

State of Maryland
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2006 Annual Report



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Dear Governor O'Malley:

It is with great pride I present to you the Department of State Police 2006 Annual Report. The report details statistically, and through examples, the many ways the Department worked to serve and protect the people of Maryland.

The women and men of the Department are always striving to improve public safety in Maryland. Additionally, our commitment to providing safe neighborhoods for families to enjoy is unrelenting. For example, the combined efforts of troopers working on patrols throughout the State, and in multi-jurisdictional task forces, resulted in the recovery of more than \$25 million in illegal drugs and drug money in 2006.

Our mission is to provide the highest quality of law enforcement services for the people who live, work, or visit in the State of Maryland. In 2006 we continued to build on the traditions of selfless public service and pursuit of excellence that the Department of State Police has been identified with for more than 70 years. We look forward to the challenges and opportunities in the years ahead with that same spirit of service and dedication to duty.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Hutchins
Secretary

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Executive Summary

Troopers are a familiar sight on the roads and within the towns, counties, and airspace of Maryland. Perhaps these first responders are doing everyday things like assisting stranded motorists or catching traffic violators, or they might be serving warrants, responding to a call for assistance, arresting intoxicated drivers or flying a rescue mission. All of the activities have a potential for personal danger; cars whizzing past a traffic stop may veer too closely and hit someone, or a team well prepared to arrest a suspected criminal may still be surprised when a gun is pulled out and shots are fired. All women and men in law enforcement face such hazards when doing their jobs, and they are to be saluted for stepping forward to fulfill such a vital role in society.

After six years of planning and construction, the Forensic Sciences Division (FSD) made its move to the new 68,000 square foot facility. It was a formidable task but coordination between the knowledgeable staff of Quartermaster Division, and the in-depth planning and efforts of the FSD staff resulted in the laboratory never being truly off-line with case production. Another achievement was the offering of space and equipment to counties who contemplated having their own lab but couldn't afford it. Howard County Police Department was the first to accept, and their chemist works in the CDS Unit. The FSD Crime Scene Unit is the only one in the country to be accredited at multiple sites (14).

As part of the ongoing preparations for effective responses to natural or man-made disasters, we acquired the Mobile Incident Command Vehicle (MICV), designated as "Truck 1." At 56 feet, it is currently the largest unified command vehicle in the nation, and is symbolic of the leadership role that the Department holds on such issues as homeland security and the continuum of operations. The MICV can be used as a tactical operations center, replacing any barrack or police station, and is fully equipped with radio interoperability technology to ensure multiple responding agencies can communicate regardless of their radio frequencies. Incident command capabilities in the vehicle meet National Incident Management Systems requirements.

The year also saw the 10th anniversary of the AMBER Alert program. People in the State, working with law enforcement, broadcasters, and transportation officials, have helped return 13 children to their families since the program's inception here in 2002. The Maryland Center for Missing Children, part of the Department's Criminal Investigation Division, provided assistance in over 800 missing children cases and 148 specific leads in active cases.

After consultations with the Office of the State Fire Marshal, five counties and several municipalities in Maryland mandated the installation of residential fire sprinklers in newly constructed single family homes. During 2006, the State achieved the lowest number of fire deaths, 60, since statewide data collection began in 1975. The per capita fire death rate also reached a record low of 1.1 persons per 100,000 of population.

As the 21st century has progressed, the Department of State Police has adapted to each new challenge. The future will contain additional technological, economic, and enforcement tribulations that we will manage, with the continued backing of the State and its citizens.

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The Mobile Incident Command Vehicle "Truck 1".



Office of the Secretary

The Department of State Police is composed of the Maryland State Police (MSP), the Office of the State Fire Marshal, and the Vehicle Theft Prevention Council. There are three bureaus in the MSP, covering Field Operations, Homeland Security & Investigation, and Support Services, and each is commanded by a Lieutenant Colonel. The remaining operational and managerial responsibilities are covered by the Office of Strategic Planning, Media Communications & Marketing, and the Chief of Staff.

