

# Maryland Department of State Police



## 2008 Annual Report

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The Honorable Martin O'Malley  
Governor of Maryland  
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Dear Governor O'Malley:

The Department of State Police is proud to present to you, the Legislature, and the citizens of Maryland, the 2008 Annual Report. The report reflects the diversity of accomplishments and the numerous tasks completed by the Department during calendar year 2008.

Given the fiscal austerity affecting all State government, 2008 was a challenging and rewarding year as the Department of State Police strove to increase its efficiency and serve the State. An example of such efficiencies is the Electronic Traffic Information Exchange (E-TIX) system that was developed by the Department. The District Court of Maryland certified the E-TIX system in early 2008 and by the end of the year over 1,200 troopers, officers, and deputies of the Maryland State Police and 30 allied agencies were trained to use the new system. This electronic system transmits all data associated with a traffic stop citation to the District Court and related filing locations, thus allowing officers to spend less time on each traffic stop and affording additional time to focus on other police functions.

Although the priorities of law enforcement continue to change, the Department's core mission still needs to be accomplished. The Department of State Police will continue to conduct homeland security operations; participate in multi-agency task forces that concentrate on gangs, handguns, drugs, warrants, and auto thefts; provide support to local law enforcement agencies; and manage traffic incidents to minimize disruptions on Maryland highways. The men and women of the Department of State Police are proud of the contributions they continue to make in providing public safety to the citizens of the State.

Sincerely,

Terrence B. Sheridan  
Superintendent

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## Executive Summary

1. The Maryland State Police sponsored the Polar Bear Plunge and the Deep Creek Dunk that raised over 3.7 million dollars for the Special Olympics.
2. The Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division weighed 3,426,855 trucks, 342,462 more than in 2007.
3. The Maryland State Police issued 31,380 Safety Equipment Repair Orders (SERO) in 2008.
4. The Gang Enforcement Unit made 108 arrests, 23 more than in 2007 and assisted with 285 criminal arrests, 151 more than in 2007.
5. The Firearms Interdiction Task Force served 73 search warrants, 46 more than in 2007; made 97 arrests, 37 more than in 2007; and seized 226 firearms, 179 more than in 2007.
6. The Washington Area Vehicle Enforcement Task Force recovered 1,048 vehicles, 176 more than in 2007 and made 425 arrests, 42 more than in 2007.
7. The Baltimore Gun Tracing Unit seized 268 firearms, made 41 arrests and served 60 search warrants.
8. The Regional Warrant Apprehension Team and U.S. Marshal's Service Task Force served 647 warrants.
9. The Computer Crimes Unit assisted other law enforcement agencies with 72 cases.
10. The Computer Forensic Laboratory assisted 17 local police agencies with 62 cases.
11. The Pro-Active Criminal Enforcement (PACE) Team made 111 criminal arrests for 105 cases.
12. The Drug Enforcement Division made 2,159 arrests and investigated 3,979 cases.
13. The enforcement efforts of the Multi Agency Drug Task Forces that operate in 20 counties, were: 3,979 cases investigated, 1,255 search warrants served, 2,159 drug arrests, seized \$5,538,239 in U.S. currency, seized 248 vehicles and seized 339 firearms.
14. The Department designed and implemented the Electronic Traffic Information Exchange (E-TIX) system training personnel in 30 allied agencies and the MSP.
15. The Central Record Division processed requests for 25,766 vehicle accident reports and related documents.
16. The Licensing Division processed 37,182 requests to purchase regulated firearms, 6,185 more than in 2007 and 14,158 more than 2006.

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## **Mission**

The Mission of the Maryland State Police is to protect the citizens of the State of Maryland from foreign and domestic security threats, to fight crime, and to promote roadway safety by upholding the laws of the State of Maryland. This will be accomplished through aggressive patrol, investigation, intelligence gathering and interdiction efforts; and by providing leadership and assistance to state and local agencies.

## **Vision**

We will be the model of a responsive, coordinated, composite statewide police department; independent yet supportive of allied law enforcement agencies. We are committed to the utmost professionalism in delivering all-encompassing police services focused on traffic safety, homeland security, crime reduction and criminal apprehension. We continually strive to develop the skills of our members and to efficiently and effectively manage our resources as we carry out our public responsibilities. The Maryland State Police has served the citizens of Maryland since its inception in 1921. Maryland troopers are among the finest law enforcement officers in the world and each is sworn to uphold the Department's core values of Integrity, Fairness and Service.

### **Our Values**

#### **Integrity**

Maryland State Police personnel shall uphold the public trust by being honest and maintaining the highest standards of ethical and moral character.

#### **Fairness**

Maryland State Police personnel shall treat each citizen with respect and preserve each citizen's dignity in an unbiased manner.

#### **Service**

Maryland State Police personnel shall provide dedicated and compassionate assistance to all citizens.

# Fallen Heroes

Forty-one Maryland State troopers died in the line of duty while serving the citizens of Maryland. They are listed below in the order they paid the ultimate price of duty:

John W Jeffrey	Officer	September 21, 1921
William C Lochner	Officer	April 20, 1923
Raymond P Eicholtz	Officer	May 27, 1923
Hugh K Painter	Officer	March 30, 1924
Albert E Cramblitt	Officer	October 1, 1925
James S Noon	Officer	December 25, 1927
Clinton R Rhodes	Officer	January 28, 1931
Theodore A Moore	Officer	September 25, 1932
Imla D Hubbard	Officer First Class	March 4, 1933
Joseph E Kuhn	Officer	April 8, 1934
Carroll C Creeger	Officer First Class	December 23, 1934
Wilbert V Hunter	Quartermaster Sergeant	February 7, 1936
J.F. Leo Shaab	Officer	July 22, 1937
Ellsworth D Dryden	Quartermaster Sergeant	October 7, 1938
Lauren M Ridge	Trooper First Class	July 14, 1950
Leonard N Brown	Lieutenant	July 7, 1958
Arthur W Plummer, Jr.	Trooper First Class	April 9, 1961
Phillip L Russ	Trooper First Class	October 28, 1972
Thomas A Noyle	Trooper First Class	October 28, 1972
Donald E Parkerson, Jr.	Trooper First Class	September 18, 1973
Charles S Rathell	Trooper First Class	September 18, 1973
Wallace J Mowbray	Sergeant	August 10, 1975
Mart Hudson	Trooper	June 16, 1975
Milton V Purnell, Jr.	Trooper	May 29, 1975
Gregg A Presbury, Sr.	Trooper	December 17, 1977
William P Mills, Jr.	Trooper First Class	June 8, 1979
Gary L Wade	Trooper	January 30, 1982
Carey S Poetzman	Trooper First Class	January 19, 1986
Gregory A May	Corporal	January 19, 1986
John E Sawa	Trooper First Class	March 10, 1987
Larry E Small	Trooper	March 10, 1987
Eric D Monk	Trooper First Class	April 9, 1988
Theodore D Wolf, Sr.	Corporal	March 29, 1990
Mark P Groner	Trooper First Class	October 1, 1992
Edward A Plank, Jr.	Trooper First Class	October 17, 1995
Joseph T Lanzi Sr.	Trooper First Class	October 28, 1995
Raymond G Armstead, Jr.	Trooper	March 25, 1998
Edward M Toatley	Corporal	October 30, 2000
Anthony Jones	Trooper First Class	May 9, 2004
Mickey C. Lippy	Trooper First Class	September 27, 2008
Stephen H. Bunker	Corporal, (Retired) Pilot	September 27, 2008

## In Memoriam

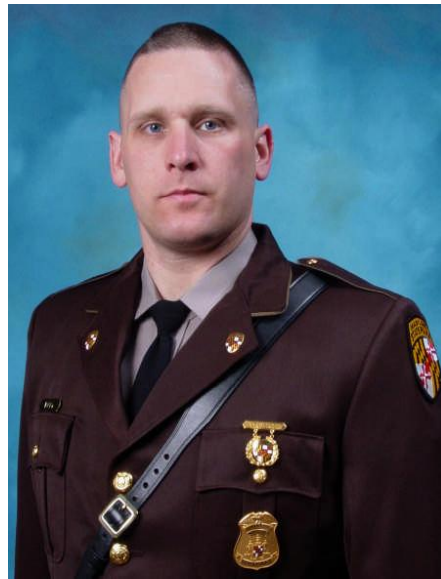
Late on the night of September 27, 2008, Maryland State Police Aviation Command Pilot Stephen H. Bunker and flight paramedic Trooper First Class Mickey C. Lippy were dispatched in Trooper 2 to a vehicle crash scene in Charles County. Two crash victims, Ashley Younger and Jordan Wells, were loaded onto the helicopter. Charles County emergency medical technician Tonya Mallard joined the crew on the helicopter to provide additional assistance.

Dense fog was encountered during the flight to the Prince George's Hospital Center, so Pilot Bunker diverted to Andrews Air Force Base. While on approach to the airport at midnight, Trooper 2 crashed in a heavily wooded park. Pilot Bunker, TFC Lippy, EMT Mallard, and Ms. Younger died in the crash. Ms. Wells was the only survivor.

The Maryland State Police family will always remember the sacrifice of these brave public servants who gave their lives in service to others. Pilot Bunker and TFC Lippy are the 40<sup>th</sup> and 41<sup>st</sup> Fallen Heroes of the Maryland State Police.



Stephen H. Bunker  
Corporal (Ret.) Pilot  
10/15/48 – 9/28/08



TFC Mickey C. Lippy  
Flight Paramedic  
1/7/74 – 9/28/08



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### **Office of the Superintendent**

The Department of State Police is comprised of the Maryland State Police (MSP), the Office of the State Fire Marshal, and the Vehicle Theft Prevention Council. There are three bureaus in the MSP: Field Operations Bureau, Homeland Security and Investigation Bureau and Support Services Bureau, each commanded by a lieutenant colonel. The Superintendent chairs the Maryland Police & Correctional Training Commission, the Handgun Roster Board, Cease Fire Council and the Vehicle Theft Prevention Council, and is a member of the Maryland Security Council, Family Violence Council, Governor's Executive Council and the State Information Technology Board.

