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About the cover photo:

Boy Scout Jaxon Kopp salutes as the remains of Staff Sergeant John Perry and his funeral procession travel past his school, Fred Fifer III Middle School in Camden, Delaware, en route from Dover Air Force Base to Arlington Cemetery in Washington, D.C. on December 14, 2016.

Staff Sergeant Perry was killed in action on November 12, 2016, in Afghanistan.

Jaxon Kopp and more than 800 Fifer Middle School students volunteered to stand along the processional route to pay their respects.

"I know that soldiers have died for me and my freedom and I wanted to respect that." Kopp said to WMDT-47 News. "It made me feel happy that people still do respect America and respect the people who have fought for us."

Maryland State Police provided escort services for the funeral procession.

Photo by David Chamber, Caesar Rodney School District

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The Maryland Department of State Police is proud to present our 2016 Annual Report. The report is an overview of the wide range of operations and initiatives conducted by the Department, which consists of the Maryland State Police, the Office of the State Fire Marshal and the Vehicle Theft Prevention Council. Each agency, and every unit within each agency, is focused on impacting crime and improving public safety across Maryland.

We understand and accept the important role we have in protecting our state from the most significant threats to citizen safety. These threats include terrorism, violent crime perpetuated by gangs, guns, drugs, and fugitives, human trafficking, and traffic-related death and injury in all jurisdictions of the state. Patrol, investigative and specialized units, such as the Forensic Sciences Division, Aviation Command and Licensing Division, provide unique resources and experienced personnel who assist local law enforcement agencies in their efforts.

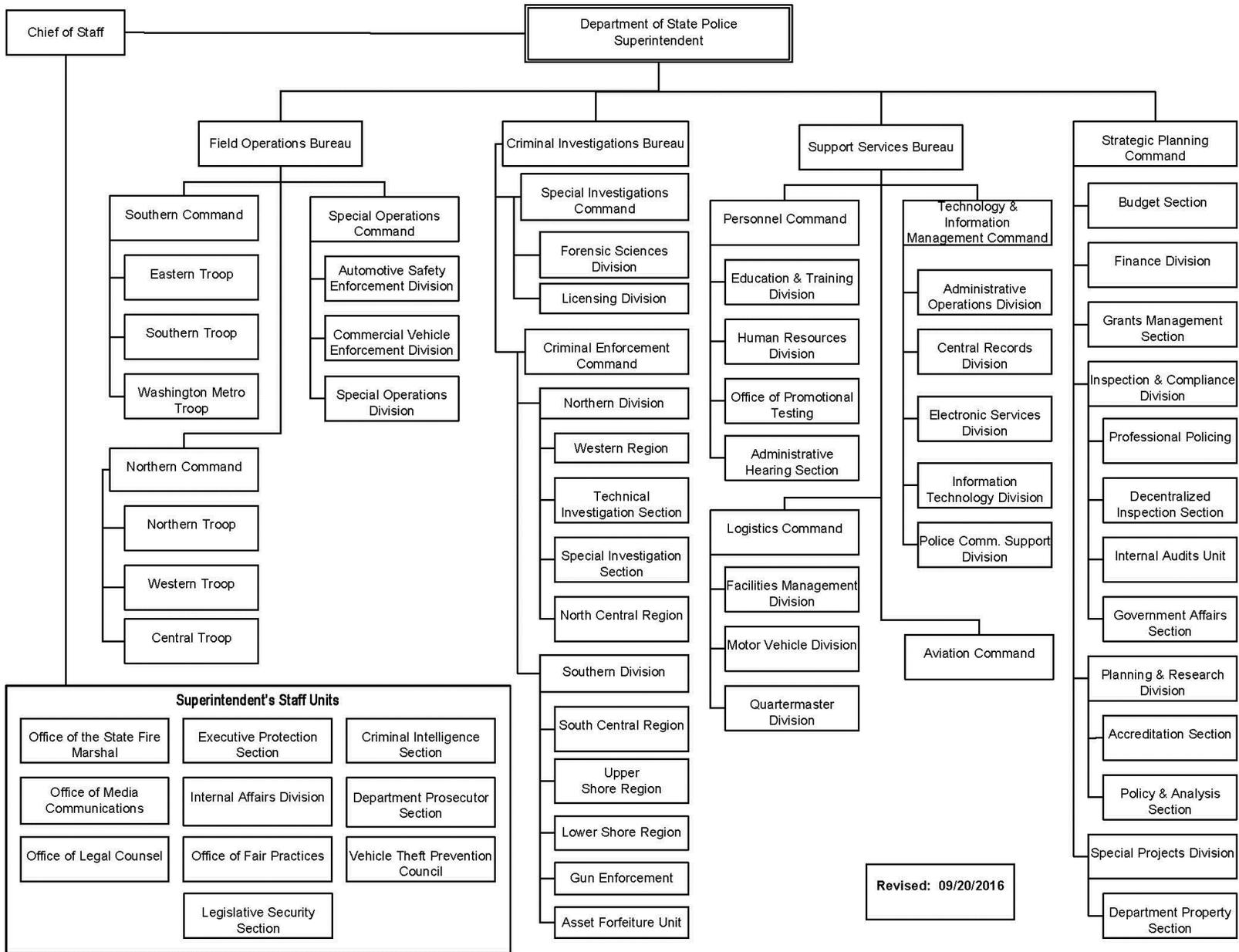
The information and statistics contained in this report do not effectively portray the level of commitment exhibited each day by the men and women of the Maryland Department of State Police. Their dedication to duty results in lives saved, people rescued, crimes solved, criminals arrested, and unsafe drivers cited. Our effectiveness as a Department is a direct result of our courageous troopers, deputy state fire marshals and civilian employees who make the safety of our citizens their priority.

We recognize our obligation to uphold the public trust and be public servants who put service above self. The Department will continue its commitment to excellence, maintain its leadership role in the law enforcement community, and work daily to uphold our core values of integrity, fairness and service. Thank you for taking the time to review this annual report and learn more about the outstanding work of the men and women of the Maryland State Police.

Sincerely,

William M. Pallozzi
Superintendent

"Maryland's Finest"



Allegany County



Served by the Cumberland Barrack

Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- S/Tpr. Hess received a Governor's Citation for quick response, courage and restraint from using deadly force during an intense struggle with, but ultimate arrest of, a drug-impaired suspect threatening hotel guests with a knife.
- The Technical Investigation Section developed a suspect through an online investigation. An executed search warrant in Cumberland led to evidence seized, with the suspect arrested and charged for child pornography and exploitation.
- The Gang Enforcement Unit conducted a fugitive investigation for a suspect in violation of Maryland probation and wanted for kidnapping, robbery and sexual assault in West Virginia. The Unit used multiple investigative tools including information regarding where the suspect was staying in Las Vegas, NV to apprehend the suspect.
- A joint operation led to the arrest of a suspect accused of selling cocaine in Allegany County and a gang-related shooting in Washington County, with the weapon and a substantial amount of drugs recovered.
- The Homicide Unit investigated a homicide within the prison system, in which an altercation between two inmates, housed together because of potential involvement in another prison murder, resulted in the victim being beaten to death.
- Sgt. Jason Crowe trained more than 1,200 civilians in Allegany County regarding Response to Active Shooter Events.
- MSP Cumberland Explorer Post 53 hosted a successful three day camp at the 4H outdoor facility in Garrett County in July.
- Additional 2016 Cumberland Trooper community engagement projects include: National Night Out, Superhero Challenge, Shop With a Cop, Sponsor of LaVale Youth Soccer Association, Frostburg Community Coalition, partnership with Family Junction Child Safety Seat Carnival, Crime-Solvers and Neighborhood Watch Groups.
- Cumberland Barrack celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2016, and funding has been allocated by the Maryland Legislature for design and engineering of a new Cumberland Barrack.
- The Cumberland Barrack Special Enforcement Team continues to combat narcotics issues in Allegany County. 2016 accomplishments include: 67 citations issued, 60 CDS arrests, 34 felony CDS arrests, the seizure of 5,317 grams of marijuana, 1,083 grams of heroin, 352 grams of cocaine, 1,221 prescription medications and more than \$79,600.

Calls for Service	18,241
Number of Investigations	1,509
Number of Arrests	427
Narcan Deployments	7
Guns Seized	110
Forensic Science Cases	558
Crime Scene Responses	58
Traffic Stops	19,237
DUI Arrests	91
Crashes Investigated	450



Anne Arundel County



Served by the Annapolis and Glen Burnie Barracks

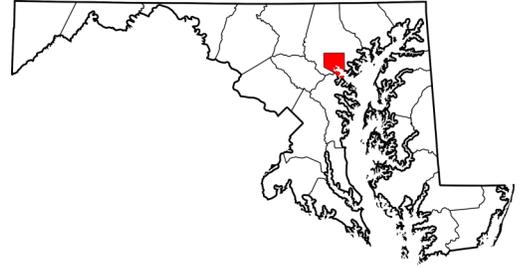
Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- A California drug trafficking organization operating out of a Linthicum warehouse was surveyed, and vehicle stops resulted in four arrests on federal drug charges, seizure of 31 kilograms of cocaine and \$2.4 million in cash recovered.
- Undercover investigation of a heroin distribution operation in Annapolis resulted in three arrests, several grams of heroin seized, plus multiple weapons and \$8,500 in cash recovered.
- A traffic stop of a vehicle transporting suspicious crates in Glen Burnie yielded 465 pounds of marijuana upon a K-9 scan.
- The Child Recovery Unit (CRU) conducted three human trafficking operations, resulting in the identification of 24 individuals involved in prostitution and one person being arrested. In addition, the CRU assisted with the recovery of three missing children and issued eight Silver Alerts.
- Drug interdiction efforts at a freight company in Anne Arundel County led to the arrest of a fugitive wanted for drug trafficking and seizure of three kilograms of cocaine.
- The Maryland State Apprehension Team (MSAT) surveillance led to the location and capture of an armed robber and a validated Bloods gang member near an Anne Arundel County hotel, after a brief foot pursuit.
- During an Annapolis City Safe Streets initiative, a fugitive wanted for 1st degree murder was located and apprehended in Glen Burnie.
- The Homicide Unit investigated a prison victim that was murdered by three rival gang members, and identified at least two additional suspects who participated in putting the “hit” out on the victim. Detectives are pursuing charges for all involved for gang and murder related crimes.
- The Gang Enforcement Unit’s investigation of a Latin Kings gang member and drug dealer led to the suspect’s arrest and the recovery of heroin, cocaine, marijuana, multiple weapons and \$7,000 in cash.
- A suspect was charged with burglary and theft after TFC Null investigated a report of stolen tires at a tire retailer in Glen Burnie.