The Secretary chairs 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.

The **Executive Protection Section** provides protection to the Governor, and limited protection to the First Family, Lieutenant Governor, Comptroller of the Treasury, Treasurer, and Attorney General. In 2006, the section successfully completed more than 13 in-state trips, 35 out-of-state trips, and one overseas trip with various protectees. These trips required security operations in 56 cities, and included the planning stages, advance work, and logistics.

Additionally, troopers provided protective assistance to 32 Governors and 13 First Ladies during visits to Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C., and security for the National Governors Association in Washington, D.C. The section was also tasked with managing the logistics and security operations for the gubernatorial and senatorial election campaigns.

The **Legislative Security Section** is charged with ensuring the safety and security of the President of the State Senate, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and all 188 members of the General Assembly while in session. Security is provided to the four standing committees of the Senate and the six of the House. Additionally, statutory committees and 12 joint House and Senate committees are afforded security when meeting year round.

Before the 2006 Legislative Session convened on January 11, section personnel again provided lectures and instructions to new staff members, interns and pages. Topics presented included personal safety habits, emergency response protocols, fire safety issues, parking regulations, and the roles/responsibilities of the various police departments at the Annapolis complex.

The **Legal Counsel Section** provides representation to the MSP, State Fire Marshal, and their personnel in all civil actions filed in State and Federal courts. The section also initiates forfeiture cases; provides legal advice to Department personnel and the Maryland Emergency Management Agency; reviews contracts, agreements and memoranda of understanding entered into by the MSP; COMAR regulations, DEA forfeiture agreements, administrative charges; procurement issues and answers citizen inquiries. Staff in the section handled:

- 253 subpoenas
- 82 citizen inquiries

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- 70 Public Information Act requests
- 99 releases
- 53 agreements
- 55 litigation cases
- 34 sessions of the mandatory in-service training

Through the procurement of grant monies, the **Fair Practices Section (FPS)** was able to provide employees training on **Mediation and Conflict Resolution.** This was specifically tailored to law enforcement personnel and their civilian counterparts. Trainers from the University of Baltimore and Salisbury University administered the training to 85 employees.

In July, the FPS began participating in a six month pilot program of the Proactive Employee Monitoring Program (PEMS). Intended as an early warning mechanism for assisting employees with possible work-related problems, PEMS compliments the employee relations component of the FPS. Despite the certainty of an increased workload within this office, implementation of PEMS was recommended.

The **Internal Affairs Section (IAS)** ensures that allegations and complaints of misconduct against employees are investigated and progressive supervisory action is taken to ensure the Department's mission is achieved and its values are upheld. IAS is the central repository for all records of administrative action taken against sworn employees. Investigators conducted 103 investigations involving MSP personnel, and, as part of the Department's commitment to allied police departments, conducted 10 non-agency investigations.

The Commander and Assistant Commander taught courses related to administrative investigations and the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights for all entry level, in-service and Proactive Criminal Enforcement team personnel. In addition, regional IAS investigators conducted several training sessions related to these topics for local Troop and Barrack Commanders.

Personnel in the **Office of Media Communications & Marketing** coordinated several special events, including the grand opening of the Forensic Sciences Laboratory, and the unveiling of the new Mobile Incident Command Vehicle (MICV). Also making its debut on a cable media outlet was "Maryland's Fugitive Files", which publicizes the most wanted felons 24 hours a day. This is the first public outreach of its kind, and is a collaborative effort between the MSP and local law enforcement agencies.

A public awareness campaign entitled "Taking the Lead" used public service announcements and events to educate parents and teens on the dangers of driving. Work on the Winter Water Series, including the 10th Annual Polar Bear Plunge, raised over 1.5 million dollars for Special Olympics Maryland.