Reporting to the Office of the Superintendent are:

Executive Protection Section	Legislative Security Section
Fair Practices Section	Office of Media Communications & Marketing
Internal Affairs Section	Office of the State Fire Marshal
Legal Counsel Section	Office of Strategic Planning
Labor Relations Section	Vehicle Theft Prevention Council

#### **Executive Protection & Legislative Security Section**

The Executive Protection Section provides security for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and State's constitutional officers including the Attorney General, Comptroller of Maryland, and State Treasurer. The Legislative Security Section is charged with ensuring the safety and security of the President of the State Senate, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and all 188 members of the General Assembly while in session.

#### **Internal Affairs Section**

The Internal Affairs Section ensures that allegations of misconduct against employees are investigated and progressive supervisory action is taken, when necessary, to ensure the Department's values are upheld.

#### **Labor Relations Section**

The Labor Relations Section represents the Office of the Superintendent in all employee relations matters, including contract negotiations with various employee bargaining units.

#### **Legal Counsel Section**

The Legal Counsel Section provides representation to the MSP and State Fire Marshal in all civil actions filed in State and Federal courts. The section also initiates forfeiture cases; provides legal advice to the Maryland Emergency Management Agency; reviews contracts, agreements and memoranda of understanding entered into by the MSP.

#### **Office of Media Communications & Marketing**

The Office of Media Communications & Marketing provides numerous interviews to television, radio and print media statewide. In 2008, the unit provided more than 170 news releases and responded to more than 24 on-scene media interview requests. The section continued to work with Special Olympics Maryland. In 2008, the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Maryland State Police Polar Bear Plunge and the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Deep Creek Dunk raised over \$3.7 million dollars for the Special Olympics.

#### **Office of Strategic Planning**

The Office of Strategic Planning consists of the Inspection and Compliance Division, Budget and Finance Division, and the Planning and Research Division which includes the Government Affairs Unit, Grants Management Section, Management Analysis Section and Professional Policing Section.

The Maryland Department of State Police Grants Management Section received 33 grant awards in 2008. The grant awards covered projects relating to Crime Laboratory programs, Marijuana Eradication, Sexual Offender Monitoring, School Bus Enforcement, Vehicle Theft Prevention, Highway Safety, Gun Violence Reduction and various other law enforcement

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programs. The Maryland State Police received a \$2.6 million Gang Elimination Task Force Grant from the United States Department of Justice. The funding will be used to reduce gang violence and membership in gangs in Maryland and six neighboring states. Grant funding was also received in 2008 to move forward with the Maryland State Police Electronic Traffic Information Exchange (E-TIX). The E-TIX program is being instituted at all Maryland State Police Barracks and with participating local law enforcement agencies. The grants received were from federal and state agencies to further the mission of the Department of State Police.

### **Select Grants Administered by the Maryland Department of State Police in 2008**

Gang Elimination Task Force .....	\$2,683,000
MD Comprehensive Statewide Highway Initiative .....	\$ 764,300
Internet Crimes Against Children.....	\$ 450,000
Auto Theft Support and Reduction .....	\$ 182,000
Electronic Traffic Information Exchange .....	\$ 201,200
Marijuana Eradication .....	\$ 91,000
Solving Cold Cases using DNA.....	\$ 497,923
Gun Violence Reduction Program.....	\$ 54,000
School Bus Monitoring .....	\$ 128,800
DNA Backlog Program.....	\$ 214,990

### **Vehicle Theft and Prevention Council**

Subtitle 2-702 of the Public Safety Article establishes the Vehicle Theft Prevention Council and Vehicle Theft Prevention Fund to assist in the prevention and deterrence of vehicle theft and related crimes, including vandalism and theft of property from vehicles. The Council develops statewide strategies and makes grants to support community-based law enforcement, prevention and education, juvenile and prosecution programs. In 2008 there were 2,882 fewer vehicles stolen statewide when compared to 2007, a 10.1 percent reduction and when compared to 1994, when this program began, the number of vehicles stolen has decreased 33.2 percent.



The mission of the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) is to protect life and property from fire and explosion through the efforts of a diverse, highly trained staff, in partnership with other public safety agencies and the community. This is accomplished through aggressive criminal investigation of fire and explosive incidents, quality fire protection engineering services, enforcement of the State Fire Prevention Code, data collection and analysis, and public fire safety education. The agency has six Regional Offices located throughout Maryland.

### **Fire Investigations Services**

The OSFM conducts fire investigations in 17 of the 23 counties of the State of Maryland. The investigation of fires includes making a determination as to the cause and origin of fires. If a fire is determined to be incendiary, Deputy State Fire Marshals will conduct a criminal investigation and arrest those individuals identified as being responsible for the criminal act. In 2008, the OSFM conducted 1,229 fire investigations; of those 480 were determined to be criminal in nature. Deputy State Fire Marshals closed 139 of the 480 criminal cases for a closure rate of 29%. This closure rate far exceeds the national average for arson of 17 -19 %.

### **Engineering and Plan Review Services**

The Fire Protection Engineering Staff perform plan reviews for new construction, renovations and modernization projects, and specialized fire protection systems. These engineering services are provided on a statewide basis in coordination with local building and fire code officials.

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### **Fire Code Compliance and Enforcement**

In 2008, the OSFM received and provided to the State General Fund over \$1.4 million in fees for services provided to the public for Fire Inspections and Engineering Plan Review services, an increase of more than one-half million dollars over 2007. The increased revenue was due to an increase in the number of inspections performed and a fee for services increase that went into effect in 2008. The OSFM staff members conducted more than 18,000 fire and life safety inspections during 2008.

### **Canine**

The OSFM has one Explosive Canine Detection Team and three Accelerant Canine Detection Teams. In 2008, the OSFM lost two accelerant detection canines; Canyon to cancer after having served 7 years and canine Isaiah, who retired after many years of faithful service. A new Accelerant Canine Detection Team was added in December of 2008, after having successfully completing the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) Accelerant Canine Training at their facility in Front Royal, Virginia.

### **2008 Noteworthy Accomplishments**

- Fire Death Reduction – 94 to 60 (36%)
- Inspection Increase – 16,300 to 18,284 (12%)

### **Fire Deaths 2008**

During calendar year 2008, there were 60 deaths that resulted from 53 fatal fires in 13 Maryland Counties and Baltimore City. The reduction represents a dramatic 36 percent drop from the 94 deaths in 67 fatal fires in 2007.

#### **Cause of Death**

- 42% Smoke inhalation and burn
- 33% Smoke inhalation
- 20% Burns
- 5% Others/undetermined

In 2008, as in previous years, fatal fires that resulted from careless smoking once again led to more fire deaths than any other cause. Twelve (12) fire victims, ranging in age 3 to 80 years, died in 10 smoking related fires, all in residential structures. Smoking related fire deaths accounted for 20 percent of all fire deaths, compared to 2007 when 25 such deaths accounted for 27 percent of the deaths that year.

House Bill 785 “Cigarette Fire Safety Performance Standard and Firefighter Protection Act” was signed into law in May of 2007, and was implemented on July 1, 2008. The law already appears to be having a positive effect on fire safety. Of the 12 smoking related fire victims that occurred in 2008, 9 deaths occurred in the first half of year as opposed to 3 deaths in the second half of the year after the implementation date.

In 2008, as in other years, most fire deaths occurred in residential structures. Just over 88 percent of the fire deaths were a result of residential fires, including 33 deaths in one and two family dwellings, 15 victims of apartment fires, and five people who died in mobile home fires.

### **Bomb Squad Operations, Explosives, Licensing, and Regulation**

The enforcement of laws and regulations pertaining to the sale, manufacture, possession and use of explosives in the State of Maryland is also a major responsibility of the OSFM. The OSFM Bomb Squad investigated 244 incidents in 2008. Bomb Squad technicians conducted 440 regulatory inspections throughout Maryland. The Bomb Squad Office issued over 750 public fireworks display permits for the year, and awarded licenses to use, store, or sell commercial explosives within Maryland to 26 firms.



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**SWORN PERSONNEL DISTRIBUTION**

<b>Year</b>	<b>2003**</b>	<b>2004***</b>	<b>2005***</b>	<b>2006***</b>	<b>2007***</b>	<b>2008**</b>
Authorized Strength	1624	1593	1591	1591	1590	1590
Actual Strength	1550	1529	1516	1547	1522	1488
<b>Functional Groupings</b>						
Barracks*	981	904	924	924	949	950
Investigative/Special Enforcement/Protection	374	344	348	356	349	349
Technical/Training	138	217	178	189	163	122
Administrative	57	64	66	78	61	67

\* Includes Uniformed Patrol, Investigations, and Troop/Headquarters Command Staff  
 \*\* July  
 \*\*\* December

