgia Motor Trucking Association, the general public and are also responsible for arranging and attending functions that focus on the commercial motor vehicle industry and the general public. PI&E also utilizes Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Media PSAs to distribute information.

### **DATA COLLECTION**

**DATA Q'S SECTION:** This section has one full time sworn officer who is responsible for handling all the Data Q challenges for the state. This officer reviews driver/vehicle examination reports. If a carrier has a problem or an issue with the inspection report then the officer will review all the data associated with the report and make a determination if the violation discovered is to remain or be removed from the inspection report. This past year there was a total of 1094 Data Q's challenges reviewed with 430 corrections and 664 with no corrections. There were 261 Data Q's with adjudicated citations reviewed.

Georgia is rank	and 4 <sup>th</sup> in the	he Nation i	n number o	of fatal cras	hes involvin	g CMVs.

ALL CRASHES	Reportable Crashes	Fatal Crashes	Injury Crashes	Tow away Crashes	Fatalities	Injuries
CY2015	5142	159	1892	3091	180	2826
CY2016	5469	164	2048	3257	176	3176
Change	6.36%	3.14%	8.25%	5.37%	-2.22%	12.38%
LARGE TRUCK ONLY	Reportable Crashes	Fatal Crashes	Injury Crashes	Tow away Crashes	Fatalities	Injuries
	•			•	Fatalities 176	Injuries 2663
ONLY	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes		

Source: March 2017 release of crash records of State-reported crashes based on the February 24, 2017 MCMIS data source

Note 1: Crashes filtered for worse outcome.

Note 2: FMCSA considers crash data preliminary for 22 months to allow for changes.

Note 3: Five crashes not yet reported to FMCSA have been included in the totals.

Note 4: Top Chart labeled All Crashes includes Motor Coach Buses.

### **Annual Statistics**

### Law Enforcement Statistics

### **Safety Inspections ČY 2016**

CVSA Certified Officers	238
Inspections	90,234
<b>Out-of-service Vehicle Violations</b>	19,801
<b>Out-of-service Driver Violations</b>	5,888

#### Size & Weight CY 2016

Total Trucks Weighed	9,416,852
Overweight Assess. Written	32,046
UTC's Written	6,734

#### **High Occupancy Vehicle** CÝ 2016

<b>HOV/HOT Citation Arrest</b>	605

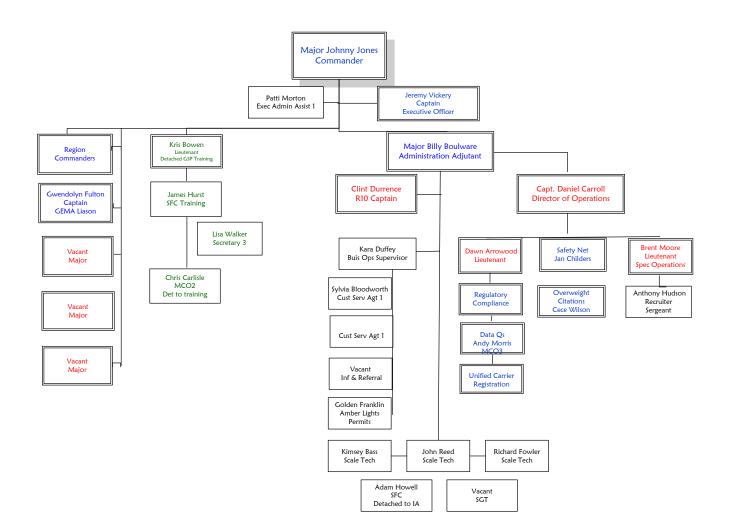
#### **Commercial Bus Inspections CY 2016**

<b>Commercial Bus Inspections</b>	2,072
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#### **School Bus Inspections** CY 2016

School Bus Inspections	19,775

### **2016 Organizational Structure**



### Regional Accomplishments



MCCD Regions participated in numerous special law enforcement details such as the GOHS Traffic Network events. Enforcement Motor Coach inspection details, Click It or Ticket, Georgia Motor Trucking Association, **CVSA** National Road Check, **CVSA Operation** Air Brake. CVSA **Operation Safe Driver, Hands** Across the Border, I-75 Challenge, "Do it for Mom" Teen Driving

Event, Commercial Vehicle Safety Administration Annual National Road Check, Operation Safe Drive 85, Brake Safety Week, and the Georgia Forestry Commission Truck Inspections, North American Inspection Standards, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Advanced Roadside Impairment Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) and Weights and Measures Training and an FMCSA national passenger carrier safety detail. As part of the DPS Strategic Plan, MCCD has conducted concentrated checks, joint agency checks, seatbelt, and impaired driving checks on High Crash Corridors (HCC) and rural routes, Stop the Threat, and the Toys for Tots Campaign.

