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The Honorable Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
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Dear Governor Ehrlich:

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the Department of State Police Annual Report for 2005. Reflected in the report are the wide range of duties that the Department managed, the multitude of tasks that were safely completed, and the diverse accomplishments of its employees. These actions represent an organization I am proud to lead.

The women and men of the Department have continued to provide for the well-being of the citizens of Maryland, and the nation, by preventing terrorism, deterring crime, and saving lives. In January and February of 2005, this positive influence was extended further into the world when the Department provided intelligence and conducted security operations for the out-of-country voting for the Iraqi elections.

As the 21st century continues to unfold, the Department of State Police will continue in its role as the State's leading law enforcement agency with a renewed commitment to professionalism and excellence in delivering all-encompassing police services. The Department's achievements and its commitment to providing the best possible service to the State of Maryland will be its hallmarks for the coming years.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Hutchins
Secretary

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Executive Summary

Looking back at 2005 reveals another year of exemplary efforts by the women and men of the Department of State Police, including those in the Office of the State Fire Marshal. All divisions, from Automotive Safety to the Warrant Task Force, have worked together to provide for the well-being of Maryland's residents. This outstanding performance was recognized internationally in September, when the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) awarded the Department first place in the National Chiefs Challenge, for their category. Agencies, which competed with their peers by size and type, were judged by the IACP on enforcement activity, effectiveness, policies and guidelines, officer training, public information and education, and quality of application.

The location of Maryland next to Washington, D.C. continued to play a significant role in our efforts to support homeland security operations. Troopers responded to Frederick Airport within minutes, after a small plane that strayed into Washington's restricted air space was forced to land there. In January 2005, troopers provided security for Iraqi citizens who came to Prince George's County to vote in Iraq's first free election in several decades. Interstate 95 and its feeder roadways continued to be a primary channel for transporting drugs along the east coast. The combined efforts of various law enforcement agencies working in drug task forces throughout the state interdicted over 3,400 pounds of drugs worth several million dollars.

Public safety was enhanced by troopers, who account for approximately 11% of law enforcement officers in the State, yet made more than 37% of the arrests for driving under the influence, and issued over 220,000 citations for speeding offenses. This simple enforcement of the motor vehicle laws of Maryland undoubtedly saved lives. In May, the medevac service of the Aviation Command celebrated its 35th anniversary. It continues to be recognized as a national role model and a vital part of the emergency medical services system.

The Department continued to forge working partnerships with other agencies, all designed to protect the rights and freedoms of our residents, as well as those of other states. We established a law enforcement joint task force, consisting of members from the Maryland Chiefs of Police and Sheriff's Associations, to provide law enforcement assistance in the event Maryland was requested to by one of the Gulf States. We collaborated with the county sheriffs' offices and jail administrators to collect DNA samples from qualifying offenders. Additionally, the Tactical Medicine Unit of the Special Operations Division joined with the U.S. Secret Service to host a one week tactical medicine course.

The Vehicle Theft Prevention Council and the Office of the State Fire Marshal regularly worked with local and federal agencies to complete their missions. The recent joint arson investigation in Charles County demonstrated the Fire Marshal's ability to partner with other agencies to apprehend and convict arson suspects. Newly acquired robotic equipment and trucks will further enhance these efforts.

The Department of State Police has a tradition of managing whatever challenges the changing times present. It will continue to do the work needed to protect the citizens of the State from domestic and foreign security threats, fight crime and promote roadway safety by upholding the laws of the State.

Office of the Secretary

The Department of State Police includes the Maryland State Police (MSP) and the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Assisting the Secretary in administering much of the MSP are three Lieutenant Colonels who command the Bureaus of Field Operations, Homeland Security & Investigation, and Support Services. Reporting to the Secretary and sharing in the operational and managerial duties are the Office of Strategic Planning, Media Communications and Marketing, and the Chief of Staff.

The Secretary continued to chair the Maryland Police & Correctional Training Commission, Handgun Roster Board, Cease Fire Council, and the Vehicle Theft Prevention Council. Membership is also held in the Maryland Security Council, Family Violence Council, Governor's Executive Council, and the State Information Technology Board.



Col. Thomas E. Hutchins at the Fallen Heroes Ceremony in May 2005

The **Office of Media Communications & Marketing** (OMCM) organized the first ever 'Trooper Tour' across Maryland. At these events, attended by thousands of citizens, there were multiple recruiting and public safety exhibits and displays of police vehicles. Staff continued to work with Special Olympics Maryland to produce the Maryland State Police Winter Water Series. More than 3,200 people participated in the 2005 events, and the \$740,000 raised in donations made it the most successful series yet. The audience for the OMCM cable television program "Trooper Magazine" expanded with the program now aired on 21 county cable systems throughout the State.

Statewide oversight of consent decree requirements, including traffic stop data collection, brochure distribution, and related training classes, is provided by the **Professional Policing Division**. Division personnel were aided by the Internal Policy Committee, made up of 18 key leaders within the Department, in developing policies and making recommendations to ensure that best practices are realized within the Department. An analysis of the Citizen Information Brochures received from citizens revealed 71% of contacts were commendatory of Department personnel.

Personnel in the **Executive Protection Section** played a major role in the planning and implementation phases of the new statewide security system for all state building complexes. As part of this, a new security ID system was implemented in the State House and the rest of the Annapolis complex. In addition to its regular duties, the section, a nationally recognized leader in state-level protective operations, provided protective assistance to 45 Governors, two Lieutenant-Governors, six First Ladies, and four foreign dignitaries.

The **Fair Practices Section** handles complaints and concerns on such issues as discrimination, harassment, retaliation, domestic issues, and poor performance. It also administers the Chaplain's Program. During 2005, the 34 volunteer chaplains donated more than 2,800 hours of time counseling Department personnel on matters ranging from death notifications to community relations.

Internal Affairs Section investigators conducted several regional training sessions for local commanders dealing with administrative investigations and the Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights. Investigations were conducted involving Department personnel, and as part of the Department's commitment to allied police departments, section personnel conducted 14 non-agency investigations.

The **Labor Relations Section** is responsible for ensuring the appropriate application of the State's Collective Bargaining Law found in the State Personnel & Pension Article, Title 3, Annotated Code of Maryland. The Labor Office schedules, facilitates and publishes minutes of monthly labor management committee meetings between management and the various exclusive representative organizations. The program manager acts as the Department's representative during statewide negotiations and is responsible for training, provision compliance and interpretation of ratified agreements.

The **Legal Counsel Section** provides representation to the Department of State Police, and its personnel, in all civil actions filed in State and federal courts. Section personnel also reviewed contracts, agreements and memorandum of understanding, initiated forfeiture cases, provided legal advice to Department personnel and the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, and reviewed COMAR regulations and DEA forfeiture agreements. In 2005 the amount work that involved Public Information Act requests, litigation cases, and legal sufficiencies all increased, while that including grants, citizen inquiries and informal opinions all decreased. In addition, the section

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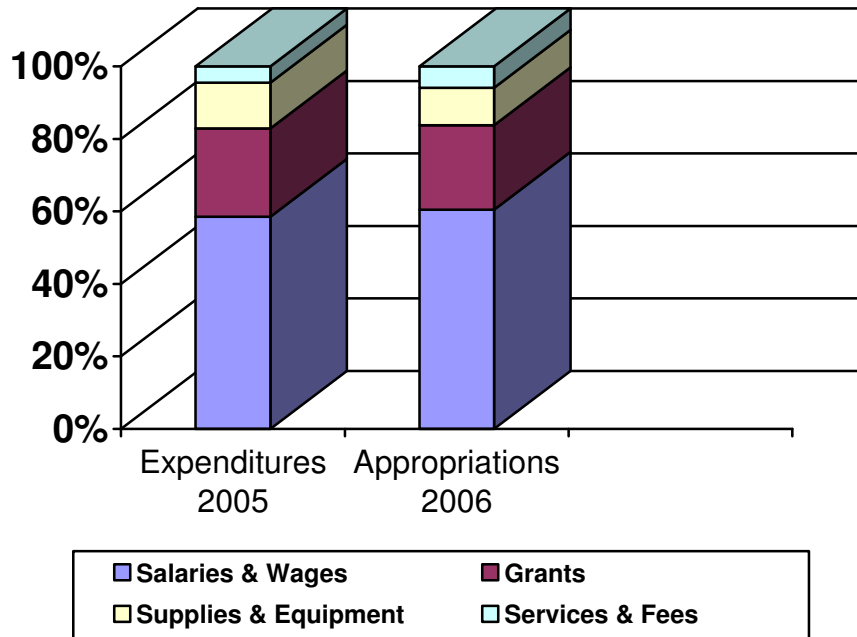
provided training to approximately 1,300 sworn personnel in 36 sessions of the mandatory in-service training.

For the 2005 Legislative Session, **Legislative Security Section** personnel again provided lectures and instructions to new staff members, interns and pages. Topics included the roles of the various police departments, emergency procedures and protocol, personal safety habits, and parking regulations. In addition to the duties during session, the section provided security to the statutory committees and joint House and Senate committees when they met throughout the year.



TFC Yolanda Stockton, Leonardtown Barrack, Camper Brittany Weems, and Trooper Vincent Upole, Forestville Barrack, at the annual Camp C.O.P.S. organized by Sgt. Larry Titus and Sgt. Norma Trass of Prince Frederick Barrack.

Fiscal Data



	Objects(s)	Expenditures FY2005	Appropriations FY2006
Salaries & Wages (includes benefits)	01	155,651,025	170,536,126
Grants * (primarily pass through funding)	12	64,917,984	65,758,977
Supplies & Equipment (includes Motor Vehicle Operation & Maintenance, Supplies & Materials, Equipment – Replacement, Equipment – Additional)	07 09 10 11	33,576,123	29,116,506
Services & Fees (includes Technical & Special Fees, Communication, Travel, Fuel & Utilities, Contractual Services, Fixed Charges)	02, 03 04, 06 08, 13	11,969,470	16,719,329
Totals		\$266,114,602	\$282,130,938

* These are grants given, not grants received.

Office of Strategic Planning

The Finance Section, in the **Budget and Finance Division**, processed approximately 3,000 invoices per month to the Comptroller of Maryland in the Accounts Payable Unit; processed all payroll functions for about 2,400 sworn and civilian employees in the Payroll Unit; monitored the \$62.4 million State Aid for Police Protection Fund; billed for reimbursable overtime projects, and kept track of the capital inventory, valued at \$219.1 million (including construction in progress) in the General Assignment Unit.

Preparing, administering, and managing the Department's \$287.5 million operating budget is the responsibility of the Budget Section. Duties included the monitoring and auditing of all General, Special, Federal, and Reimbursable funds to include State and federal grants, and ensuring the fiscal accountability and integrity of the Department of State Police in all matters.

During the 2005 Maryland General Assembly Legislative Session, the **Government Affairs Unit** was kept busy with the 2,632 bills that were introduced. The Department tracked 521 of the bills, and 826 bills passed. Some of the Departmental bills that passed included:

- HB240/SB213: Authorized the collection of DNA samples at the time of sentencing;
- HB533: Transferred the Cease Fire Council from the Department to the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention;
- HB768: Repealed the existence of the Explosives Advisory Council;
- HB769: Increased the fees that the Office of the State Fire Marshal collects for explosive licenses and extends the license period from one to three years; and
- HB1312: Increased the maximum monthly hazardous duty pay for a State Fire Marshal employee working as a member of the bomb squad or as an explosives technician.

The **Staff Inspections Section** ensures that the Department of State Police, including the Office of the State Fire Marshal, operates within established policies and procedures. This is accomplished through audits and compliance checks. Audits and investigations are also done at allied agencies when requested. Unit personnel are also responsible for the Decentralized Line Inspection Program, Annual Firearms Inventory, Capitol Inventory Program, and legislative audits.

During 2005, the unit provided oversight and proposed corrections to ensure the successful closure of the Department of Legislative Services audit, conducted an audit of firearms dealers licenses in Licensing Division, and completed a statewide law enforcement survey to determine current policies, procedures and training needs for protective orders and other related court issued orders.

The duty of preparing fiscal notes for legislative bills returned to the **Planning and Research Division** after an absence of almost 15 years. The division coordinates the following sections.