**CIVILIAN PERSONNEL DISTRIBUTION**

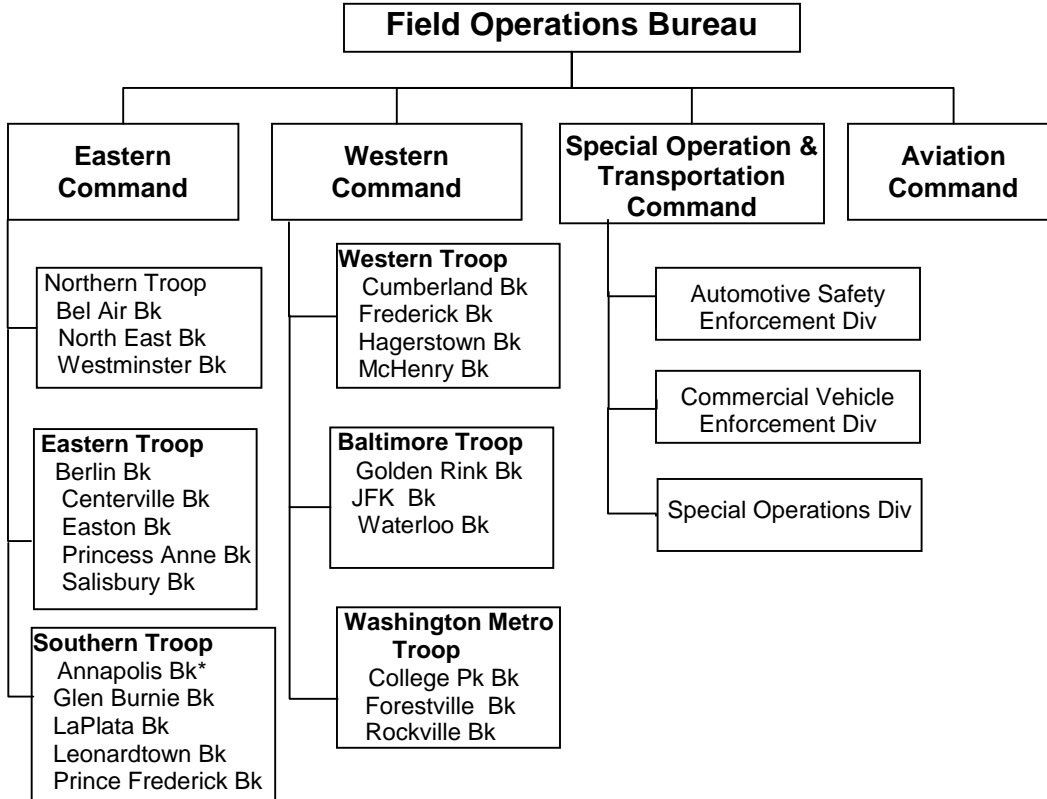
<b>Year</b>	<b>2005*</b>	<b>2006**</b>	<b>2007***</b>	<b>2008*</b>
Authorized Strength	798	806	808	808
Actual Strength	723	699	723	722
<b>Functional Groupings</b>				
Barracks*	182	173	185	181
Investigative/Special Enforcement/Protection	126	120	121	136
Technical/Training	265	238	268	240
Administrative	150	168	149	165

\* July  
 \*\* December  
 \*\*\* May

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**Field Operations Bureau**

The Field Operations Bureau is the most visible part of the Maryland State Police since it includes troopers who regularly interact with the public. Within the Bureau are four Commands: the Eastern Command and Western Command which together encompass the 22 barracks; the Special Operations and Transportation Safety Command and the Aviation Command.



\* Annapolis Barracks closed June 2008

<b>MSP Statewide Traffic Stop Summary Citations</b>		
<b>Violation</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
55 Speed	86,779	72,394
65 Speed	31,161	27,787
Other Speed	52,893	44,358
Right-of-Way	11,362	9,064
Suspended/Revoked License	13,938	12,669
Seat Belt	46,678	39,393
Child Restraint	934	810
Other	163,838	142,318

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**Chemical Test for Alcohol Unit**

The Chemical test for Alcohol Unit (CTAU) is responsible for managing the statewide Breath Alcohol Testing Program, in which the Department and 30 allied agencies participate.

**Driving Under the Influence Arrests\***

Age categories of the DUI arrests by all Maryland police agencies.

<b>Age</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Less Than 16</b>	13	7	15	15	11
<b>16 – 17</b>	345	323	319	296	212
<b>18 – 20</b>	2,101	1,879	2,107	1,952	1,822
<b>21 &amp; Older</b>	22,596	21,935	22,687	22,646	22,335
<b>Total</b>	25,055	24,144	25,129	24,909	24,380

\*Source: Department of State Police Chemical Test for Alcohol Unit

**2008 Department of State Police DUI Arrests**

<b>Age</b>	<b>Arrests</b>	
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Years</b>		
<b>Less than 16</b>	6	2
<b>16 – 17</b>	103	76
<b>18 – 20</b>	761	645
<b>21 &amp; Older</b>	8,497	8,267
<b>Total</b>	9,367	8,990
<b>Statewide DUIs by MSP</b>	37.6%	36.9%

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**Fatal Accident Statistics**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Non-Restraint Fatalities</b>	<b>Statewide Fatalities</b>	<b>Percent of Non-Restraint Fatalities</b>
<b>2003</b>	226	650	35%
<b>2004</b>	210	643	33%
<b>2005</b>	197	614	32%
<b>2006</b>	191	652	29%
<b>2007</b>	165	614	27%
<b>2008</b>	155	591*	26%

\* Subject to change based on federal reporting period



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### **Special Operations & Transportation Safety Command**

The Special Operations & Transportation Safety Command is under the Field Operations Bureau. The Command includes many specialized divisions and units that provide safety and rescue assistance to the citizens in Maryland.

#### **Special Tactical Assault Team Element (STATE)**



This unit detained 322 suspects and recovered 34 firearms and \$100,596 in U.S. currency. The 255 assignments the STATE Team completed included:

- 128 high risk search and seizure/arrest warrants
- 9 suicidal/barricade situations
- 7 security/dignitary protection and escort details
- 25 assists to other MSP units and allied law enforcement agencies
- 86 training sessions to MSP units and allied law enforcement agencies

#### **Motor Unit**



Motorcycles were reintroduced as part of the Maryland State Police patrol force in 1985. Daily, the seven Motor Unit riders patrol multiple barracks areas handling calls-for-service, special assignments, escorts, and Freeway Incident Traffic Management (FITMs) incidents. In 2008 the Motor Unit handled 653 FITMs and 555 assignments; investigated 911 distressed or disabled drivers; assisted 200 local law enforcement agencies on separate assignments; and performed 91 multi-jurisdictional escorts/events. Additionally, the Motor Unit conducts statewide patrol checks of homeland security sites which have been identified by local barracks commanders as potential "targeted" areas of attack.

#### **Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division (CVED)**

CVED operates weigh/inspection stations throughout the State of Maryland. The Division aggressively focuses its efforts on safety inspections of commercial motor vehicles traveling in the State, while also concentrating efforts on the prevention of commercial vehicles being used as weapons of terror.

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### CVED Preventive Maintenance Program

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total Vehicles Weighed - Static Scales	1,013,763	1,063,896	1,081,774	1,051,376	1,065,867
Weigh in Motion	1,003,795	1,672,765	1,646,729	2,032,987	2,360,958
Citations – All violations	58,847	63,580	60,908	62,887	60,170
Overweight	16,748	18,705	19,960	19,761	19,737
Seatbelt	3,364	3,697	3,203	3,200	3,698
Warnings	43,961	47,145	32,397	25,300	61,716
Roadside Inspections	75,512	75,712	65,835	69,306	74,343
Alcohol Violations	152	135	134	118	123
DUI	16	22	16	29	27
CDS Violations	20	167	86	79	69
Fines	\$8,542,248	\$8,550,430	\$8,739,809	\$9,996,500	\$9,497,812

Vehicles registered in Maryland, weighing over 10,000 pounds are required to be maintained in a safe operating condition and must be inspected every 25,000 miles.

### Compliance Inspections

Year	Preventative Maintenance Audits	Compliance Reviews	New Entrant Safety Audits	Citations	Suspensions
2003	2,827	64	67	505	33
2004	1,633	69	430	488	11
2005	1,312	130	862	191	12
2006	2,621	184	1,599	197	3
2007	1,721	118	617	211	14
2008	1,380	177	1,201	283	30

### Crash Team

The Crash Team is a group of highly trained accident investigators. Their focus is to identify, collect and analyze crash scene evidence such as tire marks, pavement gouges and debris patterns as well as other investigative tools to gain clues and efficiently forensically map crash scenes.

Expert opinions are developed by Crash Team members based on the interpretation of scene evidence, vehicle damage, interview, injury and post mortem examinations, toxicology results and speed calculations. The cause or causes of collisions are then analyzed and screened for motor vehicle charges or presentation to the State's Attorney for manslaughter/homicide indictments. In some cases a computer generated simulation is constructed as a visual aid for court.

### CRASH TEAM INCIDENT RESPONSES

Total Calls (response):	128
Fatal crashes investigated:	118
Manslaughter/Homicide/Driver intoxicated cases:	31
Commercial Motor Vehicle cases:	17
Homicide/Crime scene assistance:	10



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**The Automotive Safety Enforcement Division**

The Automotive Safety Inspection Division (ASED) is responsible, by law, for the State's vehicle safety inspection program and for all Safety Equipment Repair Orders issued by law enforcement agencies. Additionally, the Division supervises approximately 1,674 inspection stations throughout the State.

**Inspection Safety Statistics**

<b>Inspection Station Application Investigations</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
New	77	124	117	40
Re-applications	85	62	136	76
Disapproved	25	23	28	29
<b>ASED Station Checks/Visits Completed</b>	<b>10,717</b>	<b>9,904</b>	<b>9,771</b>	<b>9,507</b>

<b>Registered Inspection Mechanics</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Total No. of Registered Inspection Mechanics	2,916	2,967	3,198	2,935
Mechanic Applicants	1,313	1,390	1,327	1,254
Mechanic Applicants Passing Written Examination	383	438	444	428
Demonstrative Ability Examinations Conducted	383	678	695	643

<b>Vehicle Safety Inspections</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Total Number of Vehicle Inspections	666,17	614,75	661,523	511,336
Total Number of Vehicles Rejected:	605,40	499,21	513,184	401,088
Percentage of Vehicles Rejected:	91%	81%	78%	78%
Total Number of Inspection Certificates Issued:	576,63	561,20	605,603	494,471

<b>Inspection Station Complaints/Discipline</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Inspection Complaints	170	180	157	160
Station Licenses Suspended/Revoked	14	12	15	14
Administrative Penalties	127	118	91	100
Emergency Suspension	10	4	9	11
Mechanics Suspended or Revoked	39	51	30	39
Written Reprimand	71	55	46	47

<b>Covert Investigations</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Covert Investigations Conducted	15	33	37	20
Coverts resulting in violations	15	29	33	17

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**Inspection Safety Statistics Cont'd**

<b>Authorized Inspection Stations</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Class A - Passenger vehicles, trucks 10,000 lbs & under, trailers w/o air brakes up to 20 ft, multipurpose passenger vehicles.	1,515	1,528	1,537	1,564
Class B - Any trailer, including those with air brakes	13	12	11	11
Class C - Trucks, Truck Tractors, buses over 10,000 lbs	20	20	20	20
Class D - Combination of Classes B and C	77	75	79	74
Class F-Fleet (Own, operate, or control at least 15 vehicles)	23	20	21	19
Class M - Motorcycle and 3-wheeled multipurpose vehicles.	210	210	220	230
Class R - Recreational Motor Vehicles (motor homes, converted buses)	13	11	11	11
Class T - Any trailer up to 10,000 lbs.	96	89	86	82
Class G - Combination of Class R and T	53	51	53	53
<b>Total of Licensed Inspection Stations (Stations may be approved for more than one class)</b>	<b>1,630</b>	<b>1,641</b>	<b>1,653</b>	<b>1,674</b>

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ASED is responsible for the processing of Safety Equipment Repair Orders (SERO) issued statewide. Additionally, this Division processes compliance copies and issues non-compliance suspension notices. The SERO Program is the main enforcement tool for removing vehicles with defective equipment from the State's highways.