Office of Strategic Planning

Budget and Finance Division

The Budget Section is responsible for preparing, administering, and managing the Department's \$298.3 million operating budget. Duties include monitoring and auditing of all General, Special, Federal, and Reimbursable funds, including State and federal grants, and ensuring the fiscal accountability and integrity of the Department in all matters.

Personnel in the Finance Section processed approximately 2,600 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 \$63.9 million State Aid for Police Protection Fund; billed for reimbursable overtime projects, and kept track of the capital inventory, valued at \$236.3 million (including construction in progress) in the General Assignment Unit.

Maryland State Police Fiscal Data

| | | FY 2006 | FY 2007 |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Object | Title | Expenditures | Appropriation |
| 01 | Salaries & Wages | 171,557,247 | 190,620,298 |
| 02 | Technical & Special Fees | 1,639,627 | 1,167,202 |
| 03 | Communications | 1,687,382 | 1,331,674 |
| 04 | Travel | 450,144 | 567,242 |
| 06 | Utilities | 2,522,858 | 2,191,082 |
| 07 | Vehicles | 19,696,400 | 24,357,425 |
| 08 | Contractual Services | 8,425,204 | 6,846,083 |
| 09 | Supplies | 3,476,778 | 2,676,439 |
| 10 | Replacement Equipment | 472,730 | 369,152 |
| 11 | Additional Equipment | 8,139,024 | 8,302,743 |
| 12 | Grants | 66,280,111 | 68,440,626 |
| 13 | Fixed Charges | 1,332,790 | 979,569 |
| | Total | \$285,680,295 | \$307,849,535 |
| Program | | | |
| 01 | Office of the Superintendent | 10,547,093 | 13,080,428 |
| 02 | Field Operations | 130,501,082 | 142,552,200 |
| 03 | Homeland Security & Investigation | 27,563,195 | 30,667,628 |
| 04 | Support Services | 50,641,215 | 53,937,430 |
| 05 | State Aid for Police Protection | 63,885,133 | 64,861,903 |
| 07 | School Bus Safety | 542,577 | 599,946 |
| 08 | Vehicle Theft Prevention | 2,000,000 | 2,150,000 |
| | Total | \$285,680,295 | \$307,849,535 |
| | General Funds | 224,428,969 | 241,426,642 |
| | Special Funds | 51,214,340 | 58,892,453 |
| | Federal Funds | 6,634,347 | 6,356,500 |
| | Reimbursable Funds | 3,402,639 | 1,173,940 |
| | Total | \$285,680,295 | \$307,849,535 |

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The first session of the 2006 Maryland General Assembly produced 2,856 bills; 823 passed, and over 400 were tracked by the **Government Affairs Unit (GAU)**. This was an unusual year because the legislature was called into a special session to address sex offender legislation. The Department had one bill which passed: House Bill 325, Transfers the Protective Body Armor Fund from the State Police to the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention.

In addition, the unit was involved in coordinating with the Maryland Health Care Commission on the Inter Hospital Transport study to examine fees charged for helicopter services, worked with the Maryland Women's Commission to link websites to increase recruiting opportunities for women, established an agreement between the Automotive Safety Enforcement Division and the General Assembly to set inspection protocols for private stations to inspect and certify tinted windows, and assisted the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene with developing regulations to create an Advanced Medical Registry.

GAU staff assisted the Department of Legislative Services (DLS) in creating a training film for the National Conference of State Legislators. The film included a tour of Annapolis Barrack and a demo of the new Enhanced Patrol Vehicle.



For the training film, DLS Budget Analyst Jody Sprinkle is suited up in a Bomb Technician's outfit by Deputy State Fire Marshals.

Jody in 'full' Bomb Technician's regalia.