**REGION 1** is responsible for 17 counties located in the northwest corner of the state. Region 1 operation centers around the Catoosa County Inspection Station located on I-75 mile marker 343. Region 1 received first place in the MCCD Commercial Vehicle Award at the Governor's Challenge Banquet. One officer was nominated for Officer of the Year at the Dade County Optimist Club. During the first joint award for the department which was held March 11, two officers were recipients of officer of the year. Region 1 conducted numerous educational outreach training sessions with both industry, municipal and county law



enforcement personnel. Region 1 held the semi-annual Georgia Motor Trucking Association event at the southbound weigh station. Region 1 also conducted three PBBT deployments in 2016 during a period of three days and did 50 inspections.

**REGION 2** covers 21 counties located in northeast Georgia and along the Interstate 85 corridor from the South Carolina state line thru the metro area of Gwinnett County. Region 2 Operations Centers include Station 4 located on Interstate 85 North at mile marker 171 and Station 3 located



on Interstate 85 South at mile marker 169. Region 2 officers performed 264 passenger carrier (Motor Coach) inspections, 1,171 Hazardous Materials (Haz-Mat) inspections, and 158 limousine inspections. Region 2 officers conducted 28 drug possession arrest, 10 driving under the influence arrest. Region 2 officers participated in the Gold Rush traffic detail held in Dahlonega, GA. Region 2 also had several officers competing in the Inspector's Challenge at the Georgia Motor Trucking Association Truck Driving Championships. Officers also served as judges during the GMTA Truck Rodeo. Region 2 officers also conducted Level 1 inspections on wrecker carriers throughout the Region for the Georgia State Patrol next list. Officers from **Region 2 attended the Northeast Traffic Enforcement Network** meetings on a monthly basis representing the Motor Carrier Compliance Division for the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. Region 2 conducted all Brine Escorts for Winter Ice

Details. Several of the officers in Region 2 are active Honor Guard members participating in several details such as funerals, parades, and presenting the colors at different functions for the department. Region 2 officers attended all mandatory and various other training earning 3,841 training hours. Region 2 also used the Performance Based Brake Tester (PBBT) machine eight times during 2016 resulting in 287 inspections. The officers of Region 2 conducted 35 company outreach presentations discussing topics such as rules and regulations of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). A Region 2 officer won "Officer of the Year" Award at the DPS Award Ceremony.

**REGION 3** is responsible for nine counties located in the Metro Atlanta area, and includes HOV and HOT operations, now under the newly-created Station 7. Region 3 operations center around the Douglas County Inspection Station, located on I-20 eastbound at mile marker 43 and the Carroll County Inspection Station located on I-20 westbound at mile marker 15, as well as the Chester Avenue location of Station 7. Additionally, Region 3 officers conducted several safety and outreach meetings, responded to approximately 161 motor vehicle crashes



involving commercial vehicles. The unit also apprehended 38 custodial arrests and 30 fugitives, and recovered eight stolen vehicles.

**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 officers participated in 17 joint agency concentrated enforcement activities. Officers participated in

numerous outreach educational programs on safety, courtesy inspections to the motoring industry, inspections for Southern Wood Producers, Georgia Motor Trucking Association, Georgia Forestry Commission, Passenger Carrier inspections and other companies in Region 4. Region 4 also participated in winter events in Atlanta such as salt truck escorts. Region 4 officer participated with riot control in Atlanta as well. The Columbia County weigh station eastbound was inoperable for over five months due to construction.