Calls for Service	25,776
Number of Investigations	2,230
Number of Arrests	723
Narcan Deployments	1
Guns Seized	62
Forensic Science Cases	606
Crime Scene Responses	14
Traffic Stops	37,403
DUI Arrests	487
Crashes Investigated	1,589



Baltimore City



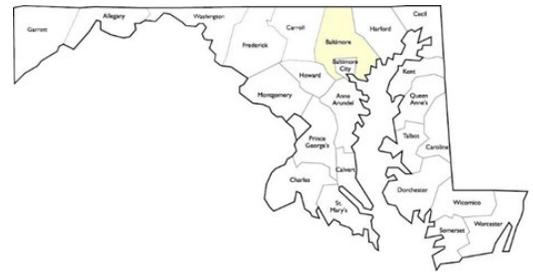
Served by Specialized Units

Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- The Technical Investigation Section used a CyberTip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children that led to the issuance of a search and seizure warrant for a subject's home in Baltimore City. The subject was arrested and charged with possession and distribution of child pornography.
- The Child Recovery Unit (CRU) conducted a human trafficking operation, resulting in the identification of ten individuals involved in prostitution and the recovery of six juveniles forced into prostitution. The CRU also assisted local police with the investigation and recovery of 14 missing children and issued one Amber Alert and six Silver Alerts.
- The Maryland State Apprehension Team (MSAT) assisted the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in an enforcement effort involving a multi-state heroin trafficking ring. During the operation, MSAT apprehended four individuals, seized one vehicle and recovered 230 grams of heroin.
- In a combined investigation, MSAT and multiple agencies located a fugitive wanted for a shooting in Martinsburg, WV. A felony stop was conducted on a vehicle and the fugitive was taken into custody.
- The MSAT was requested to locate and arrest a serial bank robber who robbed banks in NY, NJ, Baltimore City and Baltimore County, and was also wanted on a parole violation for a bank robbery. The fugitive was arrested in Baltimore City without incident. A search warrant was authored and evidence related to the crimes was seized.
- The Gang Enforcement Unit (GEU) received information on drug sales in the parking lot of a Baltimore City restaurant. After observing hand-to-hand drug transactions, the GEU arrested three suspects, recovering 12 grams of heroin and 64 grams of crack cocaine packaged for sale along with \$3,285 of drug proceeds.
- The Regional Auto Theft Task Force (RATT) was contacted in reference to a motorcycle theft. The victim told detectives that an associate observed the stolen motorcycle on the OfferUp website. RATT facilitated an undercover buy in Baltimore City, which resulted in the recovery of three stolen motorcycles and one arrest.
- A fraud case in Baltimore City was investigated by Central South Region investigators. The suspect defrauded a SECU Bank after he requested that random customers cash fraudulent checks. Once the victim deposited the check in their account, they would then pay out to the suspect. About a week later, the check would then come back as being a fraud. The suspect stole \$4,450 from his victims and was arrested as a result of this investigation.
- During 2016, the Delivery System Parcel Interdiction Initiative (DSPII) and the Metropolitan Area Drug Task Force (MADTF) conducted 15 controlled deliveries, made 10 adult arrests, interdicted 45 drug parcels, seized 99,663 grams of marijuana, 2,107 grams of cocaine and 783 grams of heroin from within the city of Baltimore.



Baltimore County



Served by the Golden Ring and JFK Memorial Highway Barracks

Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- During a heroin distribution investigation, the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Group 56 worked with Pennsylvania State Police to have a vehicle stopped, which resulted in the seizure of two kilograms of heroin and gave probable cause for search warrants for Baltimore County residences. Large quantities of multiple drugs were seized from the residences plus \$92,100 in cash. Two suspects were arrested and a third suspect faces federal drug charges. In addition, collaboration with California law enforcement netted a separate seizure of \$250,000.
- Troopers were informed that an airplane landing at Martin State Airport may contain illegal drugs or currency. Surveillance of suspicious activity and a subsequent K-9 search led to the recovery of more than one million dollars in suspected drug proceeds.
- The Child Recovery Unit conducted 26 human trafficking operations, resulting in the identification of 60 individuals involved in prostitution. Four people were arrested and 14 juvenile victims were recovered. In addition, the CRU assisted with recovery of eight missing children and issued 13 Silver Alerts.
- An armed robbery suspect, who had assaulted police by motor vehicle during a vehicle pursuit, was apprehended and found to have \$16,000 in cash and four stolen motorcycles in his possession.
- In a retail theft scheme, a Baltimore County employee at a Harford County business was reportedly selling merchandise stolen from his employer online. A search warrant at the suspect's residence yielded \$4,390 in stolen merchandise, 8.1 grams of methamphetamine, prescription pills and a blank prescription pad.
- In an attempted robbery and 1st degree assault, a victim stopping to assist a stranded motorist in White Marsh was asked to purchase gold jewelry. Upon refusal to purchase the jewelry, the suspect brandished a knife and demanded money. The suspect was not given any money and fled the scene. Investigators were able to identify, locate and arrest the suspect.
- Fake gold scams such as the above instance were reported by motorists frequently in 2016, and the Office of Media Communications put out several advisories to the public about the scams. Information sharing efforts initiated by TFC Mross assisted in the identification and arrests by local police agencies; several investigations have been closed and arrests are pending due to his efforts.
- A motorist pulled onto the shoulder of I-695, where two troopers were working an extra duty assignment at a construction site, to alert them that his wife was having intense labor pains. Troopers called for EMS and ran to administer aid. A baby boy was delivered into the arms of one of the Troopers, and EMS arrived to transport the newborn and his family.

Calls for Service	30,344*
Number of Investigations	2,981
Number of Arrests	1,167
Narcan Deployments	4
Guns Seized	30
Forensic Science Cases	356
Crime Scene Responses	37
Traffic Stops	38,950
DUI Arrests	729
Crashes Investigated	3,187



* = Calls for Service are for Golden Ring Barrack; does not include JFK Memorial Highway Barrack, which had 26,625 calls for service

Calvert County



Served by the Prince Frederick Barrack

Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- A heroin overdose victim was located in a wooded area in Dowell. Investigating troopers discovered that the victim's body had been moved from a known heroin drug house. The investigation led to the home owner being charged with disposing of a body in an unauthorized location and altering physical evidence.
- The Technical Investigation Section was forwarded a case from Knox County, Illinois regarding the sexual solicitation of a 12-year-old female via a social media website. A suspect was developed, and a search warrant at the suspect's residence in Calvert County yielded his confession of inappropriate contact with several female minors through social media.
- The State Fire Marshal's Office investigated an arson in Calvert County. The MSP Technical Assistance Unit analyzed and mapped call detail records that determined the suspect's mobile device was in the area at the time of the crime. This crucial evidence was provided to investigators and the Office of the State's Attorney for prosecution.
- Trooper Jones investigated a child pornography case and determined that an adult male contacted a victim via social media, which led to the victim providing photos of himself to the suspect. A month-long investigation revealed eleven juvenile victims who had been contacted and coerced by the suspect. The suspect was arrested on multiple charges.
- TFC Casarella, TFC Warwick and a Calvert County deputy responded to a welfare check at a Prince Frederick residence, which revealed an unresponsive victim, suspected of overdose. Narcan provided by both Troopers was administered successfully; the victim became responsive after the second dose and was transported to the hospital in stable condition.
- A victim reported an unknown male exiting her residence. The victim contacted 911 and the victim's grandson captured a picture of the registration of a vehicle leaving the area. TFC Casarella's investigation led to the identity of the suspect who, after two interviews, admitted to entering the victim's residence as well as other unlocked vehicles and homes in the area. An arrest warrant was issued and served.
- Troopers conducted four sobriety checkpoints and numerous speed enforcement/aggressive driving initiatives throughout the year.
- A sergeant mentored high school Criminal Justice students, Boy Scouts of America and Calvert Optimists. Also, six troopers volunteered their time to help underprivileged kids Shop With a Cop.

Calls for Service	21,030
Number of Investigations	1,515
Number of Arrests	639
Narcan Deployments	9
Guns Seized	9
Forensic Science Cases	790
Crime Scene Responses	4
Traffic Stops	17,740
DUI Arrests	201
Crashes Investigated	224



Caroline County



Served by the Easton Barrack

Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- While investigating a heroin overdose, the Caroline County Drug Task Force identified a suspect who possibly distributed the heroin to the victim. Investigators obtained a search warrant which led to the recovery of 152 individual bags of heroin totaling 44.5 grams.
- The Maryland State Apprehension Team's assistance was requested to locate a wanted fugitive who stabbed a victim with a knife. Following an intense investigation, the fugitive was apprehended the following day.
- The Gang Enforcement Unit investigators were contacted about a gang member's parole violation. The suspect fled from a house where a methamphetamine production lab was discovered. The suspect was ultimately located hiding in an associated residence, being harbored and aided by his girlfriend and her mother. All three suspects were arrested and charged accordingly.
- Investigators worked a home invasion/robbery in Henderson involving an elderly victim. Four suspects forced entry into the home, assaulted the victim and stole jewelry and other property. All suspects were identified and arrested; three of the suspects provided confessions about their involvement.
- In American Corner, TFC Mingos investigated a burglary involving missing shotgun shells and cut electrical lines to a video surveillance camera. A review of previous video footage identified a black Nissan Altima on the property with three suspects. Search warrants on the suspects' phones and a confession from one of the suspects yielded the arrest of all three suspects.
- Community-based efforts included participation in the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run, the Oxford Cardboard Boat Race for Charity, the MSP Polar Bear Plunge, Veteran's awareness and appreciation events, a Barrack Pride project and the annual National Night Out events. In addition, troopers participated in Shop With a Cop, Thanksgiving Meals for the Needy and the Food for the Hungry Drive.