During 2006, the Staff Inspections Section was renamed the **Inspection and Compliance Division** (ICD) to more accurately describe their responsibilities. It serves as the inspections, internal audit and compliance arm of the Secretary's Office. The division ensures that all areas of the Department operate within established policies, procedures and laws. This is accomplished through audits and compliance checks, and ICD completed 14 audits of field installations and specialized divisions, and 4 special inspections that were directed by the Secretary. The division also initiated and completed over 271 other projects

The ICD rewrote the Department's Decentralized Inspection Program, for which it is responsible, to ensure the continued uniformity and validity of the program, conducted the Annual Firearms Inventory, assisted with the Annual Capitol Inventory, and reviewed all policy changes and written orders. Additionally, audits and investigations are performed for allied agencies when requested and authorized by the Secretary, and oversaw all corrective actions subsequent to such audits.

During its second year of operation, the **Professional Policing Division** implemented the newly created chapter in the Administrative Manual that delineates all Professional Policing and Consent Decree compliances, which has streamlined the consent decree business process. To assist in this process, nine training sessions were provided to Department personnel to ensure procedures are consistent with established policies.

The division designed and orchestrated a video on the Enhanced Patrol Vehicle, and developed and implemented a standing operating procedure for administrators of the Mobile Video Recording In-Car Camera Program. Staff also worked with the Promotional Testing Division to make consent decree elements part of the upcoming promotional testing process.

Planning & Research Division

In 2006 the **Management Analysis Section**:

- Issued six manual revisions, which covered 47 sections in the Administrative manual, and 39 sections in the Patrol Manual.
- Processed and issued 21 Superintendent's Special Orders, 9 General Orders, and three Memorandums, that covered such topics as the Mentor Program, Family Care Plan, Use of the E-Z Pass Transponder System, and the Proactive Employee Monitoring System.
- Revised 16 forms.
- Compiled and wrote the Annual Report.
- Maintained and published the Managing for Results Report.
- Administered the Handgun Roster Board, which had five meetings, approved 37 petitions, and completed the Fifth Annual Report on the Status of Personalized Handgun Technology.
- Compiled a report enumerating the Department's accomplishments during Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.'s administration.
- Compiled the transition report as directed by then Governor-elect Martin O'Malley's transition team.

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- Prepared a comprehensive report that compared the salary and benefits of 19 major East Coast police departments.
- Completed fiscal notes showing the impact of proposed legislation.
- Contacted all state and provincial police agencies requesting replies to 14 surveys on the following topics:
 - K-9 drug scan of vehicles.
 - Electronic traffic citation system.
 - Identity theft from internet use.
 - Amount budgeted for entry level and in-service training, number trained, and hours for training.
 - In-state residency requirement.
 - Assessing the effectiveness of enforcement.
 - Information on where a DUI suspect last consumed an alcoholic beverage.
 - Probation period for newly trained collision reconstructionists.
 - Ability to print citations in a patrol vehicle.
 - Diversity of sworn personnel by rank.
 - Use of mobile video recorders when patrol vehicle is used off-duty.
 - Commuting during in-service training with an agency vehicle.
 - Availability of agency policy manuals on computer.
 - Drop out rate from entry level training.

The **Grants Management Section** managed 35 projects totalling more than \$91 million in grant funds in 2006. Once again, the largest 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, DNA no suspect case analysis, DNA cold case analysis, DNA capacity enhancement, enhanced patrol vehicles, communication interoperability, internet crimes against children, crime lab improvement, gun violence reduction, vehicle theft prevention, impaired driving and aggressive driving enforcement, and family occupant protection. The Department received a total of 14 grants totalling \$1,341,239.

The section also managed 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 \$63.8 million was distributed by the SAPP to support local law enforcement agencies. None of these funds were retained by the Department. Under the School Bus Safety Enforcement Program, a total of \$498,745 was distributed throughout the State to assist law enforcement agencies in addressing the problem of drivers passing stopped school buses.