Work in the **Capital Projects Section** saw the completion of a new barrack and garage in Easton. Operations transferred in July and the old buildings were demolished. Total project costs (design, construction, and equipment) totaled \$4.7 million. A replacement facility for Hagerstown, which will also include regional offices for the Fire Marshal, an expanded satellite Forensic Science Laboratory, a regional training classroom, and a garage, progressed with final design documents due in February 2006. The new Forensic Science Laboratory in Pikesville was substantially completed and transfer of operations will begin in February 2006. A facility program for replacement of the barrack in La Vale, the last of six field facilities constructed in the 1950's, was submitted to the Department of Budget and Management in anticipation of funding for design.

In 2005 the **Management Analysis Section**:

- Issued seven manual revisions, which covered 35 sections in the Administrative manual, and 52 sections in the Patrol Manual.
- Processed and issued 28 Superintendent's Special Orders, 19 General Orders, and two memorandums, that covered such topics as the Maryland Safe Haven Program, Push Bumper Operating Procedures, Emergency Response Plans for Nuclear Power Plants, and Juvenile Driver Parent/Guardian Notification.
- Revised 27 forms.
- Compiled and wrote the Annual Report.
- Maintained and published the Managing for Results Report.
- Contributed to the Department run Law Enforcement Response to Elder Abuse Conference, by participating in the planning stages, designing a survey submitted to all Maryland law enforcement agencies, compiling the replies, and working at the conference.
- Administered the Handgun Roster Board, which met five times, approved seventy-six petitions, and submitted the Fourth Annual Report on the Status of Personalized Handgun Technology.

The **Grants Management Section** managed more than \$89 million in grant funds covering 36 projects in 2005. Again, the largest grant was \$11 million from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for anti-terrorism. Other grants covered projects for DNA casework backlog reduction, enhanced patrol vehicles, communications interoperability improvement, computer technology, Internet crimes against children, crime lab improvement, gun violence reduction, vehicle theft prevention, impaired driving enforcement, aggressive driving, and family occupant protection. In 2005, the Department of State Police received a total of 17 grants totaling \$2,911,714.

The section also manages programs supported by funds appropriated by the State, such as the State Aid for Police Protection (SAPP) Fund and the School Bus Safety Enforcement Program. More than \$62 million was distributed by the SAPP to support local law enforcement agencies. None of the funds were retained by the Department. Under the School Bus Safety Enforcement Program, a total of \$483,308 was distributed throughout the State to assist law enforcement agencies in addressing the problem of drivers illegally passing school vehicles.

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Select Grants Administered by the Department of State Police*

	Expenditures <u>FY2005</u>	Appropriations <u>FY 2006</u>
State Aid for Police Protection(SAPP-see below)	62,429,383	63,885,133
Vehicle Theft Prevention Program	1,852,503	1,288,844
School Bus Grants	483,308	550,000
DNA – No Suspect Case Analysis	394,466	4,075,974
Smart Car Technology Project	774,507	715,743
Patriot Grant	1,219,980	4,097,944
Gun Violence Reduction	40,921	-0-
Internet Crimes Against Children	174,707	286,729
Communication Interoperability Project (MEMA funds)	2,117,287	282,713
MIMICS Enhancement Project (MEMA funds)	958,000	-0-
Totals (includes grants given and grants received)	<u>\$70,445,062</u>	<u>\$75,183,080</u>

*Source: Budget & Finance Division

SAPP – Revenues received by County forces and incorporated towns

Allegany	869,144	861,341
Anne Arundel	6,466,078	6,556,271
Baltimore	9,561,850	9,661,447
Calvert	732,607	753,760
Caroline	318,670	318,903
Carroll	1,531,288	1,551,917
Cecil	881,688	902,260
Charles	1,156,272	1,183,366
Dorchester	352,096	354,603
Frederick	2,124,337	2,177,350
Garrett	240,513	240,628
Harford	2,159,085	2,663,875
Howard	2,934,486	3,012,663
Kent	196,885	194,027
Montgomery	14,511,118	14,761,167
Prince George's	13,581,910	13,779,002
Queen Anne's	389,443	396,906
St. Mary's	793,943	807,534
Somerset	239,699	241,252
Talbot	392,484	383,031
Washington	1,367,041	1,384,887
Wicomico	921,266	955,434
Worcester	654,672	661,511
Baltimore City	<u>52,808</u>	<u>81,998</u>
Totals	\$62,429,383	\$63,885,133



Troopers from Golden Ring Barrack responded to a fatal industrial accident that occurred in December 2005 on the outer loop of I-695 prior to I-95.

Field Operations Bureau

The Field Operations Bureau is in charge of the 23 barracks throughout the State. Bureau responsibilities also include Aviation, Transportation Safety, and Special Operations Commands.

During National Public Safety Telecommunications Week in April, Police Communications Supervisor Dorothy Bennett of Hagerstown Barrack was selected as Telecommunication Supervisor of the Year for non-911 organizations. The Chapter that presented the award represents Maryland, Delaware, and Washington DC. TFC David Harper, also from Hagerstown Barrack, received the Maryland Law Enforcement Officers Inc. Merit Award for distinguished service; it was one of five awarded in the State in 2005 and the only one given to a trooper.

Western Command

Baltimore/Washington Metro Troop barracks are College Park and Forestville (Prince George's Co.), Golden Ring (Baltimore Co.), JFK Memorial Hwy. (Cecil Co.), Rockville (Montgomery Co.), and Waterloo (Howard Co.). Work at these barracks is primarily traffic orientated, and collectively they cover some of the busiest and most congested roads in the Nation. The counties contain 18.6% of the area in the State (1,831 square miles), but almost half (49.7% - 2,773,000) of the population. These figures do not include either Cecil or Harford counties, through which the JFK Barrack also patrols on I-95.

Golden Ring Barrack

Overall enforcement efforts improved across the board, and the following improvements were noted in 2005: DUI arrests up 36%, citations up 26%, warrant arrests up 47%, and criminal arrests up 32%. Personnel responded to more than 450 calls for service at the Charles Hickey Facility, and over 150 reported assaults resulted in arrests. Valuable assistance was received from the State Highway Administration on over 9,000 disabled vehicles that would otherwise have required the response of a trooper. The barrack continues to be the only law enforcement agency performing sobriety checkpoints in the county, and five were organized.

Barrack investigators worked on a well publicized hit and run investigation in which a construction worker was killed. The driver has since been indicted for manslaughter. Amongst the over 100 detailed criminal cases from 2005 were two involving assaults and handgun violations and one involving the impersonation of a police officer. Suspects were arrested in all these cases. Teamwork between the Department and the Virginia State Police led to the closure of eight stolen vehicle cases in Maryland with the identification of suspects who were stealing unattended vehicles off the interstates and selling them.

Waterloo Barrack

The in-depth analysis of vehicle collisions from 2004, coupled with selective enforcement, led to a 39% increase in traffic stops, an 81% increase in drug apprehensions, and a 70% crash charge rate in 2005. There were no fatal crashes in 2005, down from 11 deaths in 2004, and crash severity was also reduced.

On a traffic stop in May, the driver and passenger gave a trooper false names and were taken in to custody to confirm their identities. Further investigation revealed that the driver was wanted in Tennessee since 2002 on eight counts of child rape, and was extradited.

JFK Memorial Highway Barrack

Traffic safety and crime prevention through criminal interdiction continued to be a barrack priority in 2005. Just a portion of the significant seizures made by uniformed troopers resulted in the recovery of more than 15.5 pounds of cocaine, 2.9 pounds of heroin, 99.8 pounds of marijuana, 30 fluid ounces of methadone, 37 ecstasy pills, 5 vehicles, and \$1,847 cash. A comprehensive traffic enforcement plan and the lead in number of citations issued have led to a 33% reduction in fatal crashes, from 2004, and significantly improved safety on the highway.

The Criminal Investigation Section processed 36 currency seizures, reviewed 294 criminal investigation reports and hundreds of vehicle search reports, completed 134 administrative investigations, and handled 136 requests for videotape copies of in-car footage of traffic stops. Two of the sections noteworthy investigations occurred at one of the rest stops on I-95; one involved the theft of cash from a gas station, and in the other a female was sexually assaulted. Both investigations ended with arrests.

Rockville Barrack

Although much of the work is traffic orientated, the barrack achieved a 12% increase in CDS arrests, from 2004, and a 16% increase in warrant arrests. After a vehicle was stopped for speeding in May, a search revealed 11.3 ounces of marijuana, and the suspect was charged with possession with intent to distribute. A trooper responding to a fight call in October discovered 14.5 ounces of marijuana; that suspect's vehicle was seized, along with \$1,188 cash.

Troopers patrolling the extremely busy roads in the Capital area made more than 24,110 traffic stops, issued 25,990 citations and 1,577 safety equipment repair orders, and made 10,845 homeland security patrol checks. They also made 510 DUI arrests, a 29% increase over 2004. Some of these arrests came from the weekly DUI saturation patrols the barrack ran on Friday nights to decrease alcohol related collisions, and some from the six sobriety checkpoints the barrack worked with the Montgomery County Police Department.

Forestville Barrack

On every weekend in September 2005, troopers worked with the Prince George's County Police Department, providing high visibility in an attempt to deter aggressive driving and speed contests. Over 1,000 vehicles were stopped and 1,145 citations were issued, as well as 716 warnings and 363 safety equipment repair orders. There were 11 DUI arrests, 19 traffic arrests, 2 CDS arrests, 11 on view arrests, and 10 warrant

arrests. Trooper from the barrack led the State in traffic enforcement over the July 4th holiday weekend with 942 citations, 207 warnings, 26 DUI arrests, three criminal arrests, and served 12 warrants.

The investigation into a fatal hit and run collision in October used DNA to help determine that a passenger in the striking vehicle was in fact the driver, who was later apprehended and charged. Another collision investigation revealed an attempted carjacking and the recovery of guns and over \$3,300 cash off of a convicted felon.

College Park Barrack

Congestion remained a constant problem on I-95 and I-495, particularly during high commute times, and highway accidents continued to be a major concern to barrack personnel. Troopers investigated 11 fatal accidents last year, down one from the previous year. Although seat belt enforcement tripled last year, the lack of seat belt usage and driver error caused by excessive speed continued to be common patterns in these accidents.

Troopers handled 155 criminal investigations, made 46 CDS arrests, and seized numerous weapons, which resulted in forfeited vehicles and confiscated currency. There were almost 20,000 auto thefts in Prince George's County last year and barrack personnel increased their efforts in combating this problem by using lojack equipment, and working diligently with allied police departments and the Department's own Auto Theft Unit.

The barracks in **Western Troop** are Cumberland (Allegany Co.), Frederick (Frederick Co.), Hagerstown (Washington Co.), and McHenry (Garrett Co.). All of these barracks are full service, and patrol 22.4% of the area (2,203 square miles) but the population is around 8.4% of the State's total and growing. Many communities within these counties are expanding, and the draw of seasonal activities, particularly to the mountains, adds to the number of calls for service to which troopers must respond.

McHenry Barrack

Barrack personnel share full-service law enforcement duties with the Garrett County Sheriff's Office, which includes troopers and deputies working together in the Garrett Bureau of Investigation. In July and August, a series of business and residential burglaries were referred to the Bureau, and were later linked to a series of thefts from vehicles in State parks. A follow up investigation after the arrest of the two suspects connected them to 20 additional burglaries in Pennsylvania. The Drug Task Force, another joint effort, conducted two traffic interdiction operations in July that resulted in 42 arrests and the seizure of more than three pounds of marijuana.

Troopers at the barrack continued to display a strong commitment to traffic safety and enforcement. To this end, four sobriety checkpoints were conducted around Deep Creek Lake with the assistance of the Sheriff's office, Department of Natural Resources Police, and the State Highway Administration. Arrests for DUI increased 9% over 2004; however none of the three fatal collisions (down one) involved alcohol. Work for the Chief's Challenge Campaign produced 698 citations and warnings over the two month period. Traffic violations in and around marked crosswalks around the lake were targeted over three major holiday weekends, when there were very large influxes of

visitors, and were successful in preventing serious collisions between motorists and pedestrians.

Cumberland Barrack

Patrol troopers conducted 1,263 criminal investigations in 2005 which resulted in 716 arrests. Of these, 558 were serious crimes with 419 cases closed. Arrests of fugitives by the one trooper assigned to serve warrants resulted in 326 apprehensions. Route I-68 continued to be used as a drug trafficking corridor; troopers arrested 150 adults and 14 juveniles on CDS charges, seized 10 vehicles and over \$80,000. A vehicle stopped for speeding on W/B I-68 resulted in two arrests, the seizure of more than one pound of heroin. This assisted the Morgantown, West Virginia Task Force in an investigation of a heroin distribution ring operating in their area that had originated in New York.