Calls for Service	26,999*
Number of Investigations	991
Number of Arrests	320
Narcan Deployments	4
Guns Seized	1
Forensic Science Cases	226
Crime Scene Responses	18
Traffic Stops	11,044
DUI Arrests	105
Crashes Investigated	373



* = Calls for Service are for Easton Barrack which also includes Dorchester and Talbot Counties

Carroll County



Served by the Westminster Barrack

Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- A non-fatal heroin overdose led to a year-long investigation that spanned multiple states including North Carolina and Georgia. The subsequent investigations led to 19 arrests and the seizure of multiple pounds of cocaine, heroin and other drugs plus \$160,000 in drug related proceeds.
- The Child Recovery Unit assisted local police with the investigation and recovery of five missing children.
- The Carroll County Drug Task Force and the Maryland State Apprehension Team collaborated in an effort to locate a Drug Kingpin. The combined investigation resulted in the fugitive's apprehension in Baltimore City. A search and seizure warrant was executed at the arrest location resulting in the seizure of 3.4 grams of heroin, \$3,000 in cash, and a Taurus .44 caliber revolver.
- In July 2016, the New Windsor State Bank alerted Westminster Barrack that a male and female subject were attempting to cash what was deemed to be a fraudulent cashier's check. Trooper Barry located their vehicle, which had just left the bank, and the suspects were taken into custody. Interviews revealed the suspects were approached by two other subjects and provided with the materials to produce cashier's checks, as well as compensated for each check they cashed by two subjects in North Carolina. All suspects were charged with various check fraud, forgery and theft statutes. A search warrant was conducted on the suspect vehicle where a laptop computer, printer, scanner, ink and more than 1,300 blank cashier's checks were seized.
- In August 2016, troopers responded to the Mt. Airy Walmart for a gift card fraud case. Four female suspects fraudulently purchased 23 Visa gift cards and loaded \$500 on each. Surveillance video was used to create still photographs for distribution to the media and investigators. Similar thefts had occurred in Frederick, as well as Martinsburg, West Virginia and various locations in Virginia. The suspects were stopped and investigated in Michigan, when attempting to cross the border into Canada. The suspects have stolen more than \$1 million in gift cards nationwide.
- In September 2016, TFC Michael was given a lookout for an erratic driver. TFC Michael located and stopped the vehicle. The driver was arrested for DUI, and a search revealed a loaded .25 caliber handgun as well as cocaine and other CDS. Investigation into the suspect's background revealed he was a BGF (Black Guerilla Family) member on parole. Additional investigation revealed the suspect was prohibited from owning/possessing a firearm based on his conviction as a CDS Drug Kingpin in 2010 in Carroll County Circuit Court. The State's Attorney's Office was notified of the new arrest thus violating his parole. A Violation of Parole hearing was held in December 2016 where the suspect was returned to the Department of Corrections for the remainder of his jail sentence.

Calls for Service	39,684
Number of Investigations	2,481
Number of Arrests	680
Narcan Deployments	12
Guns Seized	43
Forensic Science Cases	648
Crime Scene Responses	57
Traffic Stops	22,560
DUI Arrests	274
Crashes Investigated	961



Cecil County



Served by the North East and JFK Memorial Highway Barracks

Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- The Cecil County Drug Task Force received a tip about heroin sales in the Port Deposit area. After surveillance and making controlled purchases, investigators obtained search warrants for two suspects' residences and vehicles. The task force intercepted a heroin run and recovered heroin, cocaine, Suboxone and \$2,800; the suspects were charged.
- The Cecil County Drug Task Force investigated a Delaware resident dealing narcotics in Cecil County. Investigators intercepted two traffickers, recovered a large quantity of heroin and made two arrests. Personnel executed search warrants in MD, DE and PA, resulting in the seizure of additional heroin, guns and \$13,500; six suspects were arrested.
- A collaboration of investigators ended three violent commercial robbery sprees and solved more than 50 residential burglaries and dozens of incidents of thefts from automobiles. Investigators captured three suspects, who committed a violent home invasion, stole 30 guns and torched the victim's minivan. Team efforts resulted in nine arrests in direct connection with the robberies; three other fugitives and a variety of drugs, weapons and property were also recovered.
- During a home invasion/armed robbery at a Cecil County residence, the victim was confronted by two armed masked assailants. The suspects handcuffed the victim and stole a large amount of cash plus numerous firearms. The suspects also fired multiple rounds in the direction of a neighbor attempting to follow the suspects' vehicle. Investigators were able to identify and locate the suspects and vehicle in New Castle, DE; the suspects were arrested, with weapons and cash seized.
- The Child Recovery Unit (CRU) conducted a human trafficking operation, resulting in the identification of two individuals involved in prostitution. The CRU also assisted local police with the investigation and recovery of three missing children.
- Gang Enforcement Unit members identified a trans-national cocaine smuggling organization operating between Puerto Rico, DE and MD. An investigation led to the arrests and federal criminal charges for nine suspects and the recovery of over three kilograms of cocaine, one handgun, nearly \$32,000 of drug money and four vehicles.
- A JFK Barrack trooper stopped a vehicle for several traffic violations. A K-9 scan and subsequent search of the vehicle revealed 30 full sized Home Depot moving boxes containing 856 heat sealed packages of high grade marijuana, with a total weight of 939 pounds. Two felony arrests were made.
- The JFK Barrack received a call regarding a female suspect who had kidnapped her two children and was traveling from Virginia, northbound on I-95 near Exit 85. The suspect's vehicle was located and stopped by JFK Highway Barrack Troopers just before entering into DE. The suspect was taken into custody without incident and charged as a fugitive. The two children in the vehicle were located unharmed and returned safely to their legal guardian.

Calls for Service	20,323*
Number of Investigations	3,355
Number of Arrests	1,547
Narcan Deployments	15
Guns Seized	17
Forensic Science Cases	825
Crime Scene Responses	72
Traffic Stops	23,913
DUI Arrests	326
Crashes Investigated	1,005



* = Calls for Service are for North East Barrack; does not include JFK Memorial Highway Barrack, which had 26,625 calls for service

Charles County



Served by the La Plata Barrack

Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- Investigators in La Plata developed a confidential informant. After surveillance, troopers followed the suspected dealer to a supplier in Baltimore. A traffic stop and search warrant yielded several grams of heroin and heroin paraphernalia for seizure. In addition, the suspect was linked to several heroin overdose deaths; the suspect was incarcerated on a violation of probation charge.
- Two victims suffered from multiple gunshot wounds in a home invasion in Waldorf; one victim died. Detectives identified a homicide suspect; the Maryland State Apprehension Team located the suspect, an 18th Street Gang member, in Fairfax, VA. His arrest led to the recovery of the murder weapon.
- The Child Recovery Unit assisted local police with the investigation and recovery of one missing child and issued five Silver Alerts.
- A trooper responded to a report of an accidental shooting and placed a tourniquet on the victim's right leg to stop the bleeding until Fire/EMS arrived on the scene.
- A trooper responded to a residence for a subject not breathing and arrived to find a woman in her front yard in cardiac arrest, after attempting suicide by overdose. CPR and EMS efforts resulted in the woman regaining a pulse.
- Troopers participated in community events throughout the year, including the Charles County Fair, Shop With a Cop, and National Night Out.
- Troopers served on a panel and made a presentation to a group of concerned citizens who hosted an event titled "I'm All In: Creating an Atmosphere for Human Dialogue". An opportunity was provided for residents to have a solutions-driven discussion on current race relations many communities are facing.
- Troopers attended an NAACP Town Hall event alongside the Charles County Sheriff's Office and the La Plata Town Police to discuss how to deescalate tensions between the public and law enforcement.
- Troopers hosted several Child Safety Seat Installation/Inspection Events. More than 50 child safety seats were inspected and/or installed with a misuse rate of 85% identified.
- Troopers hosted a Stuff the Truck Food Drive in partnership with the Maryland Food Bank and the State Highway Administration.

Calls for Service	21,013
Number of Investigations	1,377
Number of Arrests	835
Narcan Deployments	6
Guns Seized	42
Forensic Science Cases	941
Crime Scene Responses	3
Traffic Stops	19,231
DUI Arrests	344
Crashes Investigated	1,058



Dorchester County



Served by the Easton Barrack

Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- The Dorchester Narcotics Task Force and Homeland Security investigated the illegal trafficking of controlled dangerous substances in and around Dorchester County. As a result of the investigation, 28 search and seizure warrants were executed. Seized during the investigation were 11 firearms, as well as crack and powder cocaine. The investigation resulted in 14 arrests of individuals who distributed over 11,653 grams of crack and powder cocaine.
- The Gang Enforcement Unit and Dorchester County Narcotics Task Force worked a joint operation in Reliance with information that drug couriers were using the main thoroughfare as a route for importing illicit drugs to Maryland's mid and lower Eastern Shore from Seaford, DE. Investigators stopped a car that accelerated quickly, fleeing from police; over 100 grams of heroin were seized.
- Maryland State Apprehension Team (MSAT) investigators assisted in locating a suspect wanted for the attempted murder of his girlfriend, who had life-threatening injuries. An in-depth investigation led MSAT troopers to Bronx, NY where he was apprehended.
- Upper Shore Region investigators worked a child sex abuse case in the Taylors Island area. The investigation revealed the suspect was having sexual relations with his two juvenile daughters; the suspect was arrested.
- TFC Iman, searching for a suspect in a Talbot County burglary, observed numerous tools and other property suspected to be stolen in previous burglaries by the suspect at a home in Cambridge. The property was seized, and the suspect was extradited from California on seven warrants, closing several burglary cases in the Easton Barrack tri-county area, as well as one in West Virginia. An additional suspect involved in pawning the stolen property is being investigated.
- Troopers participated in community events throughout the year, including the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run, the Oxford Cardboard Boat Race for Charity, the MSP Polar Bear Plunge, Veteran's awareness and appreciation events, a Barrack Pride project and the annual National Night Out events. In addition, troopers participated in Shop With a Cop, Thanksgiving Meals for the Needy and the Food for the Hungry Drive.