### **SERO Orders issued by Maryland State Police Installations**

<b>MSP Division, Barracks, Detachments</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
ASED	508	602	446	195
Annapolis (closed June 2008)	970	969	1,224	1,176
Aviation Division	22	20	52	37
Bel Air	504	711	532	390
Berlin	785	641	513	371
Cambridge	406	547	516	749
Centreville	493	790	559	672
Chestertown	105	158	65	69
College Park	754	956	1,565	3,322
Cumberland	88	405	494	368
CVED	3,935	4,110	3,697	3,366
Denton	435	510	461	584
Easton	791	1,255	1,618	1,077
Forestville	743	1,256	235	222
Frederick	661	978	1,018	1,901
Glen Burnie	2,793	2,216	1,547	2,062
Hagerstown	381	383	271	360
JFK	397	1,135	734	497
Leonardtown	1,097	1,569	1,735	2,090
McHenry	435	495	481	405
North East	254	324	379	342
Prince Frederick	948	2,122	2,057	1,873
Princess Anne	641	291	359	151
Rockville	1,007	1,311	1,050	998
Salisbury	848	838	1,104	1,077
Golden Ring	902	960	536	948
Waldorf	1,242	2,243	1,673	1,571
Waterloo	1,019	998	1,697	1,729
Westminster	1,350	2,185	1,959	2,606
Other MSP Personnel	481	299	222	172
<b>MSP Total</b>	<b>35,293</b>	<b>35,237</b>	<b>28,799</b>	<b>31,380</b>

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<b>SERO Statistics Continued</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>SERO Issued by Other Agencies</b>	94,139	119,20	143,88	134,839
<b>TOTAL SERO's Issued (Processed)</b>	119,13	154,44	172,68	166,219
Additional SERO's Pending Processing	29,138	13,802	10,480	15,787
<b>Total SEROs Received</b>	148,27	168,24	183,16	182,006
<b>(Percent Change in SEROs from Prior Year)</b>	N/A	+13.5%	+9.9%	-0.63%

<b>Tag Suspensions (SERO Non-Compliance)</b>				
Tag Suspension Letters Issued	0	52,343	68,922	57,324
Tag Suspension Releases	5,221	28,299	47,071	53,893
Tag Pick-Up Orders Assigned	0	14,348	5,221	4,109
Tag Pick-Up Orders Closed	0	5,916	4,384	5,386

### **Salvage Vehicles**

During 2008, ASED salvage vehicle inspectors conducted 98.2% of the inspections completed by the MSP. The purpose of the program is to detect stolen vehicles and parts, as well as protecting citizens when purchasing rebuilt vehicles.

<b>Salvage Vehicle Inspections</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Salvage Inspections by ASED Personnel ONLY	10,343	12,119	12,016	10,332
Salvage Inspections by Other MSP Personnel	1,176	443	490	190
Salvage Inspections by County Police Departments	0	0	0	7
<b>Total Salvage Inspections by MSP Personnel</b>	<b>11,519</b>	<b>12,562</b>	<b>12,506</b>	<b>10,522</b>

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### **K-9 Unit**

The Special Operations Division K-9 Unit staff consists of six sworn handlers/trainers, one civilian trainer, and one Volunteers in Police Support (VIPS) search manager. Additionally, there are 29 handlers assigned to barracks. During 2008, the K-9 Unit generated the following results:

	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Responded to K-9 related calls	935	790
Responded to non-K-9 related calls.	5,637	4,101
Narcotics detection dogs conducted	1,337	1,024
Narcotics dog scans resulting in apprehensions	352	258
Currency CDS detection dogs credited with assisting in seizing	\$1,914,559	\$1,075,467
Bloodhound teams were requested	187	183
Bloodhound teams responded to search operations	117	98
Explosive detection dogs conducted sweeps with no explosive devices located	192	133
K-9 Teams backed up MSP troopers and other agencies	3,231	2,892

### **Disciplines of K-9 Teams**

Patrol Dog Teams	11
Explosive Detection Teams	4
Bloodhound Teams	11
Narcotic Detection Teams	20
Article Detection Teams	2
Number of Single Purpose Dogs	36
Number of Dual Purpose Dogs	6
Total Number of Dogs	42*

\*As of May 1, 2009



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### **Aviation Command**

Throughout Maryland, 24 hours a day, the Aviation Command transports critically injured citizens to trauma centers within the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services System. The Command also provides aerial support for the Department and allied public safety agencies. Additionally, the Command conducts search and rescue operations, and aids in criminal investigation and traffic control.

The Aviation Command currently operates 11 twin engine helicopters, which are strategically based for a quick response to emergencies anywhere in Maryland. The Aviation Command also operates two fixed wing aircraft in support of its multi-mission profile.

#### **2008 Aviation Command Helicopter Missions**

- 3,327 - Completed Scene Medevac Missions
  - 76 - Inter-facility Patients Transported
- 3,403 - Total Patients Transported
- 246 - Completed Search and Rescue Missions
  - 67 - Victims Located/Rescued
- 851 - Medically Oriented Support Missions
- 5,411 - Total Medically Oriented Missions
  - 124 - Homeland Security Missions Not Linked to Medical Missions
  - 2,181 - Homeland Security Missions Linked to Medical Missions
- 643 - Total Law Enforcement / Homeland Security / Disaster Assessment Missions
  - 74 - Suspects Located / Arrested
- 3,804 - Total Flight Hours

#### **Crash of Trooper 2**

On September 27, 2008, Pilot Stephen H. Bunker, Trooper First Class/Flight Paramedic Mickey C. Lippy and Emergency Medical Technician Tanya M. Mallard lost their lives in the line of duty following the tragic crash of Trooper 2. The flight crew of Trooper 2 was performing an emergency medical evacuation of two patients from a motor vehicle collision in Waldorf, Charles County, Maryland. When Trooper 2 picked up the two patients, EMT Mallard of the Waldorf Rescue Squad joined the flight crew to assist with medical care during the flight to the hospital.

Trooper 2 was unable to land at the hospital due to deteriorating weather conditions. Consequently, the flight crew requested ground EMS units to meet the aircraft at Andrews Air Force Base to complete the patient transport by land. However, Trooper 2 crashed in a wooded area of Walker Mill Regional Park in Prince Georges County, Maryland while en-route to the rendezvous point. Also killed in the crash was Ashley J. Younger, who was one of patients being transported.

Despite all of the tragedy in 2008, it is the duty of the Aviation Command to persevere and continue in its efforts to serve the citizens and visitors of Maryland through the reliable delivery of air medical, aerial search and rescue, airborne law enforcement, homeland security, and disaster assessment services.

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### **Homeland Security and Investigation Bureau**

This Bureau provides the investigative functions for the Department in partnership with allied law enforcement agencies and includes:

- Investigation Command
- Homeland Security and Drug Command

#### **Investigation Command**

The Investigation Command includes the Forensic Sciences Division and the Criminal Investigation Division.

#### **Forensic Sciences Division**

The goal of the Forensic Sciences Division (FSD) is to provide the Law Enforcement Community and the citizenry of Maryland with the highest quality and integrity in forensic laboratory analysis and expert testimony. The FSD is responsible for two branches; the Operational Services Branch and the Scientific Analysis Branch. The civilian and sworn personnel within these two branches provide scientific support services to the law enforcement community. Some services include, but are not limited to, the collection and preservation of physical evidence, examination of evidence, issuance of scientific reports, and providing expert courtroom testimony.

#### **Forensic Sciences Division - Operational Services Branch**

	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Forensic Investigations		
Maryland State Police Cases	735	712
Allied Agencies Cases	394	376
Assists	176	146
Total Cases	1,305	1,234
CDS Cases		
Submitted for Analysis	9,651	10,374
MSP Submitted for Destruction	6,652	5,237
Allied Agencies Submitted for Destruction	188	713
Photography		
Special Assignments	44	50
Color Film Rolls Processed	3,339	2,371
Color Prints	60,735	45,079

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### Scientific Analysis Branch

This branch is comprised of the following units: Chemistry/Toxicology, Serology, DNA Casework and DNA Database, Trace Evidence, Latent Prints, Firearms/Toolmarks, Questioned Documents and the regional CDS laboratories located in Berlin and Hagerstown.

Forensic Lab Cases examined/analyzed	FY 2007	FY 2008
<b>Biology*</b>		
I. Serology		
Carry over from previous year	230	382
Cases submitted	470	477
Cases analyzed	318	549
Percent completed	45.4%	63.9%
II. DNA Forensic Casework		
Carry over from previous year	109	*
Cases submitted	132	*
Cases sent to contractor for analysis	183	
Percent completed	75.9%	
III. DNA Database (Convicted Offender Program)		
Carry over from previous year	23,703	4,683
Cases collected	10,840	22,265
Cases sent out	29,860	21,629
Percent completed and entered into CODIS	86.4%	80.3%
Number of hits per calendar year	194 (CY06)	500 (CY07)
<b>Chemistry</b>		
Carry over from previous year	2,367	1,994
Collected	15,183	16,235
Analyzed	15,556	13,947
Percent completed	88.6%	76.5%
<b>Firearms/Toolmarks</b>		
Carry over from previous year	454	647
Collected	1,018	857
Analyzed	825	648
Percent completed	56.0%	43.0%
<b>Cartridge Case Profiling Database</b>		
Carry over from previous year	6,743	N/A**
Received	9,436	9,604
Analyzed	16,179	N/A
Percent completed	100%	N/A
<b>Latent Prints</b>		
Carry over from previous year	702	309
Collected	2,025	2,174
Analyzed	2,418	2,245
Percent completed	88.7%	90.4%
<b>Toxicology</b>		
Carry over from previous year	0	34
Collected	994	969
Analyzed	960	1,003
Percent completed	96.6%	100%
<b>Trace Evidence</b>		
Carry over from previous year	96	106
Collected	177	242
Analyzed	167	278
Percent completed	61.2%	79.9%

**Note:** \* There will no longer be Serology & DNA cases, but rather only Biology cases.

\*\* No analysis of shell casings, entered into Q-Tel.