One of the notable cases of the Allegany Combined Criminal Investigation Unit involved the apparent homicide of an elderly Cumberland resident. Within 12 hours of the initial response, the suspect had been arrested, the evidence secured, and a confession obtained. Other cases involved linking human skeletal remains with a missing person, arresting the suspects in robbery and recovering the money, and identifying and arresting suspects involved in burglaries and spray painting racist graffiti.

Hagerstown Barrack

Barrack personnel handled 23,369 calls for service and the 7,909 emergency (911) calls referred to them were a 5% increase from 2004. Accident investigations consume a great portion of the road troopers' time, and 986 were conducted and 851 accidents that did not require an accident report were also handled. The Children's Village of Washington County, a unique life safety education complex, was well supported by the troopers who participated as instructors. Troopers also joined other organizations within the county to provide an Easter egg hunt and lunch for underprivileged youths.

A task force investigating the thefts of ATM machines using stolen vehicles, apprehended several suspects in Virginia after conducting hundreds of hours of surveillance. In April, numerous complaints regarding rocks striking vehicles on I-81, including the responding trooper's marked vehicle, led to the identification and arrest of two suspects. Overall, there were 113 adult CDS arrests and 16 juvenile CDS arrests. On two separate traffic stops a subject was arrested for carrying one pound of marijuana, and another had approximately \$500,000 worth of dilaudid.

Frederick Barrack

Several large drug arrests were made by road troopers during 2005, including a husband and wife involved in a marijuana growing operation. Substantial property, vehicles, and buildings were seized. The Criminal Investigation Section had a very successful year, closing all four of its armed robbery investigations. Several burglary rings were also identified and suspects arrested, closing numerous burglaries within the county.

Over the year, troopers handled 2,929 accidents, issued 12,601 citations, 9,353 warnings, and 867 safety repair orders. They removed 316 impaired drivers from the

roadways, handled 1,222 criminal investigations, made 442 criminal arrests, served 389 warrants, and seized 34 guns. One of the barrack's more unique responsibilities involved assisting the Department of Homeland Security and the FBI with tactical support, by securing and detaining aircraft and pilots forced down at Frederick Airport. These cases involved flights through restricted airspace, the most notable of which caused the evacuation of the Capitol and surrounding buildings and received national attention.

MSP Statewide Traffic Arrest Summary 2005	
Violation	Citations
55 Speed	115,130
65 Speed	52,979
Other Speed	52,703
Right-of-Way	10,369
Suspended/Revoked License	12,135
DUI	8,956
Seat Belt	52,599
Child Restraint	1,278
Other	164,734

Eastern Command

The **Northern Troop** has barracks in Bel Air (Harford Co.), North East (Cecil Co.), and Westminster (Carroll Co.). These full service barracks patrol counties that cover 1,260 square miles (12.8% of the State) with a population around 8.9% (496,000) and growing.

Bel Air Barrack

Criminal Section personnel worked closely with the Sheriff's Office on a developing gang related crime problem. Crimes committed by gang members included homicides, shootings, robberies, burglaries and CDS offenses. After the nearly year long investigation, the gang leader was sentenced to a federal prison. Another criminal case started out with two suspects detained for check fraud, and led, after several search warrants and with the assistance of the U.S. Secret Service, to five individuals suspected of controlling 600 others involved to different degrees in the check fraud ring. Approximately 120 businesses, located in dozens of states, had been victimized involving 10 banking institutions; over 15 million dollars in fraudulent checks had been printed.

Barrack personnel arrested 391 DUI drivers, a 12% increase from 2004. There were 10 fatal accidents, a 25% increase, but only one of them was alcohol related. Failure of the occupant to be restrained was a factor in two of the deaths. Child safety seat checks were conducted 57 times at the barrack and a total of 147 were installed. A trooper certified as a technician provided the checks free, and taught parents the proper procedure for installation of safety seats.

North East Barrack

From July through September, investigations into a series of commercial burglaries and armed robberies determined that they were committed by the same suspect. Cash and merchandise worth almost \$20,000 was taken in the crimes. The suspect was charged and is now incarcerated and awaiting trial.

A 35% increase in burglaries in October caused the formation of a joint task force with the Department, the Cecil County Sheriff's Office, the state police from Pennsylvania and Delaware, and the Elkton Police. Through their collective efforts, several burglary crews were identified linking approximately 200 commercial and residential burglaries spanning 18 months. To date, seven suspects have been arrested and more are pending. Some of them have also been linked to thefts of automobiles and all-terrain vehicles.

Westminster Barrack

The Department is the primary law enforcement agency in the county and handled the vast majority of criminal and traffic issues. Road patrol troopers safely ended a vehicle pursuit that had lasted 25 minutes by using a rolling road block. The driver was charged with CDS and traffic violations. The active Explorer Post has assisted the barrack with numerous details such as the Maryland Wine Festival and sobriety checkpoints, and helped the Department's Firearms Enforcement Unit with underage ammunition purchases.

Troopers stopped a vehicle that the Pennsylvania State Police had pursued into Maryland, and were pinned down by rifle fire from the suspect. This well publicized case ended after a manhunt when the suspect took his own life. Investigators successfully closed cases of manslaughter, armed robbery, first degree murder, burglary, and theft. The Carroll County Advocacy and Investigations Center handled 325 investigations (including 133 of child sex abuse and 76 of physical abuse); 51 cases resulted in arrests.

Maryland's eastern shore is patrolled by the barracks of **Eastern Troop**. They are in Berlin (Worcester Co.), Centreville (Queen Anne's Co.), Easton (Talbot Co.), Princess Anne (Somerset Co.), and Salisbury (Wicomico Co.). Also patrolled are Dorchester, Caroline and Kent counties. Together they cover almost one-third of the State, and contain almost 6% of the population.

Salisbury Barrack

Troopers from the barrack had a very busy year as they made 434 DUI arrests, 262 CDS arrests (both up from 2004), and issued more than 17,700 traffic citations (1,244 over the Labor Day weekend). Barrack personnel also had an outstanding year

in criminal enforcement, seizing 33 handguns (an increase of 57% from 2004), serving 544 open warrants (32% increase), and responding to 23, 682 call for service (64% increase).

The Wicomico Bureau of Investigation, a partnership with the Department, the Sheriff's Office and the State's Attorney's Office, investigated a wide range of crimes. The most notable incident was a shooting spree, in which several people were killed, that started in Delaware and ended with the suspect's capture in Wicomico County. A large number of burglaries that started in July ended with the arrest of the suspect after a hit and run accident. Much property was recovered and returned to the owners; the suspect was charged with burglary and theft of over 20 residences.

Easton Barrack

Operations at the new barrack, which patrols Talbot, Caroline, and Dorchester counties, began on July 27, 2005. Throughout the year, barrack personnel conducted nine sobriety checkpoints, which led all barracks. One of them was held in conjunction with a NASCAR race in Delaware, and 1,387 vehicles were stopped. There were 10 DUI arrests and one arrest for assault. At every checkpoint, allied agencies participated, which improved working relationships in the tri-county area.

A theft/embezzlement scheme in Caroline County was discovered in January and it was determined that more than \$30,000 was missing or unaccounted for in the school bank account. The suspect was eventually charged and convicted, and agreed to pay restitution. Some other cases successfully investigated include a murder/suicide in February, assault with a handgun, rape and sex abuse of a minor, and accounting discrepancies at a Health Department.

Centreville Barrack

Over 150 criminal investigations were conducted or assisted with, including one homicide, 30 felony thefts, and 19 child abuse cases. The barrack experienced a marked increase in identity theft, credit card, and internet larcenies. Two cases involved thefts valued at more than \$50,000; one was for embezzlement of checks and the other was for theft of handmade guitars. A rash of more than 54 residential burglaries in Maryland and Delaware was brought to a close with the arrest of two suspects.

A two-day operation over the Memorial Day weekend to remove unsafe commercial vehicles and drivers from the road was a collaborative effort with the Department's Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division, the State Highway Administration and the Comptroller's Office. This venture resulted in 262 citations and 145 warnings for total revenue of more than \$50,000. Barrack participation in the Smooth Operator initiative, which encompassed 35 days of enforcement in identifying aggressive driving, was also a success. The totals included 2,024 citations, 1,128 warnings, 34 DUI arrests, and 21 CDS arrests.

Princess Anne Barrack

This barrack is one of the few barracks in the State to be the primary responding police agency in a county, it is also the only one that has full authority within its two municipalities. In May, a bar located in the middle of a residential area that was the

focus of much of the rising crime in the area, was the scene of a triple shooting. Troopers conducted a historical analysis of the effect of the bar on the community resulting in the bar's license to operate being suspended by the liquor board.

The Somerset Bureau of Investigation is staffed by troopers and sheriff's deputies, and overseen by the barrack Detective Sergeant. One of the more notable cases they handled involved the discovery of the badly beaten body of an unknown female. Within 12 hours the body had been identified, as had the identities of two persons last seen with the deceased, who later confessed. Investigators had to use their expertise to unravel the events leading up to a double stabbing. Another case involved a burglar who had broken in to a home, attacked the owner and in the course of a struggle was killed by the owner.

Berlin Barrack

Trooper completed 659 criminal investigation reports on a wide variety of crimes. A suspect was charged with child pornography after more than 5,000 images were discovered on a computer; approximately \$40,000 in rare coins were stolen and only some were recovered from the arrested suspect; a trooper was assaulted with a vehicle when responding to a shoplifting complaint; a suspect was arrested in connection with 15 burglaries; and on three separate traffic stops, the operator was arrested for distribution and possession of CDS when searches revealed 3.0 pounds, 5.2 pounds, and 9.7 pounds of marijuana.

Once again, the barrack successfully implemented Operation Pedestrian in Ocean City to reduce the number of fatal and serious injury traffic collision involving pedestrians. Other repeat events are the Hot Rod Show and Bike Week, both of which attracted many thousands of people. A coordinated law enforcement response from the Department and local agencies helped ensure these events experienced no major criminal or traffic incidents.

The **Southern Troop** barracks are in Annapolis and Glen Burnie (Anne Arundel Co.), La Plata (Charles Co.), Leonardtown (St. Mary's Co.), and Prince Frederick (Calvert Co.). The counties cover approximately 15% of the State's land, and hold about the same amount of the population. The nature of the land use varies greatly, from large agricultural areas to the urban State capital.

La Plata Barrack

Barrack personnel investigated 991 collisions in 2005, and 37% of the 26 fatal collisions were alcohol/drug related (less than the national average of 40%). Arrests for driving under the influence increased 32% (427 people). There were 19,996 calls for service, and troopers wrote 14,652 citations and 6,880 warnings.

Arrests for CDS violations alone increased 20% (132), criminal arrests increased 10% (434), and warrant arrests were up 115% (288). A CDS arrest also yielded a fully loaded M-16 assault rifle. An investigation into a fraud case was started at the end of the year, and has multiple victims in three states. The estimated thefts resulting from the fraud and identity theft are \$40,000.

Glen Burnie Barrack

During a Thanksgiving holiday traffic initiative for speed/aggressive driving and DUI enforcement, the barrack led the State in stops and citations. Troopers made 672 stops, issued 731 citations, 236 warnings, 52 safety equipment repair orders, and arrested 11 DUI offenders. There were significant increases in motor vehicle enforcement in 2005 – traffic citations 34%, DUI's 39.1%, accident investigations 13%, and safety equipment repair orders 77.3%. Juvenile apprehensions were up over 90%.

In late September, an investigation into a missing infant led to the issuance of an AMBER alert. The father's vehicle was eventually located with the unharmed child inside; the father was arrested for possession of heroin and drug paraphernalia. A murder suspect escaped from a hospital and was located at a motel and was re-arrested. In another investigation, two officers from the Department of Parole and Probation were assaulted while attempting to serve a retake warrant; the suspect was charged with assault and resisting arrest. A busy year was helped by the services of four volunteers, who donated over 2,900 hours of their time completing numerous tasks.

Annapolis Barrack

The barrack has primary responsibility for U.S. Route 50 and I-97, and approximately half of the barracks 56 CDS arrests occurred on these roads. In January and again in August, the barrack responded to the same areas to remove hate symbols that had been erected. A vehicle stopped in a parking lot for failing to display a front registration plate turned out to not only have a stolen tag, but also had cocaine, crack cocaine, marijuana, and pills in the trunk.