Calls for Service	26,999*
Number of Investigations	727
Number of Arrests	218
Narcan Deployments	1
Guns Seized	0
Forensic Science Cases	448
Crime Scene Responses	22
Traffic Stops	12,550
DUI Arrests	67
Crashes Investigated	253



* = Calls for Service are for Easton Barrack which also includes Caroline and Talbot Counties

Frederick County



Served by the Frederick Barrack

Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- The Child Recovery Unit (CRU) conducted two human trafficking operations, resulting in the identification of nine individuals involved in prostitution and one person being arrested. The CRU also assisted local police with the investigation and recovery of three missing children and issued four Silver Alerts.
- A suspect responsible for the fatal overdoses of three individuals was identified. Drug investigators made several controlled purchases from this individual. A multi-agency investigation led to multiple arrests, the seizure of heroin, fentanyl and 12 firearms. The main target was sentenced to 40 years in prison.
- In 2016, the Maryland State Apprehension Team (MSAT) - West, based in Frederick County, served 300 felony warrants and 111 misdemeanor warrants. The team arrested 18 homicide fugitives, 13 escapees and 12 gang members while seizing three firearms and over 300 grams of cocaine.
- MSAT was contacted by the United States Marshal Service requesting assistance in locating a subject charged with assault with a deadly weapon by the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. A thorough investigation by MSAT troopers led to the apprehension of the federal fugitive in Frederick County.
- A car accident victim advised when he exited his car a suspect pointed a pistol at his face. Troopers located the suspect's vehicle and conducted a felony stop. The suspect was arrested and the weapon was recovered.
- A stabbing victim in Dickerson was flown to Maryland Shock Trauma for a throat injury. The suspect was identified and apprehended at the scene, with firearms seized from the prohibited suspect.
- Troopers' investigation of a burglary in Union Bridge led to search warrants and the recovery of six stolen firearms, two motorbikes and various tools. The suspect was indicted and the investigation yielded a full confession from the suspect.
- Juveniles robbed a person at gunpoint in Walkersville. After investigation by TFC Peterson, the weapon was recovered. Since each of the perpetrators had significant juvenile criminal histories, felony warrants were obtained and all suspects were arrested.
- Frederick Barrack Community events included Fish with a Cop, Shop With a Cop, Drug Take Back, Special Olympics, Deep Creek Dunk, National Night Out, Frederick Open House and Opioid Misuse Prevention Program (OMPP)-Heroin Committee Targeting Opioid Misuse.

Calls for Service	30,662
Number of Investigations	2,088
Number of Arrests	526
Narcan Deployments	1
Guns Seized	40
Forensic Science Cases	1,504
Crime Scene Responses	22
Traffic Stops	24,494
DUI Arrests	227
Crashes Investigated	1,630



Garrett County



Served by the McHenry Barrack

Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- The Child Recovery Unit assisted local police with the investigation and recovery of two missing children and issued two Silver Alerts.
- After multiple commercial burglaries, criminal investigators located some of the stolen articles on Craigslist. A suspect was developed and, working in collaboration with PA State Police, an arrest was made; over \$8,000 of stolen merchandise was recovered.
- The Gang Enforcement Unit (GEU) assisted the Montgomery County Police Department with a long term drug and gang investigation related to multiple acts of violent crime. MSP GEU investigators were requested to locate a vehicle traveling to MD from another state with only a general vehicle description. While conducting surveillance on I-68 in Garrett County, MSP GEU investigators located and stopped the vehicle, identifying targets in the vehicle and providing the case investigators with valuable information.
- TFC Lyons stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation which subsequently led to a positive K-9 alert. While speaking to the passenger outside the vehicle, the driver fled from the scene. An observant citizen saw the vehicle's driver stop after fleeing to drop a large duffle bag. The bag would later be recovered to reveal cocaine, marijuana, heroin, and prescription medications that were for illegal distribution.
- Troopers worked to solve a string of commercial burglaries in the Garrett County area, in which power tools, welding and other construction materials were stolen from businesses. Investigators identified an inside contractor that was a person of interest. Computer checks of local items for sale located some of the stolen items and led to the identification of the suspect. The investigation crossed state lines into PA where a search warrant was served and items from the burglaries were recovered. The suspect was charged with multiple crimes.
- TFC Rodeheaver stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. After observing several criminal indicators a K-9 scan was conducted with a positive alert for narcotics. A search of the vehicle was conducted and over 50 grams of methamphetamine was recovered. The trooper also noted several items that indicated manufacturing of the drug. Ultimately, he identified a mobile methamphetamine lab being operated by a 31 year old female. She was arrested and charged in the manufacturing of CDS.
- McHenry Barrack Community events included: Red Cross Blood Drive, National Night Out, Police Providing Presents, Grantsville Days, Autumn Glory Festival, Celtic Festival, Special Olympics and Host the Deep Creek Dunk.

Calls for Service	16,013
Number of Investigations	770
Number of Arrests	380
Narcan Deployments	2
Guns Seized	65
Forensic Science Cases	159
Crime Scene Responses	10
Traffic Stops	17,826
DUI Arrests	83
Crashes Investigated	303



Harford County



Served by the Bel Air and JFK Memorial Highway Barracks

Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

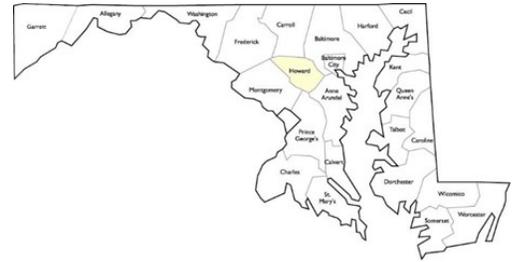
- The Harford County Task Force conducted an investigation regarding the distribution of heroin related to numerous fatal and nonfatal overdoses. As a result of the investigation, seven subjects were charged federally and more indictments are pending. Investigators seized 1,303 grams of heroin, 193 grams of cocaine, four handguns and \$18,810 cash.
- The Child Recovery Unit (CRU) conducted one human trafficking operation, resulting in the identification of three individuals involved in prostitution. The CRU also assisted local police with the investigation and recovery of one missing child and issued one Silver Alert.
- A search warrant in Bel Air was based on probable cause that child pornography was being distributed from an address. Child pornography was found on the suspect's computer at the residence. The suspect confessed to distributing child pornography and admitted to taking pictures of girls walking out of the Bel Air High School.
- The Gang Enforcement Unit (GEU) was requested to assist in arresting a Bloods gang member who was selling powder and crack cocaine in Harford and Baltimore Counties. Armed with a search and seizure warrant for the suspect's vehicle, GEU members located and stopped the suspect after he met drug users to conduct a sale. The subsequent search led to the recovery of 22 grams of cocaine and \$1,470 in cash.
- Troopers and investigators responded to a Harford County restaurant for a reported kidnapping in which a female victim had just escaped from the trunk of her captor's vehicle. Investigators were able to identify the suspect and obtain warrants for his arrest, charging him with attempted murder, kidnapping, and other related charges. The suspect was subsequently located at a Harford County residence where he was taken into custody. Search warrants on the residence led to seizure of a .38 caliber revolver and a knife matching the description provided by the victim.
- TFC Taylor attempted to stop a vehicle for a speed violation. The male violator initially failed to stop and fled on foot. TFC Taylor chased the subject for a distance before he was successfully apprehended. Shortly thereafter, it was discovered the suspect had recently carjacked the vehicle's owner at gun point in Baltimore City.
- As a result of a traffic stop, TFC Spessato arrested the male operator for an active warrant through the Harford County Sheriff's Office. The operator was connected with several felony thefts, to which he reportedly confessed. In addition, the male front passenger was also wanted by the Sheriff's Office for his involvement with a home invasion resulting in a homicide.
- Bel Air Barrack troopers participated in various community events, including the Harford County Farm Fair and the State of Harford County Law Enforcement Forum.

Calls for Service	19,562*
Number of Investigations	2,516
Number of Arrests	1,241
Narcan Deployments	7
Guns Seized	121
Forensic Science Cases	979
Crime Scene Responses	17
Traffic Stops	39,946
DUI Arrests	515
Crashes Investigated	1,967



* = Calls for Service are for Bel Air Barrack; does not include JFK Memorial Highway Barrack, which had 26,625 calls for service

Howard County



Served by the Waterloo Barrack

Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- Troopers conducted a search warrant at the residence of a Howard County man after an online undercover operation. The subject admitted to the possession and distribution of child pornography. Troopers observed a large quantity of weapons at the residence, and the Maryland State Police Gun Unit responded to assist with the investigation. Troopers also contacted the Department of Social Services for placement of a vulnerable adult that was being cared for by the subject.
- The Child Recovery Unit conducted a human trafficking operation, resulting in the identification of three individuals involved in prostitution and the recovery of one juvenile. The CRU also assisted local police with the investigation and recovery of six missing children and issued six Silver Alerts.
- The Maryland State Apprehension Team (MSAT) was assigned an investigation for a homicide suspect originating in Howard County. A four-month investigation was conducted, eventually locating the suspect in Southeast Washington, D.C. MSAT executed a search and seizure warrant that apprehended the fugitive and recovered two handguns.
- The MSAT was contacted by the Washington County Sheriff's Office regarding a fugitive wanted on charges of 1st degree assault and arson threats. The fugitive was a BGF (Black Guerilla Family) gang member and on the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services Most Wanted fugitives list. An extensive investigation resulted in the apprehension of the fugitive from an address in Howard County.
- A trooper was dispatched to the Jessup Correctional Institution (JCI) to assist with the search of a vehicle belonging to a subject who had traveled from Georgia in order to visit his brother-in-law at JCI. The subject consented to the search of the vehicle. A Smith & Wesson 9mm handgun with two loaded 15-round magazines were found in the center console of the vehicle. The subject was taken into custody, transported to the Howard County Detention Center and charged accordingly.
- A trooper was dispatched to I-70 to check the welfare of a female pedestrian. Upon arrival, it was discovered that the subject was homeless. The trooper took the subject to a local Walmart and purchased food and personal hygiene products for the subject. The trooper then transported her to a safe location.
- A trooper was dispatched to the southbound I-95 Welcome Center. Upon arrival, a male subject was observed unconscious and in cardiac arrest. CPR was immediately performed but ineffective. The trooper learned the subject had possibly overdosed on heroin, administered Narcan, and continued CPR. The subject regained consciousness.
- TFC Reaves mentored two students at the Howard Community College Rouse Scholars Mentor Program.