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**Criminal Investigation Division**

The 2008 accomplishments of the Criminal Investigation Division are as follows:

<b>Criminal Investigation Division</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Homicide Unit</b>		
Homicide Investigations	14	24
Non-Homicide Investigations	62	52
Warrants Served	31	41
<b>State Apprehension Team</b>		
Felony Arrest Warrants Served	135	86
Allied Felony Warrants	42	31
Cold Case Felony Warrants	11	18
<b>Polygraph Unit</b>		
Polygraph examinations	1,141	1,165
Specific issue examinations	412	484
Applicant type examinations	712	681
<b>Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force</b>	* Formed in 2008	
Arrests	*	54
Cases Closed	*	75
Assisted Investigations	*	154
<b>Gang Enforcement Unit</b>		
Gang Members Identified	143	124
Arrests	85	108
Assisted Arrests	134	285
Firearms Seized	20	20
<b>Firearms Interdiction Task Force</b>		
Searched and Seizure Warrants Served	27	73
Arrests	60	97
Firearms Seized	47	226
Currency Seized	-	\$48,000

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<b><u>Criminal Investigation Division Cont'd</u></b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Washington Area Vehicle Enforcement</b>		
Recovered Vehicles	872	1,048
Recovery Value	\$9,314,581	\$8,500,000
Arrests	383	425
Firearms Seized	11	24
<b>Auto Theft Unit</b>		
Recovered Vehicles	41	33
Recovery Value	\$1,247,310	\$602,000
Arrests	32	16
Assisted Arrests	189	96
ASED Assists (Salvage Inspections)	1,701	922
MVA Inspections (giving new VIN # to vehicle)	238	70
Business Inspections (Checking vehicle Storage lots for compliance)	17	31
<b>Baltimore Gun Tracing Unit</b>		
Firearms Seized	214	268
Arrests	34	41
Search Warrants Served	48	60
<b>Regional Warrant Apprehension Team and U.S. Marshal's Service Task Force</b>		
Warrants Served	698	647
Parole Retake Warrants Served	101	134
<b>Child Recovery Unit</b>		
Missing Children Case Assists	71	63
Children Recovered	48	63
Other Investigations	32	39
AMBER Alert Requests	14	14
AMBER Alert Activations	5	2

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**Computer Crimes Unit**

<b>Computer Crimes Unit Investigations</b>	
<b>Crime / Incident</b>	<b>Cases</b>
Assist Other Law Enforcement	72
Miscellaneous complaints	51
Child Pornography Distribution	35
Child Pornography Possession	16
Illegal Access to Computers	12
Online Child Enticement	11
Child Pornography Manufacture	3
Online Harassment	3
Fraud	2
Online Child Solicitation	1
<b>Total Investigations – 206</b>	

<b>Computer Forensic Laboratory</b>			
<b>Department</b>	<b>Cases</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Cases</b>
Baltimore City Police	4	Greenbelt City Police	2
Calvert County Sheriff	2	Harford County Sheriff	1
Cambridge Police	1	Havre de Grace Police	1
DPSCS DOC IIU	1	Howard County Police	21
Dorchester County Sheriff	1	Laurel City Police	2
FBI	2	Queen Anne County Sheriff	2
Fire Marshal	1	Ridgely Police	1
Frederick City Police	1	Salisbury Police	1
Frederick County Sheriff	1	St. Mary's County BCI	9
Garrett County Sheriff	3	Wicomico County Sheriff	9
MSP Barracks	25	MSP Investigative Units	59
<b>Total Cases – 150</b>			

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### **Homeland Security and Drug Command**

This Command leads the Maryland State Police drug control strategy by focusing on the disruption of drug trafficking at every level. Through a variety of investigative techniques, including covert operations, electronic surveillance and bulk drug interdiction, command personnel attempt to identify, infiltrate and dismantle drug organizations operating in Maryland.

Also under this command is the Pro-Active Criminal Enforcement (PACE) Team that performs patrol enforcement functions geared to identifying drug couriers and locating contraband in hidden compartments.

### **Pro-Active Criminal Enforcement (PACE) Team**

The PACE Team uses traffic enforcement measures to identify interstate terrorism, interdict the flow of illegal drugs, seize drug proceeds, untaxed cigarettes, illegal weapons, and to detect other types of criminal activity.

In 2008 the PACE Team members accomplished the following:

105 Criminal Investigations/Cases

111 Criminal Arrests (15 of which included fugitive arrests and 3 suspected terrorists)

#### Seized

\$1,094,863 in U.S. currency /drug proceeds

47	pounds of heroin
92	pounds of cocaine
3	pounds of crack-cocaine
958	pounds of marijuana
229	grams of khat
9	grams of psilocybin
13	canisters of nitrous oxide
1,085	tablets of MDMA "Ecstasy"
92.5	grams of methamphetamine
1,414	tablets and 23 vials of various steroids
2,097	cartons of untaxed cigarettes
1,625	counterfeit DVD's
3	firearms
30	vehicles (14 with electronically controlled hidden compartments)
3	recovered stolen vehicles

### **Drug Enforcement Division**

Several investigative support units, such as the Asset Forfeiture Unit and Technical Surveillance Unit are also located within the Drug Enforcement Division. The Asset Forfeiture Unit serves as the clearinghouse for all asset seizures made by department personnel. The unit tracks all drug assets from seizure to final disposition, and follows up on drug arrests made by patrol troopers to identify additional assets for seizure. As part of the Post-Arrest Asset Identification Program, unit personnel identified and seized 11 real estate properties, 5 motor vehicles, and \$245,640 in cash. The Technical Surveillance Unit provides expertise in the operation of electronic surveillance equipment and physical surveillance techniques. They are responsible for the maintenance and installation of the Department's surveillance and electronic monitoring equipment.

In 2008 the **Multi-Agency Drug Task Forces** staffed by the Drug Enforcement Division accomplishments include the following:

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**DRUG ENFORCEMENT DIVISION  
MULTI-AGENCY DRUG TASK FORCES 2008 Statistical Data**

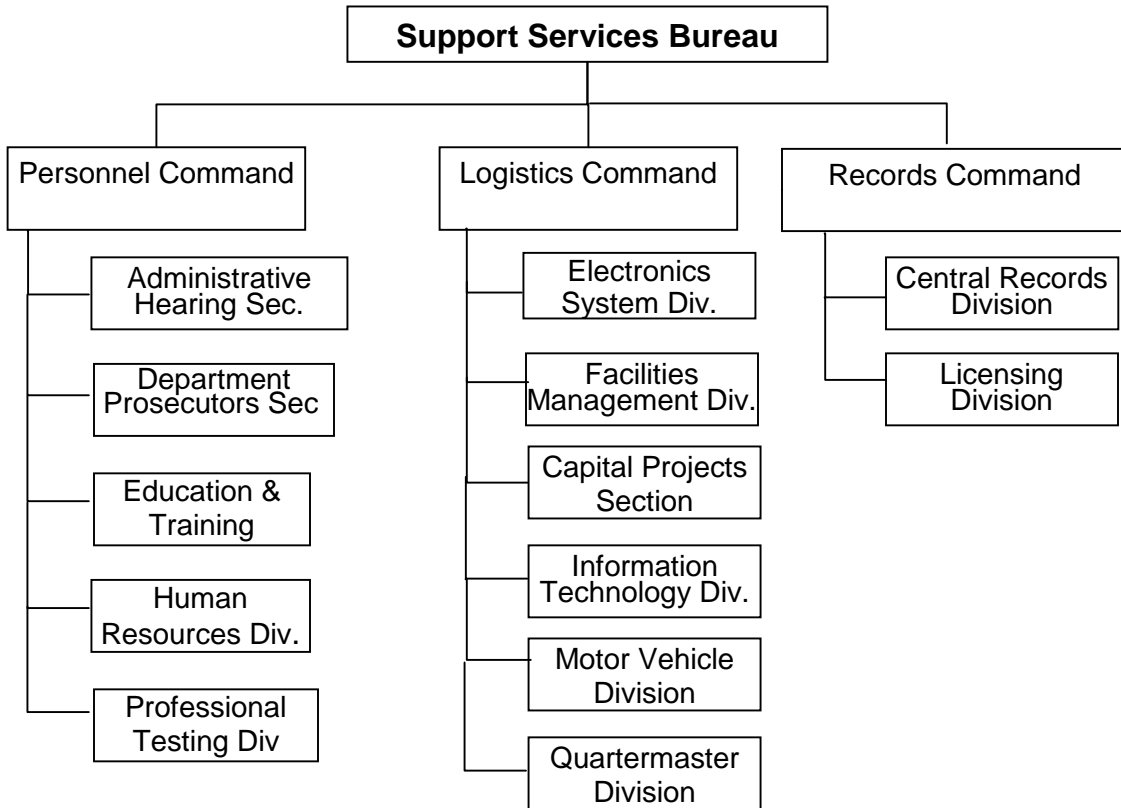
	CASES INITIATED	SEARCH WARRANTS	DRUG ARRESTS	CURRENCY SEIZED	VEHICLES SEIZED	FIREARMS SEIZED	COCAINE POWDER SEIZED (GRAMS)	COCAINE CRACK SEIZED (GRAMS)	HEROIN SEIZED (GRAMS)	METHAMPHETA MINE SEIZED (GRAMS)	MARIJUANA SEIZED (GRAMS)	MDMA ECSTASY SEIZED (PILLS)	PRESCRIPTION DRUGS (PILLS)
ASSET FORFEITURE	20	25	1	\$245,640	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ALLEGANY CO. DTF	385	61	197	\$101,944	9	10	163	517	33	0	4,243	155	1,205
CALVERT CO. DTF	221	87	176	\$43,545	15	2	642	209	20	0	2,141	0	830
CAROLINE CO. DTF	165	38	99	\$32,406	5	10	75	93	59	1	2,198	10	442
CARROLL CO. DTF	240	106	142	\$69,964	15	24	222	237	56	1	19,481	78	85
CECIL CO. DTF	127	26	57	\$113,799	8	22	345	40	1	0	9,318	0	59
CHARLES CO. DTF	118	29	57	\$54,570	16	19	36	813	0	0	232	7	101
MARIJUANA ERAD. UNIT	133	74	142	\$37,771	2	52	14	127	0	0	36,122	0	0
DORCHESTER CO. DTF	125	28	39	\$37,255	3	11	62	120	9	0	2,635	23	0
FREDERICK CO. DTF	193	60	117	\$164,815	23	20	3,340	317	38	0	55,790	210,190	1,528
GARRETT CO. DTF	269	41	178	\$17,514	7	0	317	67	24	0	4,697	2	121
HARFORD CO. DTF	117	141	155	\$808,190	20	34	2,262	357	103	0	31,136	17	167
KENT CO. DTF	145	40	91	\$31,007	13	14	23	54	5	0	412	3	192
MAJOR TRAFFICKERS INIT.	78	7	68	\$1,443,469	1	1	72,143	2,704	22,897	0	328,877	120	14
PARCEL INTERDICTION INIT.	179	87	37	\$495,324	2	8	51,565	86	771	44	604,333	101	2,101
PRO-ACTIVE CRIMINAL ENF	85	0	71	\$1,094,863	30	3	38,214	1,277	20,612	92	429,310	1,085	0
P.G./MONTGOMERY INIT.	169	48	47	\$312,787	7	12	707	264	1	7	88,274	9	1,128
QUEEN ANNE'S CO. DTF	210	35	65	\$73,999	16	2	90	41	21	0	9,653	0	115
SOMERSET CO. DTF	112	41	51	\$12,355	0	9	35	60	5	0	890	4	77
ST. MARY'S CO. DTF	259	139	111	\$54,733	5	32	124	304	0	0	9,425	8	112
TALBOT CO. DTF	122	13	35	\$8,358	3	1	50	45	1	0	181	8	216
WASHINGTON CO. DEA	62	13	79	\$102,585	10	14	3,433	1,677	40	1	10,545	5	1,664
WICOMICO CO. DTF	281	83	99	\$153,629	30	36	2,923	397	243	0	2,531	3	703
WORCESTER CO. DTF	164	33	45	\$27,717	3	3	11	37	23	0	9,943	0	11
<b>2008 TOTALS</b>	<b>3,979</b>	<b>1,255</b>	<b>2,159</b>	<b>\$5,538,239</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>176,796</b>	<b>9,843</b>	<b>44,962</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>1,662,367</b>	<b>211,828</b>	<b>10,871</b>