As a result of increased patrols on the major routes, there were only three fatal accidents investigated by the barrack in 2005. Troopers responded to a reported traffic accident in February that turned out to have been caused by the driver, who later died, having a stroke. The two sobriety checkpoints conducted yielded 11 arrests for DUI. Personnel worked with the Department's Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division and the Annapolis Police Department to conduct underage alcoholic beverage sales compliance checks. The two operations, conducted in June and December, resulted in 20 of 66 establishments receiving citations for violations.

Leonardtwn Barrack

The St. Mary's County Bureau of Criminal Investigation, a combined operation between the Department and the Sheriff's Office, conducted 802 criminal investigations and had a closure rate of 90%. One of their cases started with information received from a concerned citizen about a suspect in possession of numerous firearms and bomb making equipment. It ended with search warrants being executed in two counties, the discovery of a methamphetamine laboratory, and the suspect's federal indictment for terrorist acts. The investigation into a child pornography operation recovered explicit photos and homemade DVDs. An interview with the suspect led to a confession.

In the area of traffic enforcement, troopers demonstrated their commitment to the Department's mission statement by issuing 18,572 citations (16% increase), 9,869 warnings (8% increase), and 1,484 repair orders (2% increase). The increase in DUI

arrests to 446 (40% increase) were helped by grants received to fund saturation patrols and sobriety checkpoints.

Prince Frederick Barrack

By the time the Calvert Investigative Team, the Department's combined unit with the Sheriff's Office, finished its first full year of operation it had investigated 578 cases and closed 327. In February, the execution of four search and seizure warrants led to the arrest of two suspects and the seizure of drugs with a street value of over \$20,000. Weapons and a vehicle were also seized. In the same month, the suspect in a fatal shooting was arrested and charged. In mid-November, numerous store and vehicle windows were broken, and damage exceeded \$10,000. The investigation led to the arrest of the suspects and the recovery of marijuana, stolen street signs and counterfeit money.

A traffic stop in July led to the seizure of more than 5 ounces of crack cocaine and over \$3,800 in cash, the largest at the barrack in 2005. Traffic safety continued to be a priority in the smallest county, where State Highway Administration records revealed that approximately 35,000 vehicles leave and re-enter the county every day by four main roads. Barrack personnel made 325 DUI arrests and investigated 415 accidents. Fatal crashes were down 44% from a year ago. Together, troopers and deputies investigated nine collisions, in which 10 people died.

Aviation Command

The three categories of missions flown by the Aviation Command are search and rescue, law enforcement, and medevac. Search and rescue missions comprised about 5% of the calls for service in 2005, with 451 missions flown, including 10 actual hoist missions. Use of the Forward Looking Infra-red (FLIR) camera and Nightsun searchlight allows the aircraft to perform aerial searches for lost or missing children, vulnerable adults, overdue hunters, and boats in distress. The aircraft hoist and rescue basket are able to lift an injured person from the water or inaccessible areas of the state and transport them to a trauma center.

Law enforcement support accounted for approximately 20% of their missions, with 1,816 missions flown and 782 homeland security patrol checks conducted. These law enforcement missions ran the gamut from high speed chases to clearing rooftops during the search for criminal activity. They included support for MSP ground operations, criminal tracking and surveillance, location of stolen property, interstate prisoner extradition, photographic surveys for criminal and motor vehicle cases, intelligence gathering, and personnel and K-9 transports.

As the global focus on homeland security increased, the law enforcement mission of the Aviation Command increased dramatically. Terrorists with access to technology and firepower pose threats to civilian, military and law enforcement aviation assets. The Aviation Command has a close working relationship with the United States Secret Service and continues to provide support during increased security alerts in the National Capital Region. Occasionally, aircraft were requested to launch or divert in-flight to identify and track aircraft violating restricted airspace. Due to this relationship,

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the Aviation Command is part of the initial response plan should a large scale event occur in Washington, D. C.

In March of 2005, the 35th anniversary of medevac service occurred, and it continues to be recognized as a national role model and integral part of Maryland's emergency medical services system. The goal of the Department of State Police Aviation Command is to protect and improve the quality of life through the airborne delivery of emergency medical services to the citizens of Maryland and its neighbors 24 hours a day. Staffing does not end with pilots and flight paramedics. In order for the aircraft to fly, flight crews are supported by maintenance personnel, a training section, a safety section, and non-flying support and clerical employees. In 2005, 6,028 medevac missions were flown, which equates to 75% of all missions flown, and 5,265 patient transports occurred. As of December 31, 2005, more than 114,000 patients have been taken to various hospitals by the men and women of this world-renowned unit.

The Aviation Command continues to be one of the safest in the nation due to the expertise of its maintenance and risk management programs. This expertise was called upon in January 2005, when a commercial medevac from Virginia crashed in the Potomac River. Numerous construction cranes made it an incredibly hazardous area to fly in, but the two person crew safely negotiated the area, made multiple radio calls coordinating search operations, and after several low level sweeps found the downed helicopter and the sole survivor. When a rescue boat brought the survivor to shore, Trooper 2 then transported him to the hospital.



Special Operations Command

S.T.A.T.E. Team – The Special Tactical Assault Team Element provided support to barracks, division and allied agencies in 367 diverse assignments in 2005 that included: 117 high risk search and seizure arrest warrants, 178 training sessions, and 59 assists to other units or agencies for extraditions, manhunts etc.

Special Services Unit – Tactical Medical Unit provided medical support to over 208 high risk law enforcement missions, and hosted a one week tactical medicine course in conjunction with the United States Secret Service; the Special Events Coordinator/Tactical Platoon Liaison trains and deploys the tactical platoons (nine times) and the color guard (14 times).

K-9 Unit – The K-9 Unit hosted one CDS Detection School, one Explosives Detection School, and two Patrol Dog Schools; K-9 handlers responded to 3,300 K-9 calls and 6,727 non-K-9 related calls, and made 299 CDS apprehensions (54 more than 2004); there were 129 Bloodhound searches with 25 finds (increase of 29 and eight respectively); and CDS detection dogs were responsible for the seizure of \$1,271,833 in suspected drug currency.

PACE Team – The Pro-Active Criminal Enforcement Team generally patrols the entire 110 mile span of I-95, one of the primary drug courier routes. Since their inception in May 2003, the Team has obtained the following results:

	2003	2004	2005
Investigations/Arrests			
Criminal	133	98	195
# of above that were Fugitives	25	16	34
Drugs/Weapons Seized			
Marijuana	124.6 lbs.	182.6 lbs.	605 lbs.
Cocaine	38.2 lbs.	27.3 lbs	109 lbs.
Heroin	18.7 lbs	11.7 lbs.	31.2 lbs.
Ecstasy	86 pills	-0-	2,992 pills
Guns	8	4	12
Vehicles (FC =False compartments)	28 (13 FC)	22 (12 FC)	41 (16 FC)
U.S Currency Seized	\$1,378,370	\$1,166,056	\$1,063,719

Motorcycle Unit - The eight person unit is full service, and responsibilities include working to alleviate traffic congestion at incidents, assisting motorists, making homeland security site checks, and providing escorts. There were 1,056 special assignments in 2005, as well as 302 accident investigations and 957 disabled vehicles. Training was given in two two-week Motor Officer Certification Schools, and assistance was given for two Motor Officer Schools in New Jersey.



Recovery of the fuselage of the commercial medevac helicopter that crashed in the Potomac River in January 2005.

Members of the Department's Dive Team and the Natural Resources Police recover the body of the helicopter pilot.



Transportation Safety Command

Responsible by law for the State’s vehicle safety inspection program, the **Automotive Safety Enforcement Division (ASED)** has been moving forward with plans to automatically automate the inspection process. With the introduction of automated electronic safeguards, and the elimination of paper certificates, fraud will be substantially reduced. Plans to implement an electronic scheduling program to allow salvage inspections to be schedule over the internet has moved closer with the completion of a software program. ASED took over the salvage inspection program in 2003, and in 2005 10,343 salvage inspections were conducted, up 91% from the previous year.

Division responsibilities include supervision of the approximately 1,630 inspection stations in Maryland, and the 7,821 mechanics and supervisors that work at them. In 2005, 10,717 station checks were completed, and it was found that 91% of vehicles failed the initial safety inspection. Several major investigations successfully completed by ASED in 2005 involved mechanics at inspection stations issuing inspection certificates without inspecting the vehicle.

All Safety Equipment Repair Orders (SERO) issued statewide are submitted to the division for processing and disposition. Over 148,000 were received in 2005 from all participating police departments.

The **Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division (CVED)** ran several special enforcement initiatives throughout the year that focused on such issues as speeding, reducing accidents, bypassing scale houses, safety violations, aggressive driving, and parking on the interstates and ramps. Many vehicles and drivers were placed out-of-service, and citations and warnings issued. CVED continued to operate nine weigh and inspection facilities, supported by roving crews of troopers and civilian enforcement personnel (cadets and transportation inspectors). Following is the enforcement data from the Size, Weight and Load Program over the last five years:

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Total Vehicles Weighed - Static Scales	1,394,175	1,428,147	1,197,033	1,013,763	1,063,896
Weigh in Motion	127,217	72,205	1,036,973	1,003,795	1,672,765
Citations – All violations	54,744	60,753	66,077	58,847	63,580
Overweight	16,776	15,505	16,844	16,748	18,705
Seatbelt	4,304	3,905	4,688	3,364	3,697
Warnings	38,477	42,912	41,227	43,961	47,145
Roadside Inspections	67,025	73,387	72,446	75,512	75,712
Alcohol Violations	213	211	186	152	135
DUI	14	27	39	16	22
CDS Violations	51	47	37	20	61
Fines	\$7,943,987	\$9,635,877	\$9,991,158	\$8,542,248	\$8,550,430

Within the Motor Carrier Safety Program, the division has the responsibility of reporting statistics on commercial vehicle collision, especially those involving fatalities. During 2005, there were 59 post crash investigations completed, 22 of which involved fatalities. A review of all accidents indicated that the commercial vehicle operator was at fault 51% of the time, down from 60% in 2004. For fatal accidents, the percentage is 27 for 2005, down from 43 in 2004.

The Preventive Maintenance Program, which covers vehicles that weigh in excess of 10,000 pounds and used in a commercial enterprise, generated 1,312 audits. This is down from 2004 because of the shift to the more complex Compliance Reviews (130 in 2005 up from 69 in 2004), and the New Entrant Safety Audits (862 up from 430). A subprogram is the Inspection Repair and Maintenance Program. Part of the inspection process, 5,799 letters sent to affected companies elicited a 63.3% compliance rate.

As part of the CVED responsibility to train and recertify all motor carrier inspectors for the State, the Training Unit held 20 courses for 452 students/inspectors. Unit personnel also fulfilled their roles as associate instructors for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and provided instruction for six courses and more than 57 people in other states.

The Crash Team is part of Traffic Operations Section, which falls under **Transportation Safety Division**. These highly trained accident investigators identify, collect and analyze crash scene evidence to forensically map the sites. During 2005 they responded to 135 calls, of which 120 were fatal crashes. Forty involved manslaughter/homicide/driver intoxicated cases, and there were 19 commercial motor vehicle cases.

Responsibility for the safe and secure surface transportation throughout the State is with the Transportation Security Unit. It works in cooperation with many agencies such as the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security (both State and federal), the National Transportation Safety Board, and all police agencies in the metropolitan area. Some of the programs the unit is involved in are Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Seaport Initiative, and providing infrastructure protection around the Port of Baltimore and major railways.,

During 2005 the Chemical Test for Alcohol Unit, which manages the statewide Breath Alcohol Testing Program, held four basic breath test operator schools that provided training to 82 students. The required recertification training for all certified breath testing operators was presented to 566 students. A Preliminary Breath Test (PBT) Instructor Course was conducted for 15 students, and PBT Operator certification was issued to 78 law enforcement officers. PBT training was also provided to each of the MSP Academy classes. The unit is also responsible for oversight of the Department's Sobriety checkpoint Program (67 checkpoints were conducted), and the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing training, which provided training to 156 law enforcement personnel in 2005.

A Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) conducts an extensive evaluation on a suspected impaired driver, and all blood samples collected throughout the state are processed at CTAU. In 2005, 280 DRE blood specimens were processed. The Department has 20 DRE's and supervises 110 from allied agencies. Members of the

unit worked with the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) to coordinate and provide instruction in the first ever DRE school in Pennsylvania. They also worked with IACP and representatives from Delaware to conduct a joint training class that enables Delaware to join the ranks of those states with a DRE program.

Driving Under the Influence Arrests*

Below is a breakdown by age of the DUI arrests by all Maryland police agencies.