**REGION 5** is responsible for 18 counties in West Georgia with operations centering around the Troup County Inspection Stations located on I-85 at mile marker 23. As part of the DPS Strategic Plan, Region 5 has conducted concentrated checks, joint agency checks which includes, but not limited to speeding, impaired driving, distracted drivers, and seatbelt violations. Region 5 Station 11 received "Station of the Year" Award for 2016 and our civilian weight inspector won "Weight Inspector of the Year" Award at the DPS Award Ceremony. Region 5 officers conducted several community outreach presentations to promote highway safety by explaining DPS rules and regulations to various companies in the trucking industry and other interested community groups.



**REGION 6** is responsible for 22 counties in Central Georgia. Region operations are based in Monroe County, with offices at GSP Post 44 and the inspection stations on I-75 at mile marker 190 in Forsyth. Officers conducted 936 Hazmat inspections and 13 safety outreach details. Officers also conducted High Crash Corridors, as well as Atlanta inner perimeter patrols and weather response details. A personnel incentive program continues to recognize officers and weight inspectors monthly and annually for outstanding performance.



**REGION 7** is responsible for 18 counties located in southeast Georgia. Operations around the Bryan center County Inspection Station located on I-16 at mile marker 144 and the Chatham County Inspection Station located on I-95 at mile marker 111. Region 7 operates three permanent inspection stations. The stations are equipped with PrePass, Drivewyze and "weigh in motion" systems to screen vehicles. Within Region 7 are three counties listed in the top 15 Georgia fatalities counties with involving commercial motor vehicles. Region 7

conducted outreaches and safety meetings ranging from trucking companies to the local school system. Region 7 officers were part of security for the Saint Patrick's Day Parade. Region 7 held

Stop the Threat and Safe Drive 95 campaigns concentrating on traffic enforcement on and around commercial motor vehicles.



**REGION 8** is responsible for 20 counties in south central and southwest 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. Region 8 conducted numerous educational outreach training sessions with both industry

and municipal and county law enforcement personnel.

**REGION 9** consists of 16 southeast Georgia counties with two permanent inspection stations located on I-95 northbound and southbound mile marker 55 in McIntosh County. The Region also has a Satellite Station on Georgia 38 in Long County. They participated in 94 special enforcement activities including concentrated traffic checks in our high commercial vehicle crash corridors, multi-agency joint enforcement details, including Saint Patrick's Day Parade,

Shrimp and Grits Festival, Shop with A Cop, Fishin' For A Cure, Toys for Tots, and the 2016. Region 9 officers participated in 13 safety outreach events, including the Georgia Motor Trucking Association Truck Check., Southeastern Wood Producers meeting and judicial outreach programs to the court systems in the region. Officers provided seminars and public safety information to trucking companies in reference to regulations and general safety issues. They also conducted courtesy vehicle inspections on all Georgia Forestry Commission tractors



and trailers. Region 9 received "Region of the Year" Award for 2016 at the DPS Award Ceremony.

**REGION 10** is responsibilities are Compliance Review, Safety Audit, School Bus inspections. Officers perform safety inspections on each of the approximate 19,775 public school buses within the state. Region 10 conducted 163 compliance reviews and 1,582 safety audits on carriers throughout the state. Enforcement cases resulted in \$276,140 in civil penalties. These

officers are also required to conduct commercial vehicle inspections and maintain the required number of inspections for certification.

MCCD Region	Overweight Assessments	Assessments Totaled	Safety Inspections	Uniform Traffic	Out of Service	Out of Service
_				Citations	Drivers	Vehicles
<b>Region 1</b>	2,074	\$432,992.00	8,563	2,013	426	230
<b>Region 2</b>	5,833	\$770,152.12	9,379	3,850	600	1,120
<b>Region 3</b>	4,402	\$599,298.75	12,057	5,424	60	55
<b>Region 4</b>	1,676	\$265,647.00	9,355	2,674	515	1,295
<b>Region 5</b>	3,551	\$475,421.00	6,084	2,352	373	1,223
<b>Region 6</b>	4,795	\$886,478.52	11,478	26,150	557	403
<b>Reg ion 7</b>	3,542	\$672,213.96	12,273	2,758	267	473
<b>Region 8</b>	4,746	\$775,247.00	7,348	14,179	200	179
<b>Region 9</b>	1,906	\$362,584.00	10,533	2,366	228	327