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**Support Services Bureau**

The Support Services Bureau provides materials and services the Department of State Police and allied law enforcement agencies require to meet their obligations and responsibilities. The Bureau's responsibilities include managing the Department's information technology and communications systems.

Support Services consists of three Commands:



**Human Resources Division**

Tasks associated with the Human Resources Division Workload are as follows:

<b>Human Resources Division</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Statewide Applicant Orientations	49	48
Applicants Screened	1,435	1,887
Background Investigations Processed (sworn & civilian)	526	671
Trooper Candidates Selected	114	113
Cadets Processed	29	26
Processed Entering DROP	41	37
Assisted Spouses with Beneficiary Death Benefits	19	21

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<b>Sworn Personnel</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Service Retirements*	46	53
DROP Exits	41	40
Special Disability Retirements	28	13
Ordinary Retirement	5	4
Deceased Personnel	1	2
Resignations	34	59
Transferred to other State Agency	0	0
Terminated	3	6

\* Includes DROP Exits

<b>Civilian Personnel</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Service Retirements	17	17
Disability Retirements	3	2
Deceased Personnel	0	2
Resignations	45	48
Transferred to other State Agency	10	8
Terminated	4	6

### **Medical Services Unit**

The Medical Services Unit is responsible for ensuring the health, welfare, and safety of Maryland State Police employees and determining the eligibility of its trooper applicants. For ten months, the Medical Services Unit provided services to the women and men of the Department without a permanent, full-time medical director due to the unexpected death on March 2, 2008 of the Department's good friend and Medical Director Phillip N. Phillips, MD.

<b>Medical Services Unit Work Statistics</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Trooper Applicants Processed	296	202
Hearing Tests Administered	1,825	1,635
Stress Tests Administered	14	34
Random Drug Tests	613	663
Special Orders for Fitness-for-Duty	33	39
Restricted Duty Orders	685	571
Disability Retirement Applications	40	24
Injections Administered	707	*

\* No Medical Director

### **Volunteers in Police Support (VIPS)**

The VIPS program has proven to be a continued success. In 2008 there were 110 active volunteers and four pending volunteer applications. Several VIPS were nominated for the Governor's Volunteer Service Award and two of those nominated were recognized and presented with awards at the Governor's Volunteer Service Awards Presentation & Reception Luncheon. All nominees were invited to attend this special occasion. Additionally, a database was created which provides easy access to personal and professional information for each volunteer. Currently students from Towson University are creating and developing an MSP VIPS webpage, which should be completed in 2009.

### **Intern Program**

The Intern program services high schools, colleges, and universities by offering criminal justice and law enforcement volunteer opportunities for experimental and student service learning purposes. The volunteer database was enhanced and now tracks student intern hours. Currently, the Program collaborates with Milford Mill Academy, Virginia Tech, Baltimore City Community College, and Towson State University.

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### **Intern Program cont'd**

In 2008, at the request of the Mayor's Office of Baltimore City, the Department participated in the Baltimore Youth Works Program. The Department's participation provided an opportunity for a deserving youth to earn pay for work performed at the Maryland State Police Licensing Division during their summer break from school. As a result of programs such as Youth Works, it is expected and hoped that relationships will develop with area institutions and subsequently provide the Department with a new recruitment base.

### **Information Technology Division**

Major projects within the Information Technology Division include:

#### **Electronic Traffic Information Exchange (E-TIX)**

The District Court of Maryland certified the E-TIX system in the spring of 2008 and by the end of the year over 1,200 troopers, officers and deputies of the Maryland State Police and 30 allied agencies had been trained to use the new system. Over 86,000 traffic stops have been made by law enforcement personnel using this system. All data from the traffic stop and resulting citation is transferred electronically to the District Court, thereby eliminating the need for data entry by Court personnel.

In addition to increasing officer safety, E-TIX has significant positive effects on law enforcement productivity. E-TIX allows officers to spend less time on each traffic stop, thus allowing officers additional time to focus on other police functions. E-TIX also eliminates the need for officers to enter their daily statistics and their legally-mandated traffic stop data since that information is captured automatically with the E-TIX system.

#### **Patrol Car Computer Technology**

The General Assembly approved a total of \$7.5 million over a three year period to provide mobile data computer technology for Maryland State Police patrol vehicles to increase coordination with public safety and transportation agencies and to enable data connectivity and interoperability to the field force. Mobile computing technology in field patrol vehicles provide troopers with real-time access to criminal justice and homeland security information and increases coordination with allied public safety and law enforcement agencies. Additionally, this initiative provides the platform for other projects such as E-TIX. By years end, 2008, over 1,000 patrol vehicles were outfitted with rugged laptops and the communications hardware to make these systems viable. With the improved interoperability, Maryland State Police troopers have made in excess of one million requests, through CAPWin, for information on vehicles and criminal offenders.

#### **Photocopier Replacement Project**

The Quartermaster Division committed to a project to upgrade the photocopy machines the Department uses to have network and fax capability. In fiscal year 2008, purchases for ink and toner for desk top printers was over \$300,000. This project is designed to move the major printing load to the photocopiers and remove all desk jet printers and remove or redistribute the Department's remaining laser printers, thus reducing printing costs. The Information Technology Division is a major contributor to implementing this project by providing the cabling and software installations for the copiers and completed 32 locations in 2008.

### **Motor Vehicle Division**

The Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) has 20 repair garages throughout the State which are staffed by 35 mechanics and overseen by eight supervisors. The Division procures, maintains, repairs, and disposes of all Maryland State Police and Office of the Fire Marshal's vehicles. During 2008, 138 new vehicles (83 for patrol) were purchased with an equal number of vehicles disposed of at auction.

MVD processed 12,899 work orders for the repair and maintenance of the 1,950 vehicles, which averages to each vehicle being serviced approximately seven times in 2008. Of the 1,195 fleet vehicles, 845 (71% of the fleet) have over 100,000 miles. Patrol vehicles are driven approximately 30,000 miles per year and if in service for six years will have been driven approximately 180,000 miles.



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### Central Records Division

The Central Records Division's (CRD) mission is to collect, analyze and distribute traffic accident and crime statistics. The CRD accomplishments include the following:

- Published the 2007 Crime in Maryland Uniform Crime Report (UCR) in June of 2008
- Published the 2007 Motor Vehicle Robbery "Carjacking" Report in June 2008
- Published the annual 2007 Motor Vehicle Accident Statistics in June of 2008
- The Division provided testimony during the 2008 legislative session to repeal Article 20-110 "Insurance Fraud Intentional Motor Vehicle Accidents, Creation of Documentation of Motor Vehicle Accidents and Reports" that became effective October 2007. A new bill was passed that ensures there was no longer a restriction on the release of motor vehicle accident reports within a sixty-day period after the report is filed at a law enforcement agency.
- Processed over 97,000 motor vehicle accident reports, entering them into Maryland Automated Accident Reporting System (MAARS) statistical database; as well as, microfilmed into the KAR System which is the State's repository allowing rapid report recovery upon request.