Number of Arrests

Age	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Less Than 16	18	25	16	13	7
16 – 17	338	372	350	345	323
18 – 20	2,117	2,142	2,093	2,101	1,879
21 & Older	20,797	21,158	21,538	22,596	21,935
Total	23,270	23,697	23,997	25,055	24,144

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

The breakdown for the Department of State Police during 2005:

Age	Number
Less than 16	1
16 - 17	102
18 - 20	746
21 & Older	8,107
Total	8,956 (37.1%)

Homeland Security & Investigation Bureau

The work of the Homeland Security & Investigation Bureau includes all of the intelligence duties and many of the investigative functions of the Department. This Bureau has an integral role with the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center.

Homeland Security Command

One of the many duties of the **Criminal Investigation Division** involved locating sex offenders who had failed to register as required by law. From the list supplied by the Sex Offender Registry, it was determined that 88 were in Maryland and had failed to register, and 90 were in state or federal prisons. In an operation over the Labor Day weekend, 81 of the 88 offenders were located. Units in this Command include the following:

Environmental Crimes Unit – Served 63 subpoenas and made 12 arrests for crimes such as water pollution, hazardous waste disposal, and wetlands violations; had a 100% conviction rate on court cases.

Insurance Fraud Unit - Made 13 arrests and served 41 subpoenas; one case involved the theft of more than \$80,000 from an elderly subject; had a 100% conviction rate on court cases.

Attorney General's CID Unit – Served 77 subpoenas and made 41 arrests for crimes such as Medicaid and tax fraud, embezzlement, bribery/public corruption, elderly abuse and mortgage fraud; had a 100% conviction rate in court cases.

Homicide Cold Case Unit - Obtained conviction of suspect in 1995 murder of woman in Somerset County through the use of DNA testing.

Homicide Unit – Cases with identified/convicted suspects included a police related shooting in Carroll County in which the suspect shot himself after killing a girlfriend, two homicide/manslaughters in Cecil County bars, and the shooting of a known drug dealer in Chestertown. Ongoing investigations include the murder and shooting spree that started in Delaware and ended in Wicomico County, and the murder of an inmate at the Department of Corrections Annex at Jessup. Every person tried for a homicide in 2005 where the unit was the lead investigative unit has been convicted.

Auto Theft Unit - Recovered 27 stolen vehicles with a value of over \$592,000; worked with the University of Maryland College Park Police on recovery of stolen vehicles led to a large scale vehicle theft organization.

Washington Area Vehicle Enforcement – Recovered 731 stolen vehicles and 39 carjacked vehicles worth over \$9,000,000, made 667 arrests, seized 31 firearms, and served 104 warrants.

Gun Enforcement Unit – Concentrated on individuals who illegally sell, possess and transport firearms; seized 335 firearms and did 59 criminal investigations including one on a Frederick County resident who illegally transferred over 180 regulated firearms.

Polygraph Unit – Conducted 1,101 polygraph examinations, including one relating to a fatal motor vehicle accident; also conducted 648 applicant type examinations.

Organized Crime Unit – Series of search warrants for illegal firearms, drugs and other contraband helped close down a Hells Angel chapter, and assisted the MVA in locating the source of counterfeit driver's licenses.

Regional Warrant Apprehension Task Force – Through a cooperative effort with Baltimore City PD, they located and arrested gang members responsible for firebombing a home, and arrested: subjects for 1st degree murder, witness intimidation, and an escaped murderer; also assisted the FBI with locating a suspect federally indicted for multiple bank robberies.

Extradition Unit – Extraditions are also done for the Parole Commission and the Department of Corrections, and the unit coordinated the return of 235 prisoners to Maryland.

Computer Crimes Unit – Examined and analyzed more than ½ terabyte of data relating to a sexual child abuse investigation; developed the means to forensically examine and analyze mobile telephones and personal computing devices, one of the few law enforcement agencies in the US to have this capability.

The focus of the **Homeland Security & Intelligence Division** (HSID) is on threats to public safety, gang activity and organized crime. The sections work together to collect, analyze, and disseminate criminal intelligence information across state, federal and local jurisdictional boundaries. In the Operations Section, an investigator assisted with the arrest of four suspects in the robbery of 33 ATM's in Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia. Other operations included investigations of threats against the Governor and other public officials, and of hate crimes. Analytical support was provided for approximately 140 drug related investigations in the Washington/Baltimore area. One case involved transport of marijuana and cocaine from the west coast to the Baltimore area. Several arrests were made, and marijuana, cocaine, handguns and a stolen vehicle were seized.

Personnel in the Analytical Section provide intelligence information to executive leaders for strategic planning and resource allocation initiatives, and strategic and tactical information to operational units and investigative elements. Particular attention has been paid recently to outlaw motorcycle gangs and unregistered sex offenders. The section produced and disseminated 102 intelligence reports, 83 intelligence bulletins, and initiated/investigated 44 Interpol cases.

The Maryland Delaware Joint Terrorism Task Force mission is to prevent, deter, and defeat a terrorism attack by focusing on prevention, the effective use of resources, and the proactive gathering of intelligence. As a result of recent investigations, subjects were convicted of making a biological hoax threat, misuse of laser pointers, and making a bomb threat.

The Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center was established as a model facility for the analysis and dissemination of information in the statewide support of law enforcement. It was recognized as one of the first fusion centers in the nation to have a coordinated effort between state, federal, and local entities. It was an important communications link for police during the London bombings and the threat against the Baltimore Tunnel.

A Special Projects Section coordinated the Secure Communications Security Manager Program. It has developed standard operating procedures for managing

secure communications and has provided designated individuals the means of communicating in a secure environment during emergencies.

Investigation Command

The **Drug Enforcement Division** was restructured in 2004 to consolidate all drug investigative assets, and included a shift in the strategies used for drug operations. This change was evident throughout 2005 when a greater emphasis was placed on targeting the infrastructure of drug trafficking organizations. Dismantling these groups was not limited to incarceration of the leaders; it included asset forfeiture, one of the most powerful tools available to law enforcement.

Asset Forfeiture - Recognized by Drug Enforcement Administration as seizing the highest value of assets for federal forfeiture in Baltimore-Washington area.

Marijuana Eradication - Identified 80 growing operation accounting for 1,953 plants.

Parcel Interdiction - Amount of marijuana, cocaine and methamphetamine seized increased 18% over last year.

Technical Surveillance – Used portable wiretap systems for the first time.

Money Laundering – Seized \$5.3 million in cash and a jet valued at \$3.5 million from one company.

Allegany County – Heroin distribution investigation in June led to arrest of suspect with approximately one ounce of heroin

Calvert County – Search of a residence in April yielded 8 ounces of cocaine, 84 ecstasy pills, and \$7,880 cash.

Caroline County – A package containing 4 ½ pounds of cocaine was intercepted in January and two suspects arrested.

Carroll County - Marijuana distribution investigation ended in October with the arrest of four people, and the seizure of 2.5 pounds of marijuana, 1 pound of psilocybin, 140 ecstasy pills, two handguns and \$7,015 in cash.

Cecil County – Operation to set up a methamphetamine manufacturing lab was discovered in May, and led to the arrest of two suspects from Tennessee.

Charles County – Investigation in October revealed packages from Panama contained 10 ounces of cocaine, and led to the arrest of three suspects.

Dorchester County – A suspect from Cambridge was arrested after 1.8 pounds of cocaine were seized from his home.

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Frederick County – Investigation targeting gang members led to the arrest of 29 suspects and the seizure of 3 pounds of cocaine, 7.5 pounds of marijuana, 250 ecstasy pills, and 5 ounces of PCP.

Garrett County – An operation in July led to 42 drug arrests and the seizure of 3.6 pounds of marijuana, 2.7 ounces of cocaine, 19 hits of LSD, 3.4 ounces of hash, 5 ounces of psilocybin, and \$1,947.

Harford County – Investigation concluded in September with the discovery of two methamphetamine labs, and the arrest of eight suspects.

Kent County – Investigation of drug dealers in Chestertown ended with the arrest of 23 suspects and the seizure of 10 grams of cocaine, two vehicles, and \$7,288.

Prince George's and Montgomery Counties – Parcel intercepted in February contained 17.6 pounds of cocaine, and after arrest of recipient further quantities (17.6 pounds and 35.2 pounds) were discovered at different locations.

Queen Anne's County – Investigation targeting two drug traffickers led to their arrest and the seizure of 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ ounces of crack cocaine, \$142,592, five motor vehicles, four firearms, and two residences.

St. Mary's County – August investigation led to the seizure of 4.8 ounces of cocaine \$20,000, digital scales, drug ledgers, and five motor vehicles.

Somerset County – Case in Crisfield concluded with four arrests and seizure of 6 ounces of marijuana, 4 ounces of cocaine, and a handgun.

Talbot County – Long-term investigation in Easton led to the indictment of eleven suspects for distribution of drugs.

Washington County – Arrests of four suspects selling cocaine in Maryland and West Virginia led to seizure of 1.8 ounces of cocaine, \$30,000, and two vehicles.

Wicomico County – Drug trafficking investigation in Fruitland yielded four arrests, 1.9 pounds of cocaine, 7.3 pounds of marijuana, .1 oz heroin, three handguns, two shotguns, two rifles, and \$3,705.

Worcester County – Seizure of 154 pounds of marijuana from a vehicle in November led to arrests and further seizure in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Following is a chart that shows the combined efforts of the division's many units, and the local, county and federal entities with whom they worked.

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County Task Force/Initiative	Cases	Debriefed Subjects	Search Warrants	Drug Arrests	Currency	Vehicles	Real Estate	Firearms	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	Methamphetamine	Marijuana
Allegany	313	34	42	227	96,409	30	1	13	3.1 oz	5.3 oz	3.3 oz	.1 oz	5.0 lb
Asset Forfeiture	241	2	31	0	200,467	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Baltimore	22	14	29	24	175,510	24	0	26	24.4 lb	1.0 oz	0	1.6 oz	61.6 lb
BWI Interdiction	4	0	4	2	18,000	0	0	0	0	0	2.0 lb	0	0
Calvert	149	89	27	128	25,434	9	0	6	1.1 lb	6.0 oz	.2 oz	.2 oz	1.6 lb
Caroline	116	209	34	65	12,805	3	0	2	5.9 lb	2.2 oz	.1 oz	0	7.8 oz
Carroll	163	26	58	115	50,339	4	2	7	1.6 oz	.6 oz	3.4 oz	0	10.6 lb
Cecil	157	23	31	62	106,489	7	0	12	6.8 lb	7.9 lb	.1 oz	.4 oz	2.3 lb
Charles	206	37	37	137	200,856	9	0	12	4.5 lb	1.6 lb	8.4 oz	.2 oz	45.0 lb
Dorchester	147	57	43	75	44,859	7	0	3	2.2 lb	1.3 lb	.3 oz	0	11.3 lb
Drug Money Laundering	2	0	0	5	5,813,976	5	1	0	3.1 lb	0	0	0	0
Frederick	264	84	51	104	129,811	8	1	26	3.0 lb	15.3 oz	1.0 oz	0	23.2 lb
Garrett	223	20	32	203	4,019	8	0	0	7.0 oz	2.3 oz	3.7 oz	0	7.6 lb
Harford	195	3	117	147	180,055	21	3	67	26.1 lb	13.8 oz	1.1 lb	0	113.4 lb
Kent	96	51	9	34	8,989	4	0	7	.1 oz	1.8 oz	0	0	.6 oz
Major Drug Traffickers	38	0	0	56	707,007	0	0	20	717.2 lb	5.3 oz	79.3 lb	0	289.6 lb
Parcel Interdiction	450	0	138	70	30,770	2	0	4	108.4 lb	.2 oz	0	6.6 lb	959.4 lb
PG/Montgomery	139	48	42	131	76,507	4	0	3	84.6 lb	4.7 oz	Trace	0	101.0 lb
Queen Anne's	134	75	38	65	173,615	12	0	22	1.8 oz	1.1 lb	.1 oz	0	1.0 lb
Somerset	122	6	35	80	4,882	2	0	17	1.5 oz	7.1 oz	.2 oz	0	5.5 lb
St. Mary's	287	124	89	165	72,657	12	0	30	1.3 lb	13.0 oz	0	0	3.5 lb
Talbot	121	24	21	45	10,676	5	0	1	1.3 oz	1.9 oz	.8 oz	0	11.7 oz
Violent Traffickers	40	0	0	64	913,588	0	1	33	41.8 lb	6.7 lb	6.3 lb	6.4 oz	309.2 lb
Washington	35	72	25	38	354,666	5	1	8	6.8 lb	1.2 lb	0	.4 oz	154.0 lb
Wicomico	187	155	72	110	63,099	13	0	29	5.4 lb	2.8 lb	2.6 oz	0	62.3 lb
Worcester	186	52	74	130	77,662	8	0	13	3.4 lb	9.0 oz	0	0	207.1 lb
2005 Totals	4,047	1,205	1,086	2,312	9,567,488	209	20	367	1,047.0 lb	28.2 lb	90.2 lb	7.2 lb	2,375.5 lb
2004 Totals	3,836	664	1,104	1,500	7,285,789	207	3	389	217.5 lb	13.7 lb	36.2 lb	1.2 oz	1,261.9 lb

The most noteworthy accomplishment by the **Forensic Sciences Division** was the re-accreditation of its laboratory system. This included the accreditation of a Crime Scene Unit with multiple site locations, something that has not been done before anywhere in the country.