### **MCCD Region Statistics**

### **Other Accomplishments and Activities**

- "Stop the Threat". This initiative implements a high visibility, crash elimination effort to effectively reduce traffic crashes involving commercial motor vehicles. MCCD officers are deployed over the nine geographically located regions of the state once per month for three consecutive days. Officers assigned to the initiative target unsafe commercial motor vehicle drivers who place the public in danger by driving while impaired, driving while distracted (cell phone use and texting), speeding, following to close, improper lane change and/or usage, failure to wear seat belts and mechanical deficiencies. For 2016, officers conducted 7,276 driver vehicle inspections, placing 962 vehicles and 425 drivers out of service. A total of 5,114 citations and 2,976 warning were issued.
- In May 2016, The 5th Annual Fishin' for a Cure tournament was held. This was a nonprofit pan fish tournament on the Altamaha River and waters thereof to benefit children in the community who are battling cancer and/or other diseases. The event was hosted by the Motor Carrier Compliance Division of the Georgia Department of Public Safety and the Long County Sheriff's Office. The 75 teams fished the tournament Saturday and over four hundred attended the meal provided after the weigh in. Proceeds this year exceeded \$90,000 dollars. The weigh-in was conducted by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources at the Nobles' Cabin. The 12 year old and under largest fish tournament was a huge success. A total of eight families were helped in 2016. In addition to the 27 families that were awarded funds raised, money has been donated to help a family with the funeral expense of a child and a family that lost everything in a house fire. In 2014 and 2016 MCCD was able to present two of our very own in Region 2 and Region 5 with a donations to assist with a sick children.

- In addition to HOV and HOT conducted 1,981 inspections which resulted in 2,860 violations with 60 drivers and 55 vehicles cited for out of service violations. 1,952 citations were issued by the unit which led to 38 custodial arrests and 30 fugitives apprehended. The unit also recovered eight stolen vehicles.
- The Motor Carrier Compliance Division has officers assisting in Mobile Field Forces and 19 officers in our Honor Guard Unit.



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

**CAPITOL POLICE DIVISION COMMAND:** Capitol Police Division Command staff is responsible for overseeing the operations of Capitol Police Services, Georgia State Patrol, Post 50-Capitol Hill, Capitol Hill Security, and private security contractor, Dynamic Security, Inc. The command staff regularly consults with the offices of the constitutional officers and executive leadership of the Georgia Building Authority, ensuring that the security of persons and property on Capitol Hill remain the top priority. Additionally, they are responsible for all administrative functions of the unit, including procuring all equipment and supplies, facilitating Capitol Hill access for all DPS members, and building maintenance issues. In 2016, members of the command staff conducted several courses of In-service training for DPS personnel, as well as CPR and Safety Seminars for state employees on Capitol Hill.

The division instituted several security upgrades to the buildings on Capitol Hill in 2016. The addition of two new X-ray machines and two metal detectors to replace aging equipment made the security screening process more efficient.

**<u>CAPITOL POLICE SERVICES</u>**: Officers of the Capitol Police Services Section respond to public safety issues, and secure and protect the state's assets, resources, personnel, and visitors on Capitol Hill. In addition to the day to day operations, the Capitol Police Division establishes and manages access and security policies for the Capitol Square area in conjunction with building tenants, government leadership, and the Georgia Building Authority, and is responsible for planning and providing security and law enforcement services for all public events in the Capitol Square area, including but not limited to:

- Investigating criminal activity and prosecuting those found to violate the law
- 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:** Troopers of Post 50 control the access into the State Capitol by checking all state employees, visitors, 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 visitors at the State Capitol. The troopers of Post 50 also provide security for all the buildings on Capitol Hill by conducting patrols in and around these buildings. Troopers, including supervisors, are also required to secure the Georgia Court of Appeals, Georgia Supreme Court, and the Coverdale Legislative Office Building, and the Governor's Office of Planning and Budgeting building. Post 50 troopers come into contact with more citizens on a daily basis than most troopers anywhere else in the state.

**<u>CAPITOL HILL SECURITY</u>**: The Capitol Police Safety Officers control and monitor access to the State Capitol, Coverdell Legislative Office Building, the Judicial Building, the Trinity-Washington building, the Health Building, and several other loading dock areas. The Capitol Police Security section consists of three safety officer supervisors, and 22 non-sworn safety officers. Additionally, the security staff provides assistance to the Capitol Police Services section as Capitol Hill events are scheduled, and adequate security measures are implemented for each event. While most outside events have been held in Liberty Plaza, which is adjacent to the State Capitol.