Calls for Service	24,190
Number of Investigations	1,462
Number of Arrests	398
Narcan Deployments	2
Guns Seized	59
Forensic Science Cases	673
Crime Scene Responses	9
Traffic Stops	25,850
DUI Arrests	279
Crashes Investigated	874



Kent County



Served by the Centreville Barrack

Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

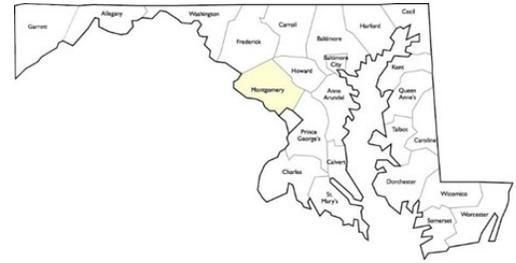
- The Kent County Narcotics Task Force conducted an undercover investigation during which several hand-to-hand transactions were made by a heroin supplier. The suspect was subsequently indicted and arrested; 51 grams of heroin packaged for street level sales were recovered.
- The Maryland State Apprehension Team was assigned an investigation involving a known fugitive with five outstanding warrants through three separate police agencies for a felony burglary spree. The serial burglar was located in Chestertown and arrested.
- Upper Shore Region investigators worked a child pornography case in Rock Hall. The investigation revealed the suspect was in possession of over 90,000 images of child pornography. The suspect was arrested and charged.
- The Centreville Barrack received information on the whereabouts of a subject wanted for carjacking. Troopers arrived in the area where the suspect was alleged to be and the suspect fled on foot. After a brief foot chase and struggle with the suspect, he was apprehended.
- Lt. McDonald along with allied law enforcement department heads from Kent County attended a Public Forum hosted by the Kent County NAACP which addressed the perception of inequality and racial profiling. The law enforcement panel answered questions from the public and the moderator in order for the public to have a better understanding of police actions, management oversight and accountability.
- Lt. McDonald and department heads from allied police departments in Kent County attended a positive meeting with Bishop Fisher of a local church and area community leaders to improve relationships between the police and the African American Community, in order to understand the various points of views and perception of both the community and law enforcement. This was the first of what will be a series of meetings to develop ways for law enforcement and the community to come together and interact to build a relationship of trust and mutual respect.
- Troopers and members of the Command Staff from the Centreville Barrack participated in the National Night Out in Kent County. Troopers teamed up with members of the Kent County Sheriff's Office in the towns of Galena, Millington and Betterton as well as in Rock Hall with members of the Rock Hall Police Department.

Calls for Service	20,314*
Number of Investigations	264
Number of Arrests	75
Narcan Deployments	0
Guns Seized	0
Forensic Science Cases	150
Crime Scene Responses	13
Traffic Stops	2,626
DUI Arrests	29
Crashes Investigated	126



* = Calls for Service are for Centreville Barrack which also includes Queen Anne's County

Montgomery County



Served by the Rockville Barrack

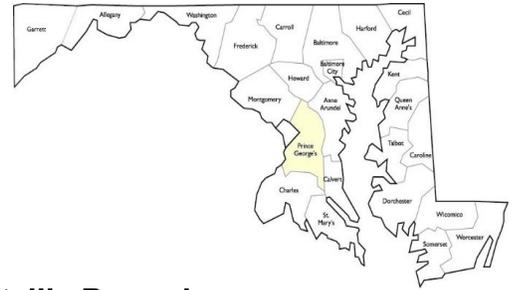
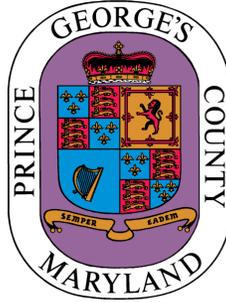
Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- Investigators coordinated with the Rockville Barrack for a fraud investigation. Numerous telephone calls were being placed by suspects stating that they were the Barrack Commander and requesting an \$800 payment in order to not be arrested. Investigators forwarded this information to the Office of Media Communications to educate the public on these incidents.
- The Child Recovery Unit assisted local police with the investigation and recovery of two missing children and issued 18 Silver Alerts.
- The Washington Area Vehicle Enforcement (WAVE) Auto Theft Unit noticed an increase in stolen motorcycles throughout the area. Through interviews with arrested suspects, leads were developed about a motorcycle theft ring operating in Prince George's, Anne Arundel and Montgomery counties, as well as Virginia. A multi-jurisdictional investigation resulted in the recovery of four stolen motorcycles, one stolen car and other contraband; five suspects were charged.
- In an effort to reduce collisions and save lives, 20 traffic enforcement details were conducted to target enforcement in identified high crash areas from 2015. These efforts resulted in a three year low in total crashes (29% decrease from 2015) and personal injury crashes (38% decrease from 2015) on the I-270 spur. On the targeted portion of I-495 there was a 31% decrease in total crashes and a 16% decrease in personal injury collisions from 2015.
- Four sobriety checkpoints and 20 DUI saturation patrols were conducted to educate the public on the dangers of impaired driving. The new MSP Breath Alcohol Truck was successfully used for the first time in the State.
- A warrant team was created to locate fugitives in the county. Through the cooperative effort, troopers served 542 warrants, many of which were in high-crime areas.
- Troopers responded to a lookout for an armed carjacking suspect. Troopers located the suspect vehicle and following a brief pursuit, the suspect fled on foot. Troopers gave chase and the suspect eventually forced entry into an occupied residence; troopers safely evacuated the owner. MSP Aviation assisted with the incident and the suspect was taken into custody.
- Troopers participated in nearly 20 community policing activities with churches, schools and veterans groups as well as regular meetings with leaders in the local African American and Latino communities. Additionally, Rockville troopers participated in the MD Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge and Shop With a Cop.

Calls for Service	17,644
Number of Investigations	1,147
Number of Arrests	833
Narcan Deployments	0
Guns Seized	30
Forensic Science Cases	198
Crime Scene Responses	2
Traffic Stops	25,631
DUI Arrests	478
Crashes Investigated	1,880



Prince George's County



Served by the College Park and Forestville Barracks

Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- Investigators working a combined narcotics investigation were able to obtain evidence for a search warrant for a drug distributor in Bowie. During the execution of the search warrant, investigators seized the following: 323 marijuana plants, 21.4 kilograms of cocaine, eight pounds of processed marijuana, and another five pounds of loose marijuana, and 181 grams of crack cocaine. The target of the residence was charged with manufacturing CDS.
- Troopers with the Maryland Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force developed information about potential distribution of child pornography over the Internet. A search warrant was served at the subject's residence in Prince George's County, resulting in the recovery of various digital media storage devices; charges were placed.
- The Child Recovery Unit (CRU) conducted two human trafficking operations, resulting in the identification of three individuals involved in prostitution, recovery of one juvenile victim and the arrest of one person. In addition, the CRU assisted local police with the investigation and recovery of 17 missing children and issued 19 Silver Alerts.
- Maryland Transit Administration sought Maryland State Apprehension Team assistance in locating a fugitive wanted for armed robbery. The fugitive was seen on video using a handgun while committing a robbery at the Landover Metro Station. The fugitive was apprehended in Hyattsville, Maryland and clothing worn during the crime was located at the residence during the execution of a search and seizure warrant.
- During a warrant sweep throughout Prince George's County during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the teams attempted to serve warrants for domestic violence related crimes at 461 addresses which resulted in the arrest of 103 individuals to close 109 outstanding warrants.
- College Park troopers focused on reducing motor vehicle personal injury crashes in an identified high-crash area on Route 50. Their efforts resulted in a 21% reduction in injury-producing crashes.
- Forestville Barrack troopers participated in 13 career day events at local area schools and 20 community events. In addition, the Forestville Barrack partnered with the Wesley Brown Explorer Program to host the second annual school supply drive/give-away. Also, Forestville Barrack partnered with Daughter for the Day and Socks for Seniors drive, plus donated toys to a local homeless shelter for the holiday season.

Calls for Service	51,390
Number of Investigations	3,322
Number of Arrests	1,630
Narcan Deployments	1
Guns Seized	28
Forensic Science Cases	322
Crime Scene Responses	11
Traffic Stops	50,000
DUI Arrests	923
Crashes Investigated	4,436



Queen Anne's County



Served by the Centreville Barrack

Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- The Centreville Barrack responded to the scene of a stabbing. Criminal Enforcement Division investigators obtained arrest warrants for the male assailant, a Dead Man Incorporated (DMI) gang member, and his female accomplice for attempted murder. Family members reported that the female fugitive was being held against her will by the male fugitive, causing police concern for her well-being. Maryland State Apprehension Team investigators rapidly located both subjects, apprehending the DMI member who was armed with the knife used in the crime.
- The Queen Anne's County Drug Task Force initiated a drug distribution investigation that culminated in the seizure of more than \$33,000 in illicit drug proceeds, 17 vehicles, six firearms, 532 grams of marijuana, 425 grams of cocaine, 16 grams of heroin and 228 Oxycontin pills. The task force identified 31 individuals, who were indicted and later convicted.
- Upper Shore investigators completed an attempted murder investigation on Kent Island involving an individual who was stabbed. Investigators identified and arrested two suspects, executed several search warrants and obtained a confession from the suspect who did the stabbing.
- The Homicide Unit investigated a police-involved shooting where a deputy provided a domestic escort to the wife of the suspect. The suspect obtained a shotgun from inside the residence and shot the deputy inside the residence. The deputy was able to shoot and kill the suspect during the encounter. The deputy ultimately recovered from his injuries.
- Following the review of a crash investigation, the Queen Anne's County State's Attorney's Office authorized multiple traffic charges that troopers have filed against the driver of the tractor trailer involved in the 2015 crash in Wye Mills that killed five people.
- Centreville Barrack troopers responded to a single engine plane crash near the Chesapeake Bay Bridge, where two people were pronounced deceased at the scene. The crash occurred in an open field near the Ellendale Manor community in Stevensville before bursting into flames. Fire department personnel from Kent Island Volunteer were on the scene to extinguish the fires. Federal authorities at the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board were notified of the crash. The cause of the crash was investigated and determined by federal authorities.
- A female victim of a home invasion, while on the phone with 911, shouted repeated warnings to the suspect that she was armed and would shoot if the suspect moved any closer. The victim was able to describe the suspect, and upon arrival, troopers were able to quickly locate and apprehend the suspect.
- Centreville Barrack participated in National Prescription Take Back Day, Shop With a Cop, and the Trooper Keith Challenge, supporting a New Hampshire Trooper in his courageous fight against cancer. In addition, Barrack personnel escorted Marine War Veterans honoring their fellow Marines.