Operational Services Branch

- Crime Scene Unit – Technicians, who are on call 24 hours a day year round, handled 1,633 cases (1,124 for the Department and 417 for allied agencies), which included 71 homicides, 458 burglaries, 274 thefts, 107 assaults, and 39 sexual assaults. Noteworthy cases included the collection and documentation of evidence from multiple sites from a fatal shooting spree that began in Delaware, and two cases of police involved shootings. Instruction was also provided at the Department's Academy and for in-service programs, at seminars hosted by allied agencies, and for the two Crime Scene Search Teams managed by the unit.
- Evidence Collector's Unit – Had 8,579 cases of CDS submitted for analysis and 4,072 cases submitted for destruction.
- Photography Unit – Processed 3,729 rolls of color film and made 65,573 prints, 1,866 rolls of black & white film and made 783 prints; produced 504 BI discs, and attended 37 photo shoots. Unit members are also part of the Disaster Identification and Mass Arrest Teams.
- Support Staff – Processed working fund expenditures, invoices, ID cards, work and leave reports; maintained service agreement contracts; logged training requests, court summons; ordered laboratory supplies; and assisted with finalizing of new laboratory construction plans.

Scientific Analysis Branch

- Chemistry Unit - Pikesville laboratory has 8,596 cases submitted, including one in which chocolates were made with hallucinogenic mushrooms; Berlin had 3,705 cases submitted, and Hagerstown 2,028.
- Toxicology Unit - Examined 795 of 800 cases submitted, it is the only laboratory in the State approved to analyze blood samples for alcohol in cases related to DUI arrests.
- Trace Evidence Unit - Reopened in January 2005, backlog went down from 382 cases at the beginning of the year to 82 cases.
- Latent Print Unit - Had 2,257 cases submitted, identified 313 different people, processed 113 shoeprint/tire trace submissions, and compared 43,470 prints from a known source to an unknown source. Some of the noteworthy cases included the positive identification of suspects in homicides from prints from a door handle and a letter, and the identification of two suspects, in different counties, both responsible for multiple burglaries.
- Firearms/Toolmarks/IBIS Unit - 889 of the 941 cases submitted to the Firearms/Toolmarks Section were examined, there were 611 NIBIN system entries with nine associations to other cases, and 42 firearms were examined for the Handgun Roster Board; one of the cases involved technical information about a weapon leading back to the suspect in a homicide. The IBIS Section processed all 11,594 of the dealer casings submitted.

- Biology Unit – Composed of Serology, DNA Casework and DNA Database sub-units, the majority of evidence is from sexual assault and homicide cases; more than 10,000 convicted offender DNA samples were collected.

Records Command

The current operating procedures for the administrative processing phase of each section (Accident Reporting, Incident Reporting, and Field Liaison) in **Central Records Division** are fully dependant upon manual data entry. Noteworthy issues from 2005 include:

- Publishing the 2004 Crimes in Maryland Uniform Crime Report four months ahead of schedule,
- Processing more than 37,000 requests for documents held in the repository,
- Entering more than 109,000 accident reports,
- Conducting five three-day classes of Uniform Crime Reporting procedures for 98 students from 28 agencies,
- Reviewing and verifying approximately 300,000 citations listed as missing by the Motor Vehicle Administration,
- Recalling (at the direction of Maryland District Court and the Motor Vehicle Administration) and destroying more than 4,342 Uniform Complaint and Citations books received from the barracks,
- Making 1,238 contacts with 155 police agencies to resolve over 835 discrepancies found in monthly UCR submissions.

Traffic Fatalities*						
Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005**
Number	617	662	661	651	643	613

Source: *Maryland Automated Accident Reporting System (MAARS)
** Total as of April 6, 2006

In the Firearms Registration Section, part of **Licensing Division**, applications to purchase regulated firearms and final sales both increased by more than 1,900 while disapproved or incomplete sales decreased. Section personnel also conducted five regulated firearms dealers’ seminars, worked with a new database that was created to track audits of regulated firearms dealers and identify dealers requiring corrective actions, and were 100% compliant with FBI and Public Safety audits that focused on criminal background checks and retention policies.

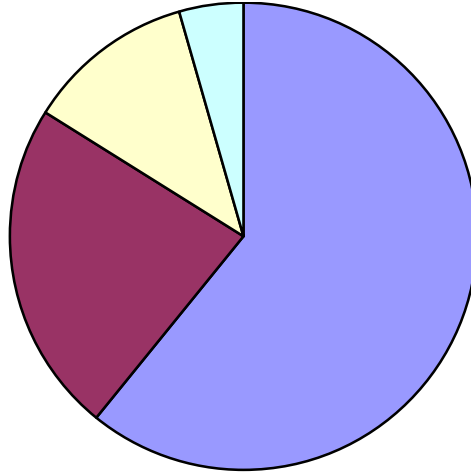
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The sub-sections in Licensing Services Section processed:

- 4,568 handgun permit applications and renewals, testified at 17 Handgun Permit Review Board hearings, and issued 537 certifications as part of the federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act.
- 7,911 security guard certification and renewals (up 333 from 2004).
- 363 private detective certifications (up 33 from 2004).
- 93 security systems agency licenses/renewals, and 938 technician registrations.
- 391 special police applications/renewals, 12 railroad police applications.
- 66 new applications for K-9 registration.

Fines collected as a result of regulatory audits by the Security Guards and Private Detectives Section totaled nearly \$45,000.

Sworn Personnel 2005 Percent Distribution



Field Operations Bureau*	- 60.9%
Investigative/Special Enforcement/Protection	- 23.0%
Technical/Training	- 11.7%
Administrative	- 4.4%

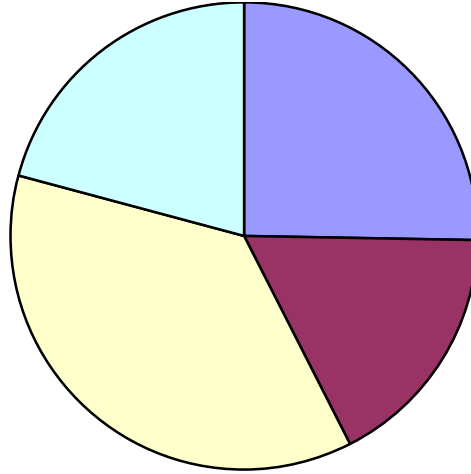
Year	2001**	2002**	2003**	2004***	2005**
Authorized Strength	1627	1623	1624	1593	1591
Actual Strength	1549	1607	1550	1529	1516
Functional Groupings					
Field Operations Bureau*	959	972	981	904	924
Investigative/Special Enforcement/Protection	349	374	374	344	348
Technical/Training	161	190	138	217	178
Administrative	80	71	57	64	66

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

** July

*** December 29, 2004

Civilian Personnel 2005 Percent Distribution



Field Operations Bureau	- 25.2%
Investigative/Special Enforcement/Protection	- 17.4%
Technical/Training	- 36.7%
Administrative	- 20.7%

Year	2005*
Authorized Strength	798
Actual Strength	723
Functional Groupings	
Field Operations Bureau	182
Investigative/Special Enforcement/Protection	126
Technical/Training	265
Administrative	150

* July

Support Services Bureau

The Support Services Bureau coordinates the Department's human resources needs and the services that support and supply them. The support areas include: communications, information technology, personnel services, training, promotion testing, and prosecution.

Logistics Command

The Communications Services Section, part of the **Electronic Systems Division**, handled approximately 500 service calls, one of which included voice over internet protocol (VOIP) telephones that connect the new Forensic Sciences Laboratory to the MSP Headquarters and the new Baltimore County precinct. Another VOIP application connected Headquarters to the Eastern Shore, thereby providing free four digit dialing. Other projects included replacing Aviation Commands outdated telephone system (resulting in an annual savings of \$75,000) and installing six voice mail applications so that all field installations now have voice mail.

In the Electronic Services Section, a member of the State Communication Infrastructure System that maintains the statewide microwave and fiber optic systems, technicians used 27,020 hours performing 14,112 distinct jobs – an 8% increase over 2004. Other large projects the section worked on in 2005 include the Enhanced Patrol Vehicle (new low band radios, high band repeaters and RADAR systems in 346 patrol vehicles) and Maryland Incident Management Interoperable Communication System (MIMICS) which provides interoperable communications between State, federal, and local agencies.

The MILES/NCIC Section ensures the security, accuracy, quality, and timeliness of information submitted to the National Crime Information Center (NCIC). In 2005 the section maintained 250 user agreements, managed 6,603 Originating Agency identifiers and 921 Logon ID's, and managed the validation of 159,214 records.

A major project for the **Facilities Management Division** included conversion of the former Police Academy, in Pikesville, into usable office space. Dormitory rooms and classrooms have been altered, allowing the State Fire Marshal's executive offices to move out of leased space. This has resulted in an annual savings of \$82,121 in lease payments. The initial phase in converting the former cafeteria has also been completed. The division processed over 3,500 work requests and 557 requests from various satellite operations.

The **Information Technology Division** is comprised of the Technology Management and Technology Services Sections. Together, some of their key accomplishments in 2005 were:

- Procured new network and file servers and computers to update the 23 barracks.
- Implemented a web-based on-line data solution for collecting statistics and personnel management information. (Over 500,000 statistical records have been collected.)

- Redesigned the Department's web site to conform to the standardized layout and be more customer oriented.
- Added a training page (to allow for on-line registration) and a forms page (to access electronic copies) to the web site.
- Instituted an on-line Amber Alert notification for subscribers via email or cell phone.
- Outfitted 346 vehicles with Mobile Data Computer platforms.
- Worked with the Capital Wireless Integration Network (CapWIN) to provide troopers access databases to check for open warrants, missing persons, and motor vehicle records (approximately 68,000 queries in 2005).

During 2005, the **Motor Vehicle Division** placed 222 new vehicles in service (78 less than in 2004), and disposed of equal amount through auction. The division also maintained all records associated with agency vehicle collisions, of which there were 430. Working in a cooperative effort with the Information Technology and Electronic Services Divisions, LED emergency lighting was installed in the 346 Enhanced Patrol Vehicles.

Division employees issued 13,700 work orders for the repair and maintenance of the Department's 1,850 vehicles averages out to each vehicle having been services seven times. The percentage of fleet vehicles whose mileage exceeds 100,000 has risen to 53, up from 51% in 2004 and 45% in 2003.

All business transactions performed by the **Quartermaster Division** are in accordance with State law and the procedures established by the Departments of Budget & Management, General Services, and State Police. During 2005, division personnel processed 4,700 purchase orders (\$31,265,052), made 965 State corporate credit card purchases (\$294,963), and spent \$656,970 in Capital funding to furnish Easton Barrack and the Forensic Sciences Laboratory.

The division manages the Surplus Military Property Program, in which 108 Maryland law enforcement agencies participate. Together, they received property valued at \$979,373 in 2005. Items included were military weapons, Hum Vee military vehicles, a helicopter, and armored personnel carriers.

Part of this division, the Department Property Unit processed 19,704 property records in 2005, and made final disposition on 991 records. The unit also held a public auction of unclaimed property for a net profit of \$30,155, processed 80 motor vehicles for storage pending forfeiture proceedings, and executed three destructions of contraband firearms.

The Department Armorer is assigned to the division. In 2005, procedures were developed to ensure that duty ammunition meets F.B.I. protocols, performed testing of body armor, and assisted the Police Academy Division in training 150 troopers.