CRD breakdown of preliminary statistics and revenue collected for 2008 follows:

<b>2008 Central Records Division Activities</b>	
Requests Processed for copies of motor vehicle accident reports & related documents	25,766
<b>Motor Vehicle Accident Reports Received and Processed</b>	
- DATA ENTERED INTO Maryland Automated Accident Reporting System MAARS)	49,306
- MICROFILMED (23 COUNTIES) INTO KAR System (Repository)	78,410
Adhoc Requests for Motor Vehicle Accident and Crime Related Statistics Received & Processed	79
Criminal Investigation Reports Processed (MSP only)	20,058
Requests for MSP Criminal Investigations and other related documents – Received & Processed	1,763
Number of Field Contacts Made with MD Law Enforcement Agencies Concerning UCR Discrepancies (Police Agencies may have been contacted more than once)	1,300
Number of UCR Discrepancies resolved	924
Number of UCR "On-Site" Quality Assurance Reviews (QAR) Conducted	2
UCR Mail-In Quality Assurance Reviews (56 mailed – 45 received and processed)	56
Number of 3-day UCR Classes Conducted	4
Number of Students Trained	72
Number of Law Enforcement Agencies Represented at the UCR Classes	51

	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Motor Vehicle Accidents – Total Fatal Accidents	595	558	509
Motor Vehicle Accidents – Total Fatalities	653	615	591*
Motor Vehicle Accidents – Total Accidents	101,785	100,707	97,636
Citations Processed (MSP Only)	462,252	430,284	314,578

\* Subject to change based on federal reporting period

<b>Revenues Realized in 2008 for the Central Records Division</b>	
Motor Vehicle Accident Reports Non-Refundable Documents Search Fee	\$108,930.23
MSP Criminal Investigation Reports Public Information Act – Requests	4,376.12
Photographs – Motor Vehicle Accidents	19,731.50
Photographs – Criminal Investigation	48.00
Detailed Investigation Reports – Public Information Act Requests	6,480.50
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Crash Reports – PIA	38.25
<b>Total Revenue Received</b>	<b>\$139,604.60</b>

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### Licensing Division

The Licensing Division administers laws and conducts investigations concerning the sale, transfer, and registration of handguns, shotguns, rifles, machine guns, and listening devices.

### Firearms Registration Section

It is vital the Section complete, within seven days of the date applications are received, investigations of persons applying to purchase regulated firearms. Doing so identifies persons who are prohibited by laws from purchasing, possessing, and or selling regulated firearms.

The number of yearly applications to purchase regulated firearms in Maryland has increased 19.95% from 2007 to 2008 and 61.49% from 2006 to 2008.

<b>Firearms Registration Section</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Applications to Purchase Regulated Firearms (FRM77R)	23,024	30,997	37,182
Final Sales	21,039	29,350	34,244
Disapproved/Incomplete Sales *	1,985	1,647	1,661
New Regulated Firearms Dealers Applications.	12	17	18
New Machine Gun Applications.	161	129	89
Administrative Hearings.	0	2	6
Cases Referred to the Firearms Investigation Unit	392	631	809
Criminal	318	439	581
Administrative	74	194	195
New Collector's Applications	756	955	1,134

\* Calculation: add # of disapprovals and # of applications placed on hold for that year

### Handgun Permit Unit

The Handgun Permit Section regulates the approval of all firearm instructors in accordance with COMAR Title 29.03.02.11.

<b>Handgun Permit Unit</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>APPLICATIONS RECEIVED</b>			
Original:	1,788	1,872	1,883
Renewal:	2,274	2,393	2,834
Duplicate Permits	37	47	63
Modified Permits	97	106	84
Disapprovals	149	196	306
<b>PERMITS ISSUED</b>			
Original:	1,512	1,711	1,413
Renewal:	2,103	2,205	2,055
Duplicate Permits	49	58	62
Modified Permits	83	108	85
<b>HEARINGS</b>			
Informal Hearings	97	189	95
Hearing Review Board	31	11	8
<b>Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (LEOSA)</b>			
MSP Original	115	267	283
MSP Renewal	77	173	215
MSP Approved	115	281	266
Allied Original	676	1,068	1,076
Allied Renewal	275	769	836
Allied Approved	676	1,068	1,111

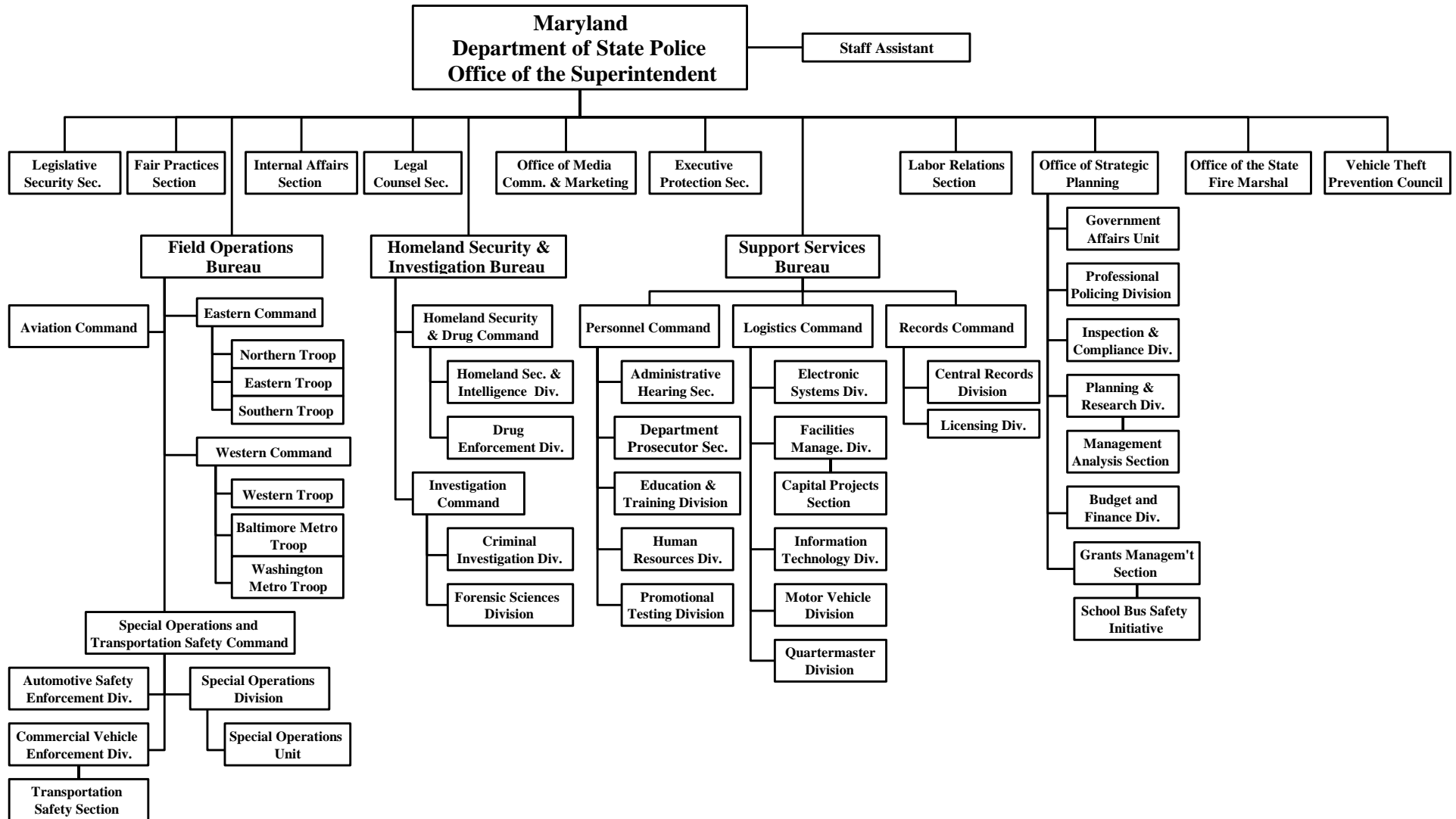
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### Security Guard and Private Detective Unit

The Security Guard Unit is responsible for the administration of Title 19, Subtitle 2 of the Business and Occupations Article in the Annotated Code of Maryland. The Private Detective unit is responsible for the administration of Title 13, Subtitle 2 of the Business and Occupations Article in the Annotated Code of Maryland.

<b>Security Guard Unit</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Agency Licenses	97	84
Agency Renewals	54	50
Security Guard Certification	6,282	5,331
Security Guard Renewals	2,075	2,053
Audits	14	25
Disapprovals	784	780
Informal Hearings	656	618
<b>Private Detective Unit</b>		
Agency Licenses	106	88
Agency Renewals	114	117
Private Detective Certifications	448	524
Audits	13	16
Disapprovals	30	32
<b>Security Systems Unit</b>		
Agency Licenses	101	76
Agency Renewals	195	52
Technician Registration	1,450	1,532
Technician Renewals	612	311
Audits	0	1
Disapprovals	134	151
Administrative Hearings	2	0
<b>Special Police Unit</b>		
New Special Police Applications	308	246
Renewals	250	269
<b>Railroad Police Unit</b>		
New Applications	20	23
<b>Canine Registration Unit</b>		
New Application	94	83
Cancelled Application	18	0
<b>Eavesdropping Equipment</b>		
New Application	340	212