Calls for Service	20,314*
Number of Investigations	1,297
Number of Arrests	507
Narcan Deployments	1
Guns Seized	14
Forensic Science Cases	281
Crime Scene Responses	46
Traffic Stops	16,631
DUI Arrests	225
Crashes Investigated	558



* = Calls for Service are for Centreville Barrack which also includes Kent County

Somerset County



Served by the Princess Anne Barrack

Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- A collaborative four-month investigation into cocaine distribution identified a source of distribution in California, which led to the apprehension of a local distributor.
- Cyber tips from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children led to a suspect with a fake Facebook account enticing minors to send apparent child exploitation images of themselves; the suspect was arrested and indicted.
- MSP Criminal Enforcement Division detectives requested Maryland State Apprehension Team (MSAT) assistance in locating three fugitives wanted for multiple armed robberies that occurred in Somerset County. MSAT troopers located and arrested the first suspect in Worcester County, MD. Shortly thereafter, MSAT investigators apprehended the second and third suspects in Accomack County, VA.
- The Homicide Unit investigated a murder that occurred in a crowded American Legion parking lot. The investigation revealed there was a physical altercation in the parking lot which resulted in the suspect firing at least two shots at two individuals who were in a crowd of people. The suspect shot an innocent bystander; the suspect was arrested.
- TFC Nastvogel was dispatched to a residence in the Wilson Landing Trailer Park. The suspect had come to the residence to confront an ex-girlfriend, forcing his way into the residence and assaulting the ex-girlfriend and members of her family before fleeing. The suspect later returned to attempt to burn the dwelling. TFC Nastvogel applied for a warrant for the suspect's arrest; the suspect pled guilty to third degree burglary, assault and malicious burning.
- Cpl. Mareck conducted a traffic stop for speeding and detected the odor of marijuana. A probable cause search yielded suspected cocaine and marijuana and a digital scale, as well as a loaded revolver with the serial number obliterated. The suspect was arrested and charged with handgun and CDS charges.
- TFC Morton conducted a traffic stop for speeding and detected the odor of raw marijuana. A probable cause search yielded almost 43 grams of suspected marijuana, a scale, a loaded handgun and \$567; the suspect was arrested and charged.
- A grant to target underage drinking and driving, as well as compliance of licensed alcohol establishments, was awarded to the Princess Anne Barrack; Party Patrols target known areas in and around the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Enforcement has had a direct impact on reducing juvenile alcohol-related crashes and the amount of underage liquor sales, which impacts motor vehicle collisions and criminal activity.
- The annual Winter Wonderland event provided holiday gifts for children and distributed food to 200 families in need.

Calls for Service	18,913
Number of Investigations	1,314
Number of Arrests	465
Narcan Deployments	1
Guns Seized	0
Forensic Science Cases	339
Crime Scene Responses	46
Traffic Stops	17,945
DUI Arrests	141
Crashes Investigated	185



St. Mary's County



Served by the Leonardtown Barrack

Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- Investigators from the Maryland State Police, Criminal Enforcement Division, Central South Region responded to an armed robbery of a business in Leonardtown. The victim stated a female entered the business, displayed a handgun and demanded money. Through investigative tactics, a suspect was developed. The victim confirmed this suspect to be the person who committed the robbery. An arrest warrant was issued for the suspect, who was charged with armed robbery and possession of a firearm to commit a crime.
- Troopers from the Technical Investigation Section worked with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) on a lead that stemmed from Queensland, Australia. Investigators followed leads from the website Image Source, and the images were indicative of child pornography. Troopers and HSI personnel tracked the IP addresses to a location in St. Mary's County. A search warrant was executed at the subject's residence, and the subject was arrested on charges related to production of child pornography.
- In December, troopers responded to a report of a home invasion/assault in Lexington Park. The investigation revealed that the suspect broke into the victim's home and assaulted one of the occupants with a crow bar. The victim sustained injuries (non-life threatening) and was transported to St. Mary's Hospital. The suspect fled the scene prior to police arrival but was later located and arrested without incident and taken to the St. Mary's County Detention Center. At the time of his arrest, the suspect had a total of six outstanding warrants for his arrest.
- Leonardtown Barrack participated in numerous annual community outreach events, including St. Mary's County Splash, Shop With a Cop, First Responders' Appreciation Day, National Night Out, Multiagency Active Shooter Drills, Safety Stand Down presentations for PAX River military personnel, Hospice Run, Law Enforcement Torch Run and Adopt-A-School programs.
- Leonardtown Barrack hosted the First Annual Stuffed Animal Drive, with thousands of stuffed animals donated from the community. Stuffed animals will be used as comfort objects for children facing traumatic situations, such as car crashes, being a victim or witness to a crime, coping with a loss or feeling sick or injured.

Calls for Service	23,650
Number of Investigations	1,643
Number of Arrests	783
Narcotics Deployments	10
Guns Seized	3
Forensic Science Cases	544
Crime Scene Responses	3
Traffic Stops	18,878
DUI Arrests	247
Crashes Investigated	398



Talbot County



Served by the Easton Barrack

Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

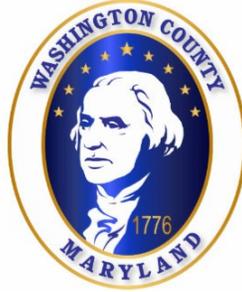
- The Talbot County Narcotics Task Force investigated a heroin supplier who was selling heroin in Talbot, Caroline and Queen Anne's counties. As a result of the investigation, three suspects were arrested, a kilogram of heroin was seized as well as two vehicles and assets of the suspects.
- Maryland State Apprehension Team (MSAT) investigators were requested by MSP Criminal Enforcement Division Talbot and Dorchester County Drug Task Force members to locate and apprehend a local drug trafficker wanted for Possession With Intent to Distribute more than 500 grams of cocaine. After a detailed work-up completed by MSAT, the fugitive was apprehended in Talbot County.
- Upper Shore Region investigators worked a child sex abuse and child pornography case which originated in Talbot County. Investigation also revealed crimes had been committed with the same suspect and victim in Caroline County. The suspect was videotaping the unsuspecting juvenile victim and was also sexually abusing the victim. The suspect was arrested and he was ultimately indicted on dozens of charges in the two counties.
- Trooper Petersen stopped a vehicle with a headlight out, which led to a probable cause search and discovery of marijuana plus 137 credit cards and gift cards. The credit cards were discovered to be stolen, and the suspect gift cards totaled \$6,588. The driver also had three confirmed warrants in Prince George's County and was placed under arrest.
- Trooper Mingos took an initial report for a theft at a food distributor in Cordova. The investigation revealed that food distributor employees were involved in the theft of chicken initially estimated at \$10,000; the suspects were allegedly stealing whole pallets of chicken which were then transported out of state and sold to restaurants in the New York City area. Investigative efforts produced criminal charges for three food distributor employees. The case was transferred to CED for further investigation, as developments in the case revealed a large scale intrastate conspiracy which later came to involve the FBI and NYPD and a theft of property valued in the tens of thousands of dollars.
- During 2016, TFC Myers, assisted by an MSP Cadet, conducted several alcohol and tobacco compliance checks at Talbot County businesses. Working in concert with the Talbot Partnership, these enforcement efforts have resulted in a dramatic improvement in ID checks and compliance with laws pertaining to the sale of alcoholic beverages and tobacco to underage persons.
- Community-based efforts included participation in the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run, the Oxford Cardboard Boat Race for Charity, the MSP Polar Bear Plunge, Veteran's awareness and appreciation events, a Barrack Pride project, and the annual National Night Out events. In addition, troopers participated in Shop With a Cop, Thanksgiving Meals for the Needy, and the Food for the Hungry Drive.

Calls for Service	26,999*
Number of Investigations	785
Number of Arrests	286
Narcan Deployments	0
Guns Seized	37
Forensic Science Cases	370
Crime Scene Responses	28
Traffic Stops	13,195
DUI Arrests	104
Crashes Investigated	226



* = Calls for Service are for Easton Barrack which also includes Caroline and Dorchester Counties

Washington County



Served by the Hagerstown Barrack

Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- Detectives responded to a residence in Hancock for a welfare check. They found a deceased elderly resident bound with duct tape, with a large laceration to her throat. An investigation by the Maryland State Apprehension Team led to the arrest of two suspects in Arizona.
- The Pro-Active Criminal Enforcement (PACE) Team stopped a vehicle on I-70 in Washington County for speeding and recovered six kilograms of cocaine with an estimated street value of \$600,000.
- The PACE Team stopped a vehicle for following too closely on I-81 near I-70 in Washington County. The passenger was arrested on an outstanding warrant. After a positive K-9 alert on the vehicle, a search revealed 14 stolen firearms and a small quantity of drugs. The vehicle occupants confessed to committing a burglary and stealing the guns; the burglary had not yet been discovered or reported at the time of the stop.
- The Child Recovery Unit (CRU) conducted a human trafficking operation, resulting in the identification of three individuals involved in prostitution. In addition, the CRU assisted local police with the investigation and recovery of two missing children and issued two Silver Alerts.
- TFC Buleson made a traffic stop and developed information that led to the discovery of a credit card fraud ring. A probable cause search of the vehicle resulted in dozens of credit and gift cards being seized. Further investigation uncovered a scheme where stolen credit card information was being purchased and sent from Pakistan and being uploaded onto stolen gift cards. The computer and credit card reader/writer was seized and turned over to the Criminal Enforcement Division (CED) and the FBI. The ring leader was directing the illicit activity from a prison in West Virginia.
- M/Tprs. Kocavar and Miller responded to two separate strong armed robberies within the county. The investigations determined that they were likely committed by the same suspect. Troopers obtained video footage and released it to media outlets; the suspect's father called and turned him in. CED was able to track the suspect's cell phone to locate the suspect. Plain clothes troopers from Western Region CED were able to prevent a robbery and brought the suspect in for questioning. The suspect confessed to the robberies, and evidence recovered from the suspect that day led to troopers discovering a Smithsburg woman had been murdered. Troopers were able to connect the robbery suspect to the murder; the suspect would later plead guilty to the murder and robberies.
- STpr. Butler initiated a traffic stop for speed, and a probable cause search yielded marijuana in the vehicle. While searching the trunk, the Trooper discovered an AR-15 rifle and a 30 round magazine. After running the gun, they contacted the owner who was not yet aware that he had been burglarized; all of the owner's weapons were stolen. Western Region CED was notified and helped obtain a search warrant for the suspect's home. They were able to recover all of the stolen firearms.