Personnel Command

The **Human Resources Division** completed its restructuring in 2005, which helped ensure a successful year. Trooper recruiters in the Employment Services Section conducted 38 applicant orientations across the State, which generated 1,203 potential applicants for screening. From this, three Police Academy classes of 35 or

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more Trooper Candidates were seated, and 24 cadets were hired. Presentations about the Department's recruitment and selection process were given during the 8th Annual State Police/Highway Patrol Hiring and Promotion Summit in San Antonio, Texas, and to the Loudon County Sheriff's Office in Virginia. The Trooper Recruiter and Mentor Programs help reach more prospective trooper applicants, and assist those applicants through the process and academy.

Other staff in the section conducted 81 employee recruitments and hired 50 new civilian employees. There were also 125 reclassification/classification studies and 73 acting capacity pay requests processed in 2005. A total of 613 background investigation packets for trooper applicants were tracked, and 24 out of state background investigations and nine civilian investigations were completed.

	Sworn	Civilian
Number of Service Retirements	72	18
Number if Disability Retirements	48	8
Number of Deceased Personnel	1	2
Number of Resignations	44	39
Number Transferred to other State Agency	0	6
Number Terminated	3	4

In the Personnel Administration Section, employees:

- Completed 812 performance evaluations (PEPs).
- Transacted 1,325 personnel orders.
- Processed 72 sworn retirements, 20 civilian retirements and 55 medical retirements.
- Administered 1,481 hearing tests, 89 stress tests, 514 random drug tests, 759 injections, 310 physical examinations, 19 flight physicals, managed four blood drives, 225 sick call and office visits, and issued 828 restricted duty orders.

Started in April 2005, the Risk Management Program is also part of this section. The Program has overseen an improvement in the speed of reporting of work-related injuries, inspected 62 buildings/garages/installations for hazard identification and abatement, and conducted air sampling to determine the necessity of asbestos training and monitoring.

The 2005 In-Service Program crafted by **Training Division** personnel consisted of five days instead of the past standard of two. Included for the first time was the day fire training, which ensured the training was standardized and systematic, and also further reduced the strain on barrack resources. The 32 hours of accredited training received exceeded the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commission (MPCTC) minimum standard of 18 hours. Registration for the Program was improved by use of the Department's On-line Data Management System.

Division personnel continued with on-going programs such as the First

Responder Program, Field Training Trooper Program, Trooper Applicant Fitness Testing, and specialized training courses such as Firearms Instructor School, First Line Supervisor's School, and RADAR and LIDAR. They also assisted the Police Academy Division with Firearms, Diversity, Standardized Field Sobriety Training, Defensive Tactics, and Officer Survival Training.

The **Police Academy Division's** role and mission is to train and certify Trooper Candidates who will perform road patrol duties upon graduation. This entry level training takes place over a 27 week period where the high level of discipline implanted in the Trooper Candidates enables them to meet all the objectives set forth by the MPCTC. During 2005, 153 candidates received training in the four classes held throughout the year. In addition to all their training, the trainees still managed to participate in such charitable work as the Polar Bear Plunge for Special Olympics, the Howard County 5K Police Pace for victims of Hurricane Katrina, and the sponsorship of a Red Cross blood drive.

The **Promotional Testing Division** devoted most of the year to the preparation and administration of the 2005 promotional process. Subject matter experts holding the rank of Captain and Major assisted the division with the development and review of the written examinations and oral interview board questions. The following chart shows the total number of promotions for each rank compared to the total number of candidates who successfully completed all phases of the 2005 Promotional Process.

Rank	Total Promotions	Total Candidates	Rate of Promotion
Corporal	87	126	69%
Sergeant	91	154	59%
First/Detective Sergeant	38	88	43%
Lieutenant	13	47	28%
Captain	2	20	10%
All Tested Ranks	231	435	53%

The primary responsibility of the **Administrative Hearing Section** is the administration of the sworn disciplinary process involving sustained allegations of trooper misconduct. In 2005, 22 cases were processed for the Department and 11 for allied agencies. Additionally, the section adjudicated 15 civilian sworn/civilian grievances, and 55 cases for licensing Division and the Automotive Safety Enforcement Division (ASED).

In 2005 the **Department Prosecutor Section** was assigned 23 sworn disciplinary cases to prosecute, three of which originated from allied police agencies. The section also represented ASED in 49 cases and the Licensing Division in nine cases before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH). Departmental representation was also provided in four grievances that were appealed to OAH.

Office of the State Fire Marshal

The science of fire investigation and the criminal prosecution of arson remains the hallmark of the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM). During 2005, the investigation of the Hunter's Brook development fire in Charles County moved into the prosecution phase, and three of five defendants were found guilty in Federal Court. Two additional defendants await prosecution in 2006. The work of Deputy State Fire Marshals (DSFM) was hailed by prosecutors as key in helping bring to a close the investigation of Maryland's largest incident of residential arson. Additionally, as an integral part of the Washington Area Serial Arsonist Task Force, their work helped close by arrest a case that held many citizens in fear in the National Capitol region.

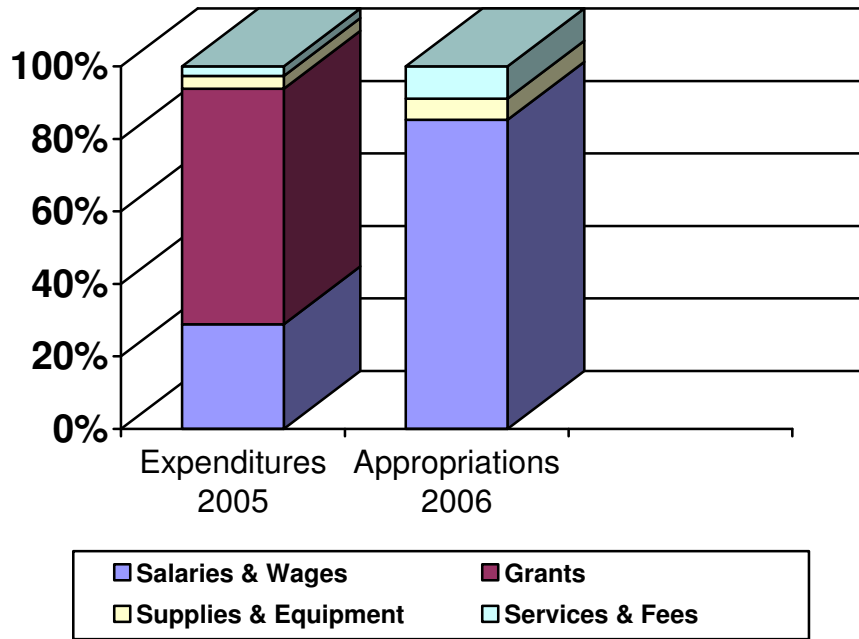
In fact, DSFM achieved a felony case closure by arrest rate of 31% in 2005, nearly twice the national average. Along with Fire Safety Inspectors, the DSFM also conducted nearly 14,000 building inspections, while engineers reviewed over 2,300 building plans. There has been a nearly 20% reduction in the number of fire fatalities across Maryland from 2004. The OSFM has provided technical assistance and expert testimony on locally based residential fire sprinkler initiatives in new construction.

Three new state-of-the-art Bomb Squad robots were received in 2005, which should increase response and operational efficiency. The squad, which stands as a national model of team performance, training, effectiveness, and safety, also acquired personal protective equipment, technology, and vehicle upgrades. One of the OSFM Bomb Squad cases involved the investigation and mitigation of an incident involving triacetone triperoxide (TATP), which is deemed by many terrorists internationally to be the explosive of choice. The incident culminated with the successful prosecution of the suspect.



A state-of-the-art robot and an accelerant detecting K-9 are just two examples of the broad range of technological and investigative tools the OSFM uses to help protect the lives and property of Marylanders from fires and explosions.

Fiscal Data - OSFM



	Objects(s)	Expenditures FY2005	Appropriations FY2006
Salaries & Wages (includes benefits)	01	4,448,597	5,224,044
Grants (Senator William H. Amoss Fund – entirely pass through funding)	12	10,000,000	0*
Supplies & Equipment (includes Motor Vehicle Operation & Maintenance< Supplies & Materials, Equipment – Replacement, Equipment – Additional)	07, 09 10, 11	540,028	355,987
Services & Fees (includes Technical & Special Fees, Communication, Travel, Fuel & Utilities, Contractual Services, Fixed Charges)	02,03,04 06,08,13	408,578	544,092
Totals		\$15,397,203	\$6,124,123

* The Amoss Fund was transferred to the Maryland Emergency Management Agency in FY 2006.

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Deputy State Fire Marshals Enjoy a close working relationship with allied agencies, both local and federal.



Photos of a home in Southern Maryland upon arrival of the fire department and after extinguishment of the fire illustrate the investigative challenges facing Deputy State fire Marshals.



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Mission

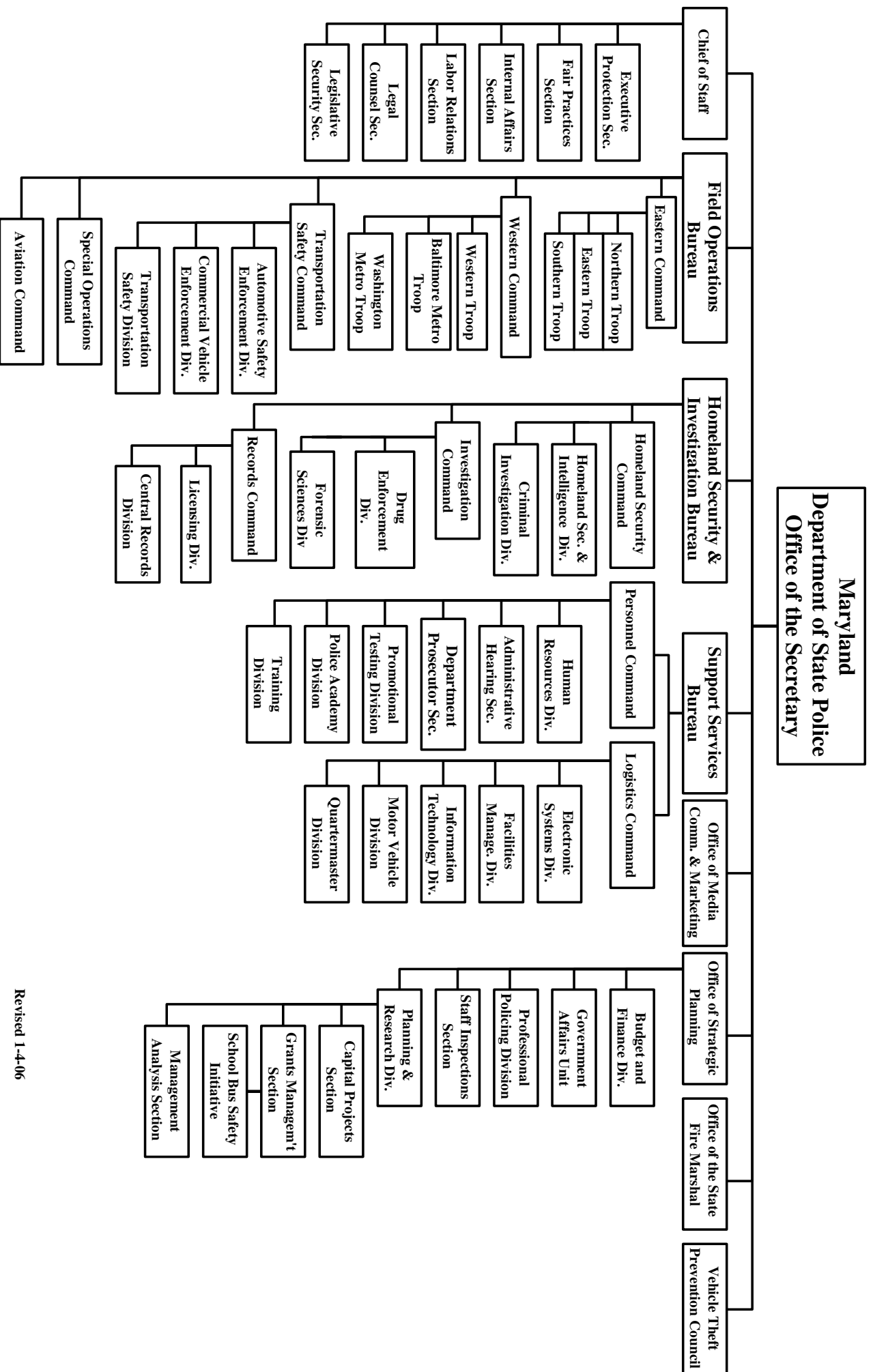
The Mission of the Maryland State Police is to protect the citizens of the State of Maryland from foreign and domestic security threats, to fight crime, and to promote roadway safety by upholding the laws of the State of Maryland. This will be accomplished through aggressive patrol, investigation, intelligence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

Goals

- Goal 1 Enforce the motor vehicle transportation laws of Maryland and work toward compliance of those laws.
- Goal 2 Manage traffic incidents to reduce or minimize, to the maximum extent possible, disruptions in traffic flow.
- Goal 3 Enforce the criminal laws of Maryland in conformance with jurisdictional agreements, with special emphasis on intrastate and interstate crimes.
- Goal 4 Conduct homeland security operations.
- Goal 5 Provide support to the MSP and local law enforcement agencies as required to meet the mission of the MSP.