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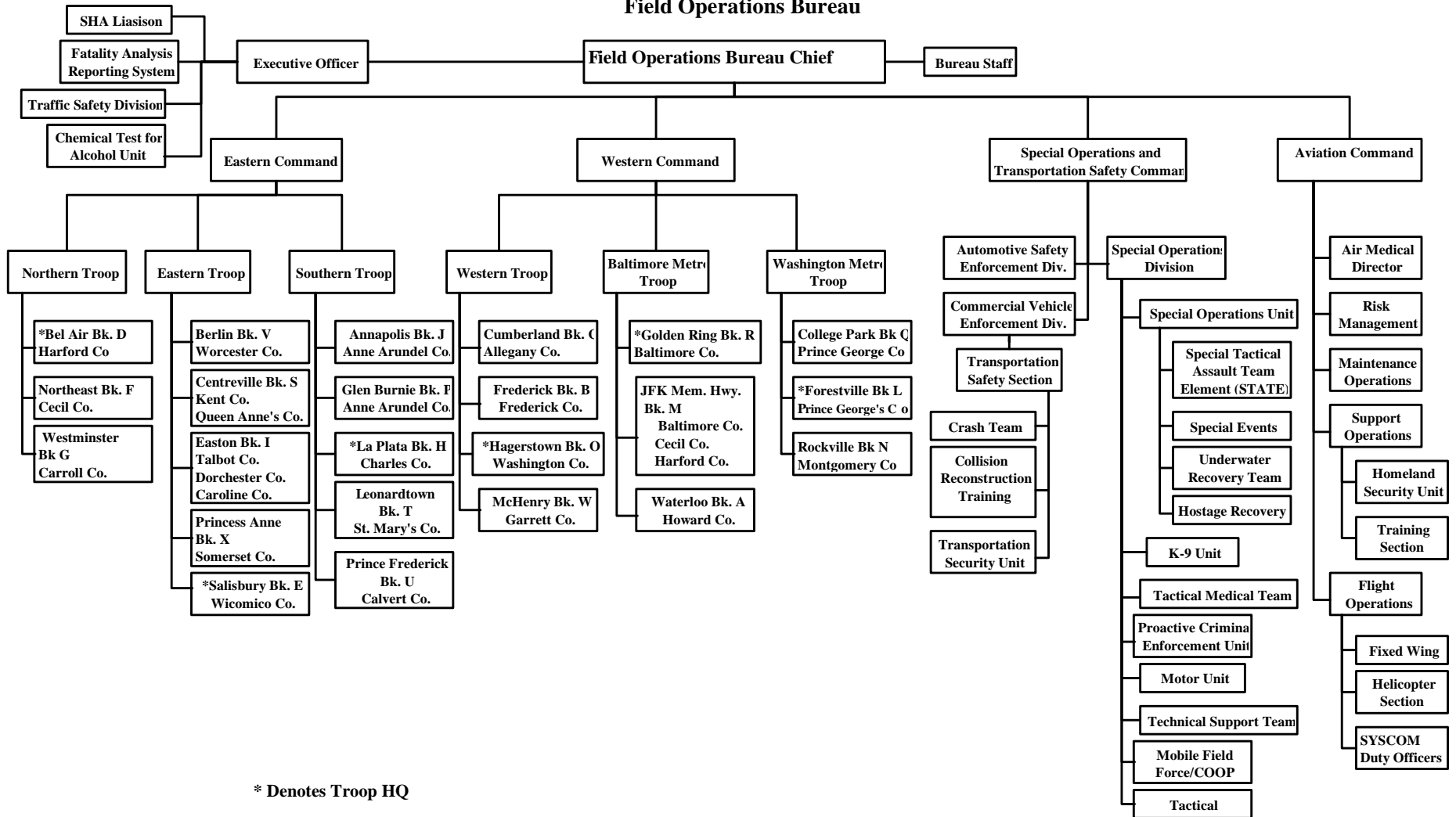


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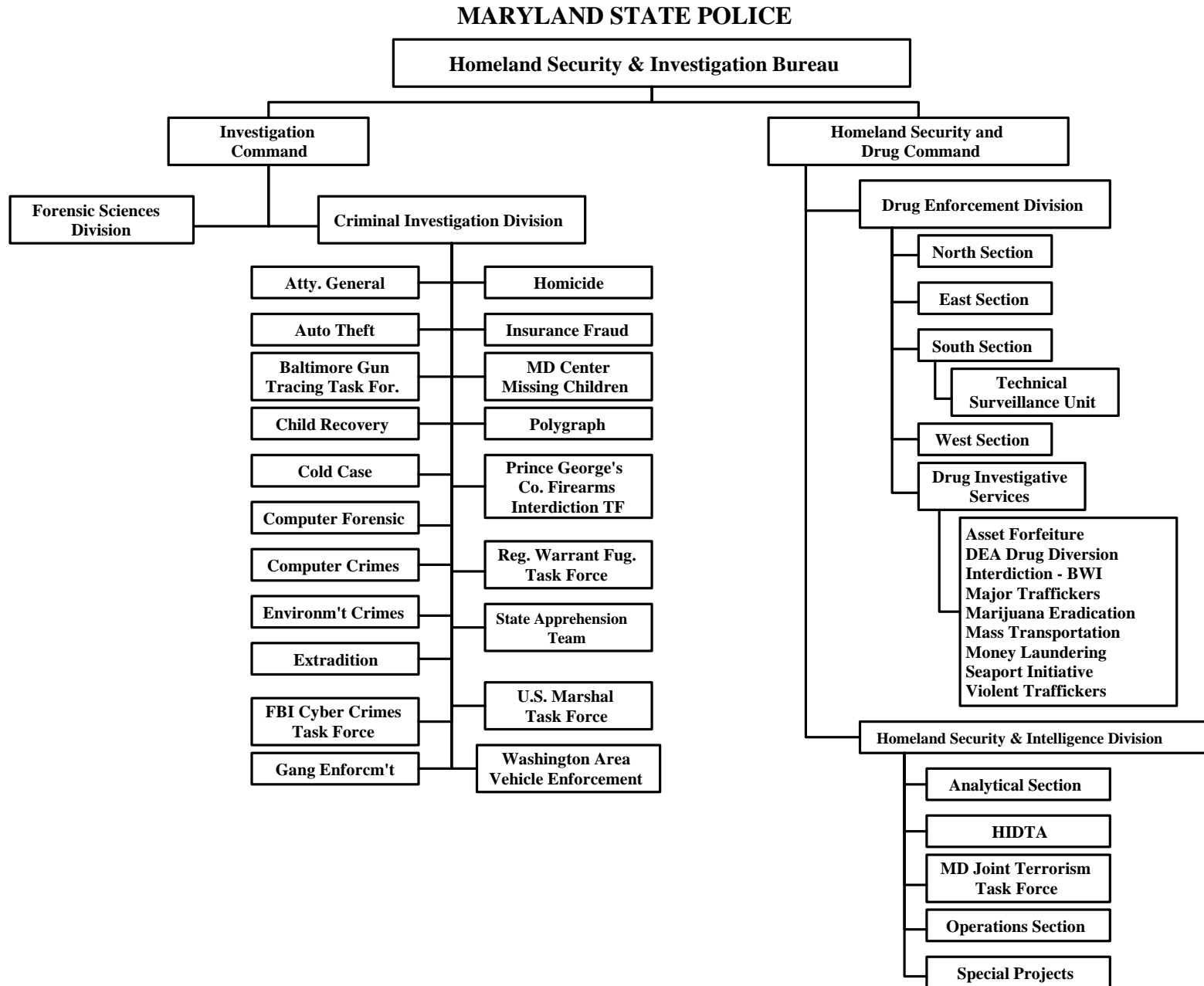
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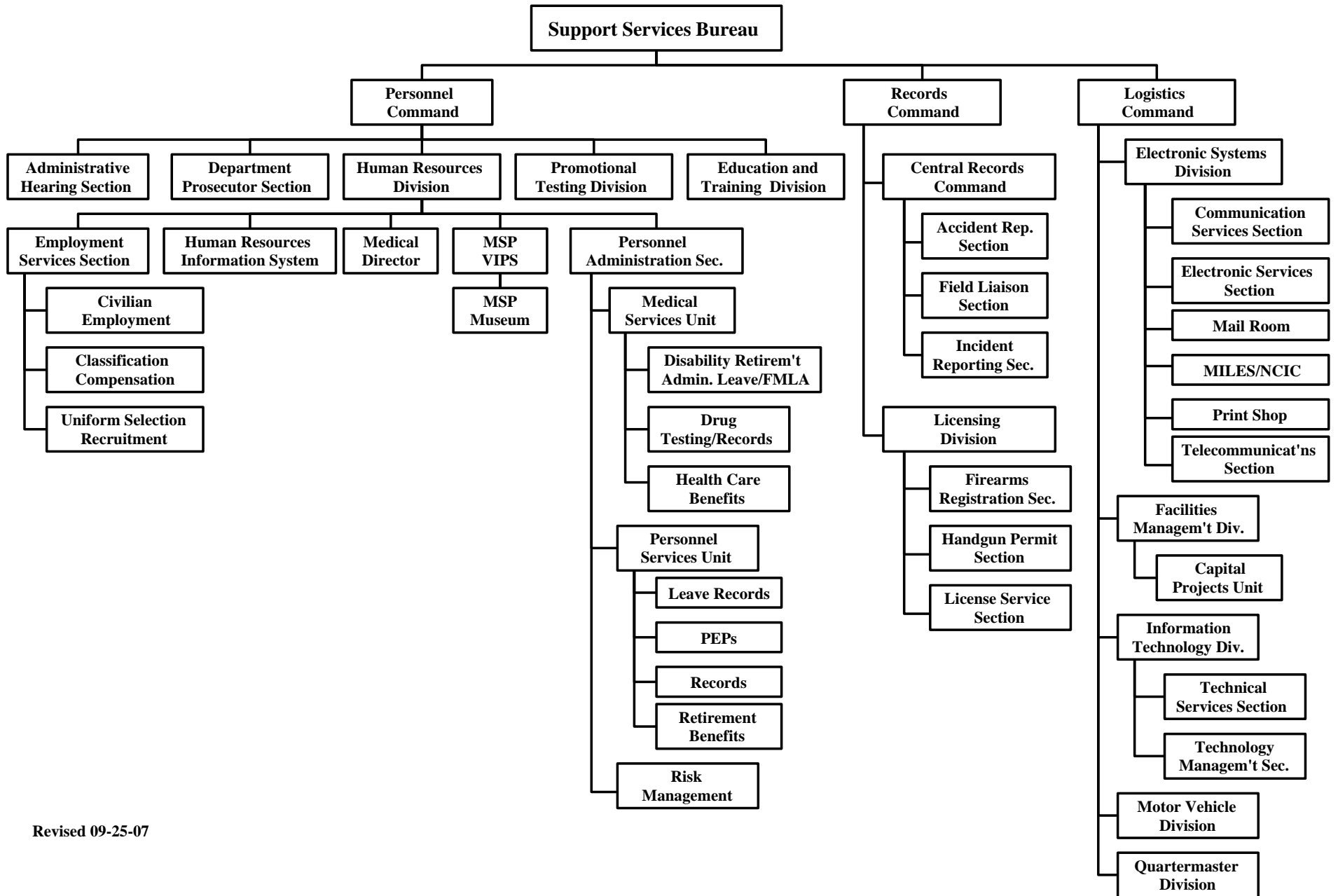


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