Calls for Service	22,854
Number of Investigations	1,441
Number of Arrests	501
Narcan Deployments	0
Guns Seized	64
Forensic Science Cases	401
Crime Scene Responses	13
Traffic Stops	20,622
DUI Arrests	292
Crashes Investigated	1,067



Wicomico County



Served by the Salisbury Barrack

Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- The Wicomico County Narcotics Task Force (WINTF) responded to reported heroin overdoses occurring in Wicomico County: 15 non-fatal overdoses and one fatal overdose in two days. Investigators identified the sources of the heroin with a high concentration of fentanyl. During the investigation members of the WINTF arrested three suspects responsible for distributing the heroin and seized \$4,625, 68 grams of suspected fentanyl/heroin, cocaine and Oxycodone.
- The Criminal Enforcement Division (CED) investigated a homicide in Pittsville. Investigators learned a suspect had stabbed her husband to death the night prior while under the influence of drugs. The suspect then changed the clothing of the deceased and attempted to bring him back to life by cleaning and bandaging the wounds. CED investigators were able to obtain a confession from the suspect.
- The Child Recovery Unit (CRU) conducted one human trafficking operation, resulting in the identification of six individuals involved in prostitution and the recovery of one juvenile victim. The CRU also assisted local police with the investigation and recovery of one missing child and issued two Silver Alerts.
- The Gang Enforcement Unit, paired with agents from Homeland Security Investigations, conducted a social media based prostitution operation geared towards identifying and apprehending subjects involved in human trafficking as well as drug violations. A total of 14 people were arrested and charged with prostitution-related crimes, drug possession and open criminal warrants.
- The Homicide Unit investigated a homicide where the victim was shot outside of an apartment building approximately six hours before the discovery of his body. Investigators determined the victim was murdered because he was selling CDS stolen from one of the suspects; investigators arrested three suspects.
- MSP Homicide Detectives responded to assist the Fruitland Police Department with a body found in a shallow grave in the rear yard of a residence. Detectives determined the victim was murdered eight months earlier and developed a suspect. Within a day, Maryland State Apprehension Team troopers captured the suspect hiding in a trailer armed with four firearms.
- A traffic stop by TFC Meier, TFC Riggs and Cpl. Bean led to a positive K-9 alert on the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed 118.7 grams of suspected heroin, 25.6 grams of marijuana, 1.39 grams of cocaine, \$902, a scale and drug paraphernalia, with a street value of \$18,750. Two suspects were charged.
- Salisbury Barrack troopers executed an undercover operation to identify individuals soliciting sexual acts at a local hotel using the internet webpage backpage; eight suspects were arrested for prostitution.
- TFC Meier conducted a traffic stop which, upon a probable cause search of the vehicle and the suspect's home, yielded more than 200 grams of marijuana, more than 3 grams of cocaine and amphetamines, plus a loaded weapon and \$3,142.

Calls for Service	20,302
Number of Investigations	2,551
Number of Arrests	1,143
Narcan Deployments	2
Guns Seized	17
Forensic Science Cases	1,175
Crime Scene Responses	92
Traffic Stops	21,055
DUI Arrests	420
Crashes Investigated	590



Worcester County



Served by the Berlin Barrack

Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- Investigators from the Criminal Enforcement Team initiated a four month long investigation targeting a cocaine trafficking organization. The investigation resulted in the execution of two search warrants, seizure of 794 grams of cocaine, 140 grams of crack cocaine, 402 grams of marijuana, \$59,699, one vehicle, one firearm and 10 indictments.
- The PNC Bank in Pocomoke was robbed by four disguised males. Through interviews, analysis of hours of video surveillance, search and seizure warrants, and a coordinated effort with Accomack County Sheriff's Office and Norfolk Police Department, the suspects were identified. Search and seizure warrants executed in Virginia and Maryland led to items having evidentiary value being recovered. Worcester County Bureau of Investigation (WCBI) investigators worked with the U.S. Marshals and Norfolk Police Department to locate the suspects who were arrested and charged.
- The Maryland State Apprehension Team (MSAT) was contacted by MSP Criminal Enforcement Division detectives in Worcester County for assistance in locating a suspect wanted for an aggravated domestic assault involving serious injury to the victim. Through surveillance and various interviews, MSAT determined the fugitive had fled Maryland on a passenger bus. MSAT arranged the arrest of the fugitive with local authorities once he reached his destination in Georgia.
- Worcester County had a series of daytime residential burglaries in the spring and summer. A multi-jurisdictional investigative approach was implemented using troopers from the Berlin Barrack as well as investigators from the WCBI and the Worcester County Sheriff's Office. The investigation involved many hours of surveillance, search warrants and investigative efforts resulting in one arrest, the closure of 12 burglaries, and the return of thousands of dollars of stolen property.
- Troopers worked criminal/traffic enforcement around the area of Worcester County in April. During the first period of enforcement there were multiple traffic stops for speeding, seatbelt violations and distracted driving, which resulted in four CDS arrests for heroin possession and four civil citations for possession of marijuana less than 10 grams. During an additional period of enforcement, there were also multiple traffic stops for speeding, seatbelt violations and distracted driving, which resulted in two CDS arrests for possession of heroin, one civil citation for possession of marijuana under 10 grams and one open warrant apprehension.
- The MSP Berlin Barrack created a DUI Enforcement Team to combat the ongoing problem of alcohol related crashes in Worcester County. Team members were deployed based on a review of alcohol crashes from 2012-2015. In 2016, alcohol related crashes were down nearly 10% from the previous year.
- Berlin Barrack community involvement events included Law Enforcement Torch Run to benefit Special Olympics, Shop With a Cop, Presidential Candidate Trump visit, OC Cruisin, Delmarva Bike Week, OC Bikefest and the H2O Car Show.

Calls for Service	19,929
Number of Investigations	1,342
Number of Arrests	580
Narcan Deployments	1
Guns Seized	3
Forensic Science Cases	848
Crime Scene Responses	31
Traffic Stops	19,343
DUI Arrests	302
Crashes Investigated	427



Forensic Sciences Division



Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- Forensic Sciences Division (FSD) was officially presented with its latest American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors / Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB) Accreditation Certificate in May 2016. To be accredited, a laboratory must meet over 500 ASCLD/LAB standards and adhere to a quality assurance program that includes document control, proficiency testing, validation of methods/instruments, audits, continuing education, training, quality control and utilization of up to date procedures.
- The Biology Section successfully completed the federally-mandated transition to inclusion of additional regions (loci) of DNA in the DNA profiles generated from evidence and DNA database samples. This transition marked the end of many months of protocol validation, training of scientists and implementation of new equipment. Expanding the number of loci examined reduces the likelihood of adventitious matches in Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) and increases international compatibility for data sharing.
- In September 2016, the FSD reported Maryland's 5,000th hit in the state DNA database. This milestone hit involves a 2014 Prince George's County first degree sex offense case. Maryland's DNA database was established by law in 1994 and the first positive comparison occurred in 1998.
- In 2016, the Latent Print/Impressions Unit (LPIU) reached the goal of having all members of the unit become certified by the International Association for Identification (IAI). Certification of latent print examiners is based upon the candidate's personal and professional record of qualifications as reviewed by the applicant's peers as well as on the results of a formal examination. This examination consists of a three part written test to include the applicant's ability to compare and identify latent prints and oral board testing relating to the ability to accurately and effectively communicate principles and findings.
- In October 2016, four Crime Scene Technicians (CST) investigated for more than 14 hours at the site of a police-involved shooting in Cecil County. This was a complex scene requiring the CSTs to collect over 100 bullet casings, collect trooper and officer's weapons, take more than 1,200 photographs, attend the autopsy of two suspects and process a crime scene which included a hotel, roadway, convenience store and field. In total, more than 175 pieces of evidence were collected.

Aviation Command



Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In 2016, the Aviation Command (MSPAC) completed 2,155 medevac flights and transported 2,247 sick and/or critically injured patients. The MSPAC also flew 569 law enforcement missions, resulting in 37 criminal apprehensions. In addition, MSPAC conducted 449 Search and Rescue missions, resulting in 196 lost or injured victims being located by effectively coordinating the collaboration of ground and airborne resources.
- In June 2016, MSPAC was assigned an aerial rescue mission at Chimney Rock in Thurmont. A hiker had fallen from a cliff and was critically injured lying in rugged terrain in a remote area of Catoctin Mountain National Park. After working collaboratively with the Frederick County Advanced Tactical Rescue Team to treat, stabilize and package the victim, a hoist rescue and subsequent medevac transport to a trauma center was completed. This was one of 11 aerial rescue missions performed by the Aviation Command in 2016 and highlights the technical expertise of MSPAC personnel.
- In July 2016, crews responded to a mass casualty incident in Southern Maryland. Public Safety Officials were challenged with encountering multiple seriously injured adult and pediatric patients as a result of a motor vehicle collision involving an Amish buggy. MSPAC flight crews worked collaboratively with EMS providers to triage and prioritize all patients who were cared for and subsequently transported to area trauma centers. The early medical interventions and rapid transport to specialty centers resulted in all patients returning to a normal quality of life.
- In December 2016, MSPAC responded to Derwood, Montgomery County, to assist with the search of a suspect wanted in connection with a handgun violation and first degree assault. Using the advanced camera system, the suspect was quickly located. Patrol officers were directed to the suspect and a successful criminal apprehension was made. Use of the airborne platform in this incident minimized patrol officers being placed in vulnerable positions.