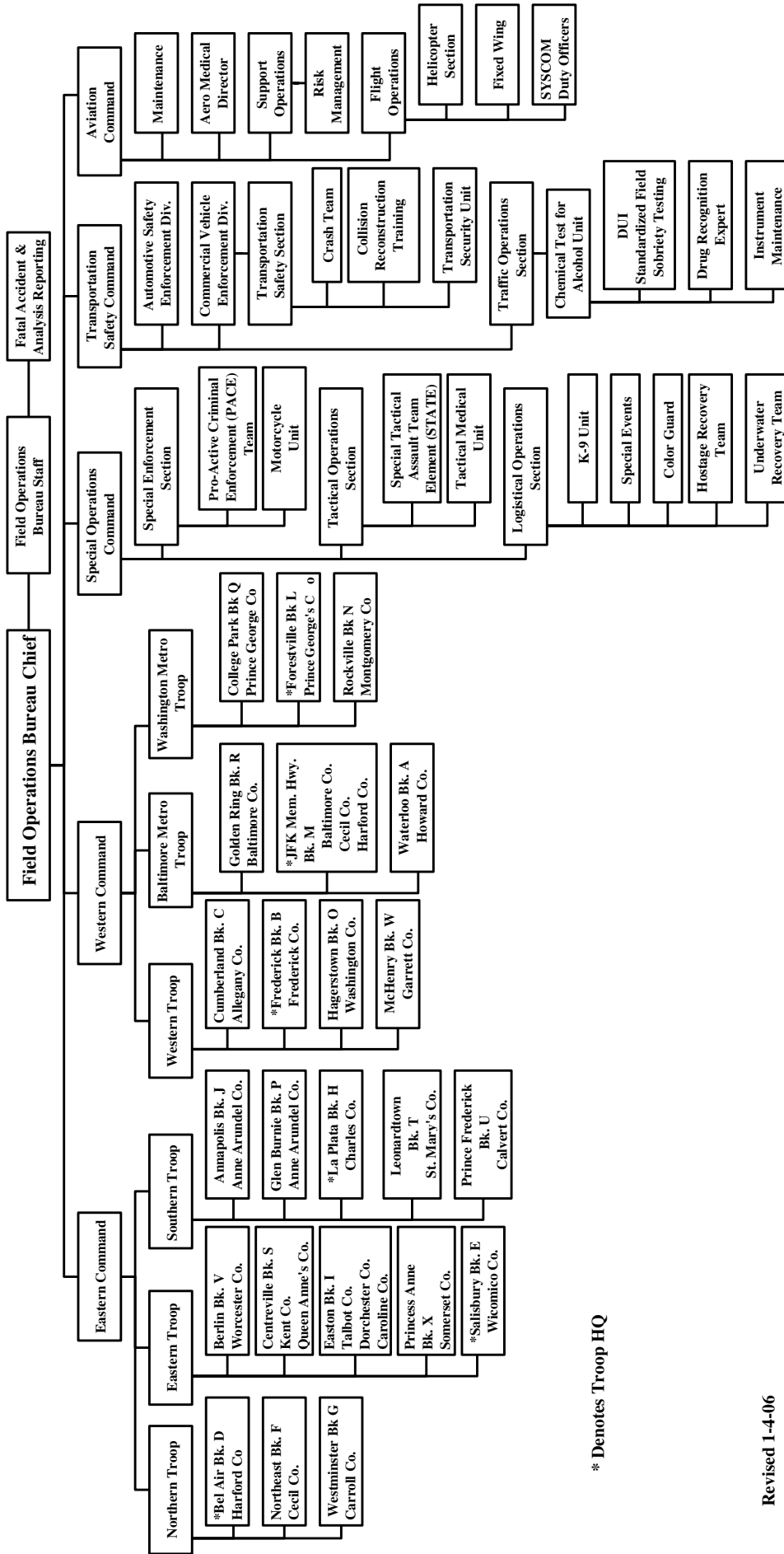
Vision

We will be the model of a responsive, coordinated, composite statewide police department; independent yet supportive of allied law enforcement agencies. We are committed to the utmost professionalism in delivering all-encompassing police services focused on traffic safety, homeland security, crime reduction and criminal apprehension. We continually strive to develop the skills of our members and to efficiently and effectively manage our resources as we carry out our public responsibilities.



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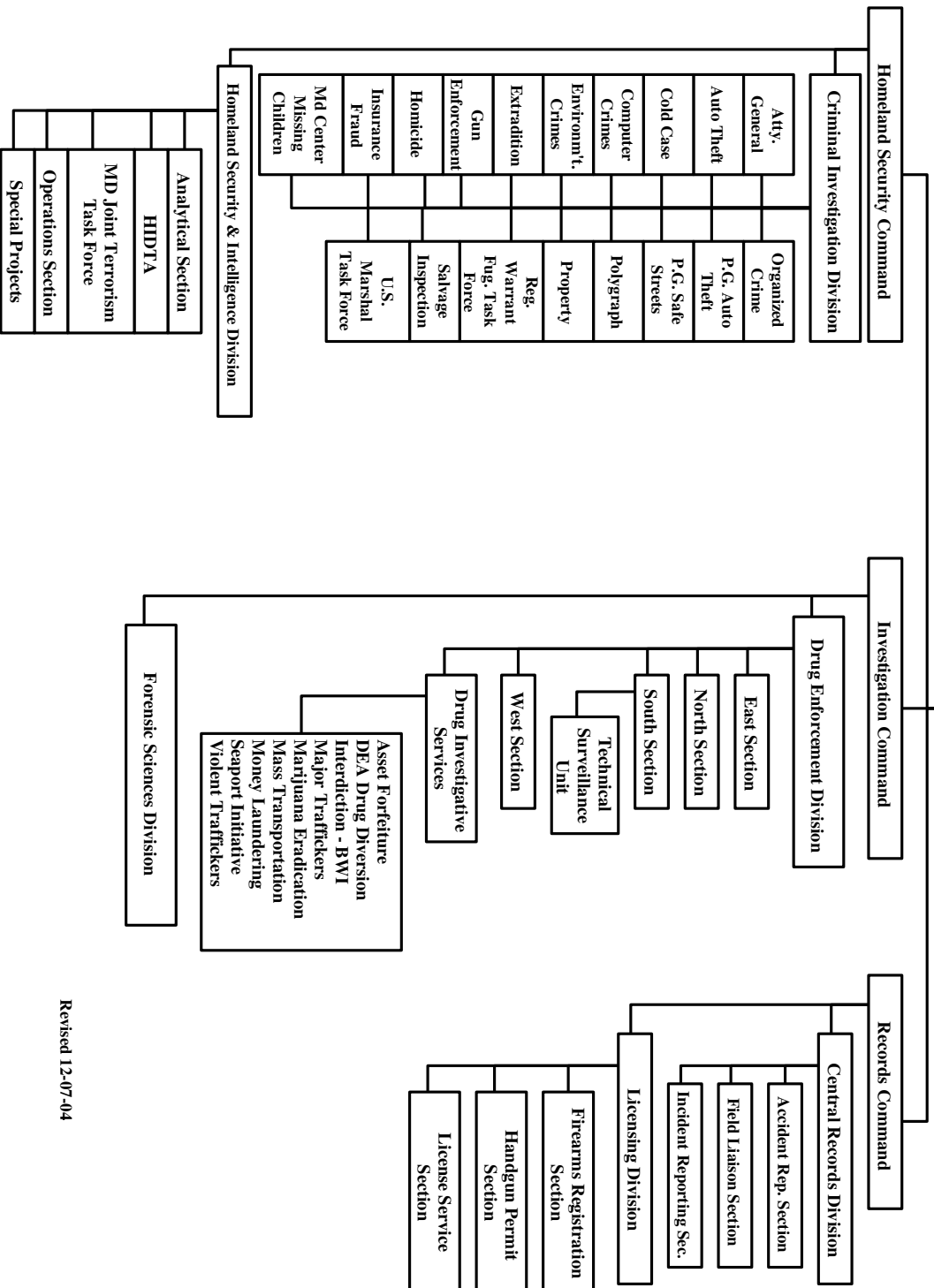


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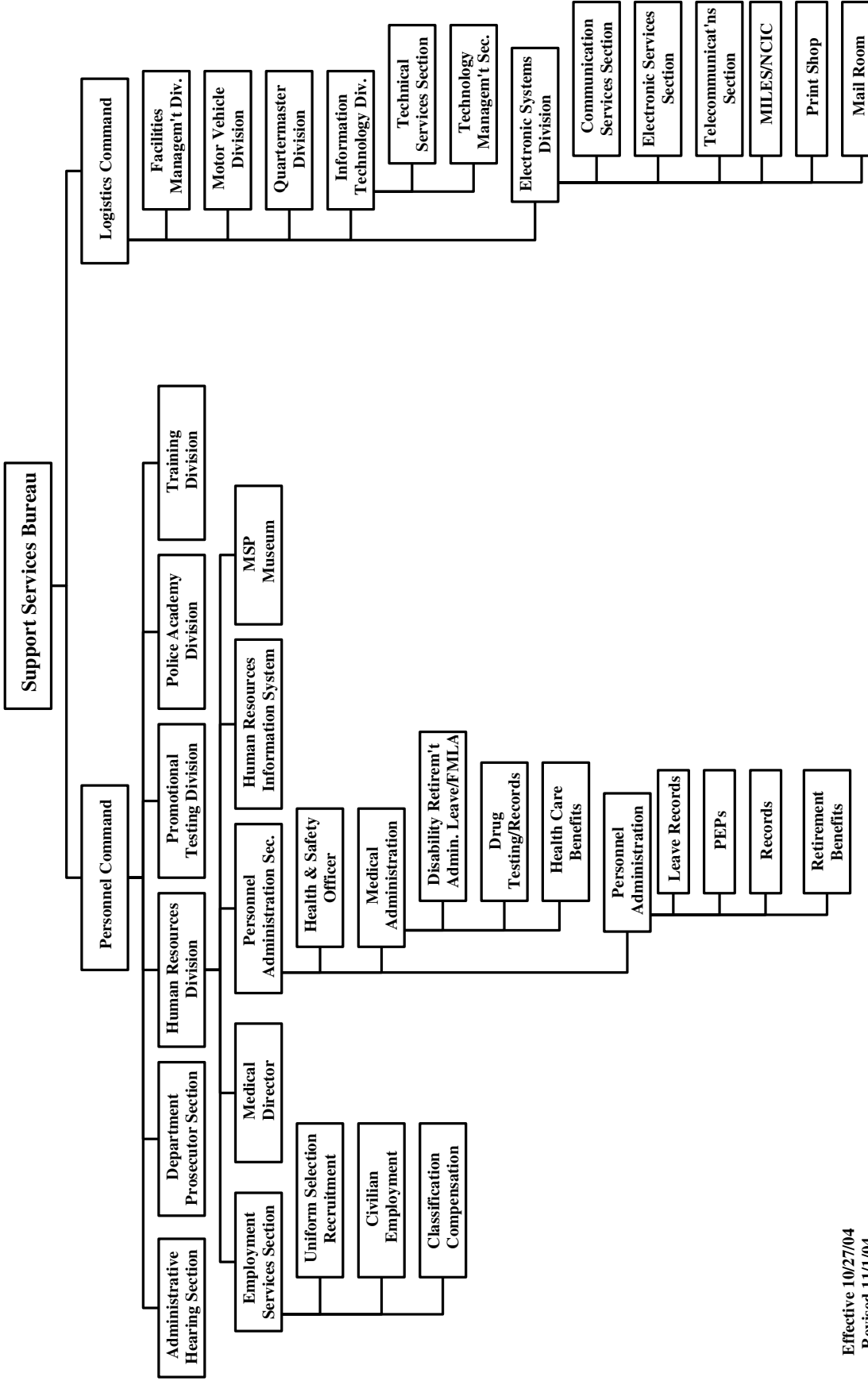
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