**CONTRACT SECURITY:** The Capitol Police Division also oversees private security personnel through Dynamic Security, Inc. There are 41 uniformed unarmed guards, who monitor and control access to other state facilities on Capitol Hill. These buildings include the Two Peachtree Street building, the Sloppy Floyd Building (Twin Towers), One Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive building (GBA), and the Judicial Courtyard.

**<u>CAPITOL HILL EOD K-9 UNIT</u>**: The Capitol Hill EOD K9 Unit consists of four canines teams. They are responsible for responding to suspicious package notifications and bomb threats on Capitol Hill. They also proactively sweep the Capitol, the Governor's Mansion, and other state buildings routinely. They assist other law enforcement agencies throughout the state with bomb threats upon request. The unit conducted 569 sweeps and responded to 34 suspicious package/bomb threat call outs. Additionally, the unit completed 1,796 training hours in 2016.

**LEGISLATIVE DETAIL:** 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.

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

### **ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY**

Sworn Officer Activity				
Arrests from Traffic Stops	396			
Vehicle Stops	1,537			
Suspicious Package, Persons, and Vehicle Reports	772			
Impounded Vehicles	27			
Traffic Crashes	304			
Calls for Service	2,573			
Non-Sworn Security Activity				
Security Location Checks (non-sworn officers)	36,209			
Unsecured Doors	246			
Unlocked Building Doors	29			
Unlocked Parking Decks and Courtyard Areas	140			
Communications Activity				
Duress Alarms Answered	56			
Fire Alarms Answered	64			
Elevator Entrapments	105			
GCIC Hits	16			

**MAIL SERVICES:** The Capitol Police Division Mail Services Unit consists of one supervisor and one employee. The unit is not only responsible for the distribution of mail within the division, but are also tasked with screening all incoming mail for the offices of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Legislature, and Supreme Court. In 2016, the unit screened a total of 109,008 parcels.

**SPECIAL DETAILS AND EVENTS:** The Capitol Police Division headquarters building includes a 297 person capacity auditorium. The auditorium is available for use for DPS events and may also be reserved by other state agencies. Numerous state agencies, including GA DPS, have held training sessions, ceremonies, and conferences in the auditorium throughout the year. In 2016, 35 events were scheduled and held within the auditorium.

Several major events were held at and around the Capitol Hill area. Post 50 troopers assisted Capitol Police officers with traffic control and patrols. Officers and troopers were also on the front lines of some of the major street protests. These protests included the Black Lives Matter movement, groups against police officer involved shootings, Anti-President Trump protestors, Anti-Muslim protestors, and the National Women's March. Post 50 maintained order and prevented any damage to the Capitol Hill area.

The division also assisted Troop C and the Secret Service with several visits from President Barack Obama and presidential candidates including Hillary Clinton, Ted Cruz, John Kasich, and Jeb Bush.

Additionally, there were 312 events requiring security and police presence for 2016. Listed below are a portion of the larger events that required Capitol Police, GSP Post 50, and safety officer staffing:

- o January 14 Addiction Recovery Advocacy Day (400 attendees)
- o January 20 Mental Health Day (500 attendees)
- January 22 Georgia Right to Life March (1,000 attendees)
- January 27 School Choice Week in Georgia rally (2,000 attendees)
- January 28 Be There for Seniors Rally (400 attendees)
- February 4 Georgia Nurses Association's Annual (1,000 attendees)
- February 9 Support Inclusion and Diversity (500 attendees)
- February 10 Decision America Tour 2016 (2,000 attendees)
- **February 11** Religious Freedom Rally (500 attendees)
- February 17 Georgia Home Education Association Rally (1,000 attendees)
- February 18 Disability Day (2,000 attendees)
- February 27 Ted Cruz for President (2,500 attendees)
- February 29 Rare Disease Day (1,000 attendees)
- March 13 Justice Journeys Rally (500 attendees)
- o April, 16 BODNARIU Family Protest (1,500 attendees)
- April 22 We Stand With God (5,000 attendees)
- May 4 National Deaf Rally (800 attendees)



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