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division



Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- During 2016, the Crash Team continued with its regionalized reconstruction program. The program has continued to, in most cases, result in quicker response times to collisions and a quicker overall roadway clearance rate.
- In 2016, the Chemical Test for Alcohol Unit (CTAU) unveiled the Mobile Breath Alcohol Truck (MBAT), which was first used for a sobriety checkpoint in Montgomery County in December.
- In March 2016, the Fatality Analysis Reporting Section (FARS) officially implemented the Electronic Data Pilot Transfer program, which allows local fatal crash report data to be linked to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) FARS database.
- The Work Zone Automated Speed Enforcement (WZASE) unit processed nearly 240,000 approved citations in 2016.
- Four members of the State Police Impaired Driving Reduction Efforts (SPIDRE) Team each made over 100 individual DUI arrests in 2016. The Team has been featured in "The Police Chief" magazine, for their innovative and unique approach to the apprehension of impaired drivers.
- During 2016, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division personnel weighed approximately 1.76 million commercial motor vehicles and conducted 67,478 roadside inspections. The 40,570 citations issued by the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division personnel amounted to total fines exceeding \$7.855 million dollars. In addition, 12,131 unsafe commercial motor vehicles and 4,318 unsafe or unqualified drivers were placed out of service.

Licensing Division



Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- Since 2013, the Licensing Division has been developing a web accessible Licensing Portal where citizens would submit, and Maryland's firearms dealers would be able to access, an electronic 77R application to purchase a regulated firearm. The goals of the Licensing Portal project were to: (1) deploy a web 'dashboard' that provides citizens the ability to submit and track multiple application types, (2) give firearms dealers the ability to access and submit electronically, to the MSP, 77R applications on behalf of their customers, and (3) provide the MSP Licensing Division the ability to receive, process and report electronically on multiple application types, via a single, paperless system.
- The Licensing Portal became available to the public and dealers on January 1, 2017. The automated 77R application process increases the ease and efficiency of purchasing a regulated firearm in Maryland. The on-line completion of forms eliminates legibility issues and decreases data processing errors. The Maryland State Police Licensing Division staff is continuing their efforts to promptly approve those eligible to purchase regulated firearms, while ensuring those prohibited by law are not approved to complete the purchase process.
- In 2016, the Firearms Registration Unit (FRU) processed 52,434 regulated firearm transactions, 39 percent more (14,788 more) than in 2015. These transactions represent dealer sales, private sales, as well as gifts, voluntary registrations and inheritances. With the increase in applications, the FRU has continued to meet the 7 day legislative mandated timeframe.
- In 2016, the Handgun Qualification License (HQL) Section processed 39 percent more new applications per week than in 2015. With the increase in applications, the HQL Section has continued to meet the 30 day legislative mandated timeframe.
- Renovations to the Licensing Division's Building K, which began in October 2014, were completed in June 2016. The renovations included new flooring, cubicles, electrical system, building generator and upgrades to the elevator, making it a more efficient working environment.

Personnel Command



Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- The recruitment of highly qualified, diverse applicants capable of completing the high-intensity, entry-level MSP training program is a major objective for the MSP. The MSP Recruitment and Selection Unit (RSU) conducted 253 recruitment events in 2016, focusing on increasing efforts toward individuals that are underrepresented in the workforce.
- In 2016, MSP contracted with Pinnacle Communications Resource Company to enhance recruitment efforts and improve diversity recruitment. Recruiting campaigns were launched through social, print and digital media to include a short video highlighting many different aspects of the agency.
- The Education and Training Division (ETD) provides training to trooper candidates, incumbent troopers and allied law enforcement officers. Two academy classes graduated in 2016, with 39 troopers graduating from Academy Class 144 and 46 troopers graduating from Academy Class 145. The ETD also conducted 64 employee training days for In-Service in 2016, training 1,477 people. In response to the 2015 civil unrest experienced in Baltimore City, the In-Service and Professional Development Unit (PDU) collaborated with members of the department's Emergency Services Unit to incorporate basic Mobile Field Force (MFF) Operations Training into the 2016 In-Service program. In addition, In-Service and the PDU provided certification training for Naloxone administration to 1,182 employees in order to remain in compliance with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's Maryland Overdose Response Program.

Technology and Information Management



Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- The Electronic Services Division (ESD) accomplished three major technology deployments in 2016. The first was transitioning four additional barracks onto the statewide 700MHz radio system, bringing the total to 12 barracks. The second deployment was the installation of 49 new in-car camera systems at JFK Highway Barrack that have wireless download capability, making JFK the first barrack for deployment of this new camera technology. The third major deployment was the reprogramming of all MSP radios with an updated radio channel plan on MDFirst. This update gives troopers the capability to communicate on multiple radio platforms, across multiple agencies, on one radio system, which had not been available before with state, local and federal partners.
- The Regional Automated Property Information Database (RAPID) continues to prove its worth by allowing law enforcement agencies to share valuable information, which results in more stolen property being recovered and more criminals being apprehended. In 2016, 2,510 cases were investigated using RAPID technology. This resulted in 1,952 arrests and \$6.2 million in stolen property being recovered.
- One of the larger cases using RAPID concluded in 2016. This multi-agency decade-long investigation resulted in 10 defendants being convicted in Federal court, with more than 18 years in prison time and \$2.1 million in restitution ordered by a Federal judge.

Internal Affairs Division



Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- The Internal Affairs Division (IAD) ensures thorough and objective investigations of allegations and complaints against sworn employees.
- The IAD is committed to managing complaints and administrative actions in support of the missions and goals of the MSP.
- IAD personnel continue to train troopers in professional development courses, such as First Line Supervisor, Field Training Trooper and Basic Criminal Investigator.
- During 2016, troopers responded to 515,458 calls for service and conducted 516,794 traffic stops, for a total of 1,032,252 citizen contacts. IAD investigated a total of 438 complaints in 2016. Of those 438 complaints, 166 were sustained, 51 were not sustained, 214 were unfounded, with the remaining pending adjudication.

Office of Fair Practices



Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- The Office of Fair Practices (OFP) ensures compliance with the Governor's Code of Fair Employment Practices, which obligates the provision of a workplace free from discriminatory practices or harassment of any kind. This function is executed through a comprehensive equal employment opportunity (EEO) program.
- The OFP upholds the Department's zero tolerance policy regarding acts of sexual harassment, discrimination and inequitable employment practices.
- In 2016, the OFP continued its training of all newly hired trooper candidates about diversity in the workplace and Federal and State EEO laws, as well as the services offered by OFP and how to use them. The OFP also provided similar training for the Department's communications operators and supervisors, barrack commanders and Field Operation Bureau Command staff during 2016.
- The OFP implemented Harassment/Sexual Harassment Training during 2016 on the Power DMS system. This requires all employees to review the Harassment Training and pass a test, ensuring 100% compliance.
- The Citizen Information Brochure (Form 225) was created to improve communication with the public, and it allows citizens to document a commendation or complaint about their interaction with a trooper. During 2016, the OFP received 505 Citizen Information Brochures, which consisted of 69% commendations, 4% complaints and 27% miscellaneous comments.

Office of the State Fire Marshal



Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- 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 investigations 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.
- Deputy State Fire Marshals assisted the Montgomery County Fire/Explosive Investigations Unit, Montgomery County Police and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives National Response Team with the week long investigation into the Silver Spring apartment building explosion and fire that occurred in August 2016, which killed seven occupants and injured several others.
- Deputy State Fire Marshals investigated a March house fire in Stevensville. Fire Investigators determined the cause of the fire to be incendiary with a loss of over \$700,000. The investigation revealed two juveniles burglarized the home and set the fire to conceal the crime. Both were arrested and pleaded guilty to arson and burglary.
- In 2016, OSFM handled 709 fires and 255 explosive incidents, while reviewing 1,687 plans and completing 12,335 inspections.

Vehicle Theft Prevention Council



Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- During 2016, Maryland's Vehicle Theft Prevention Council (VTPC) and the Vehicle Theft Prevention Fund continued its leadership role to assist in the prevention and deterrence of vehicle theft and related crimes. Since the Council's inception in 1994, vehicle theft in Maryland has decreased 64 percent.
- The Council continues to support established statewide strategies and community based law enforcement, prevention and education programs. In addition, the Council is developing capabilities to provide actionable, relevant and useful intelligence to identify and investigate members of professional vehicle theft organizations. VTPC is also supporting statewide enforcement initiatives intended to remove opportunities for the professional vehicle theft organizations to exploit dated beliefs and efforts of law enforcement. With more than 92 percent of vehicle thefts occurring in the urban counties, relationships have been developed to link data efforts already underway to a statewide hub for the purpose of linking events and suspects operating in multiple jurisdictions.
- In an effort to ensure the capture of complete and accurate data, the Council's executive director has directed educational resources to not only the most populated jurisdictions, but to rural areas as well. From police chiefs to new recruits, community service officers to crime prevention personnel and engaged citizens, training and informational briefings on emerging vehicle theft trends and the operations of professional vehicle theft organizations are being conducted to ensure the signs of emerging vehicle theft methods can be identified, are understood and addressed at the onset.
- In 2016, the Baltimore region saw an increase in off-road motorcycle thefts. The value of these motorcycles was in excess of one million dollars. The executive director worked with members of the American Motorcyclist Association and with law enforcement officers to address the problem. The Council provided resources to its law enforcement grantees along with intelligence to investigate these thefts. The Council continues to promote awareness of the prevention of vehicle theft by working with WBAL-TV to run public service announcements each year.

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Maryland State Trooper duties include so much more than fighting crime and promoting roadway safety:

- Community support and assistance
- Interviewing witnesses, victims and suspects
- Investigating traffic crashes
- Completing criminal investigations
- Preparing cases for court and testifying
- Writing field reports

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