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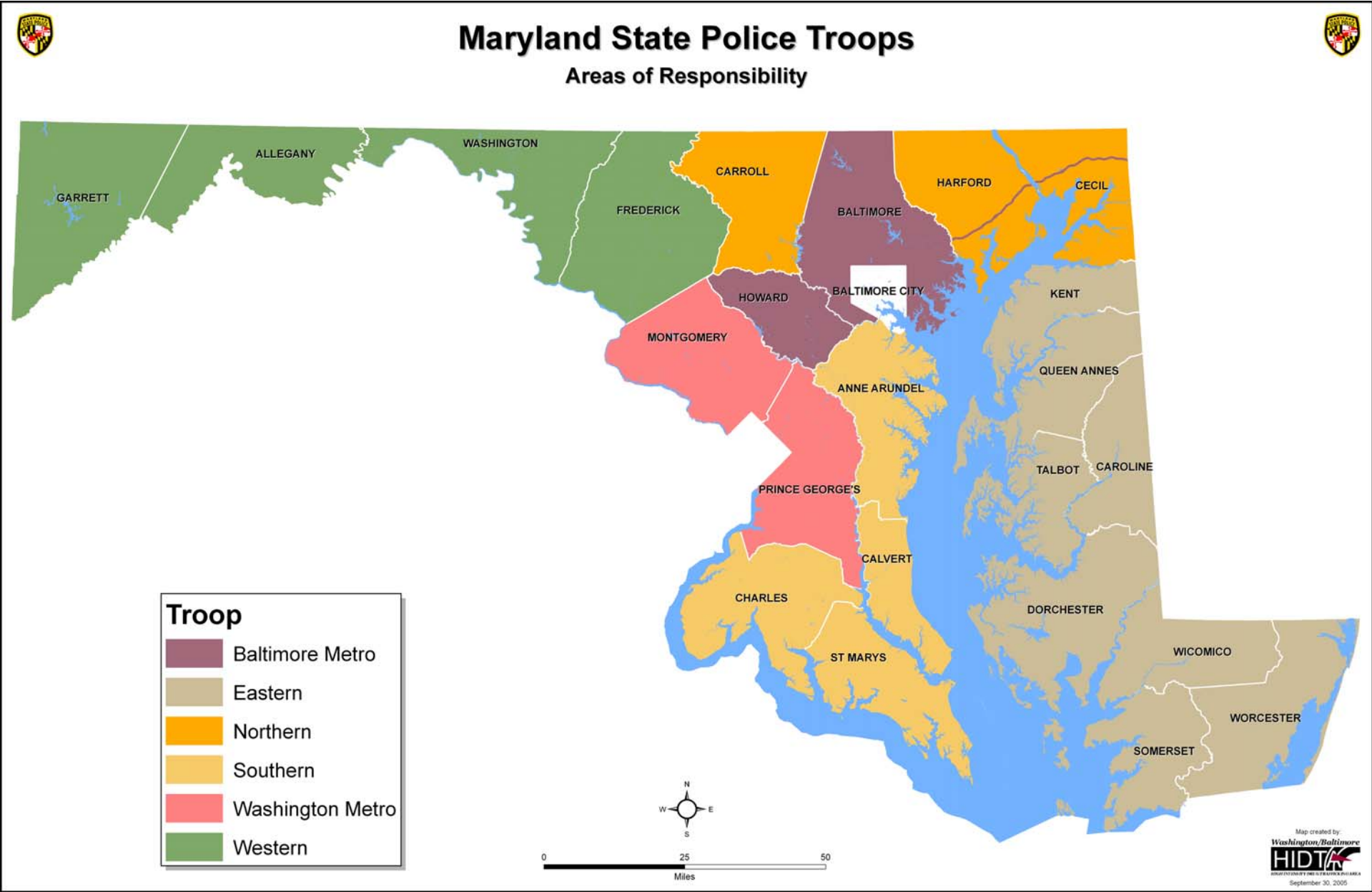
Select Grants Administered by the Department of State Police*

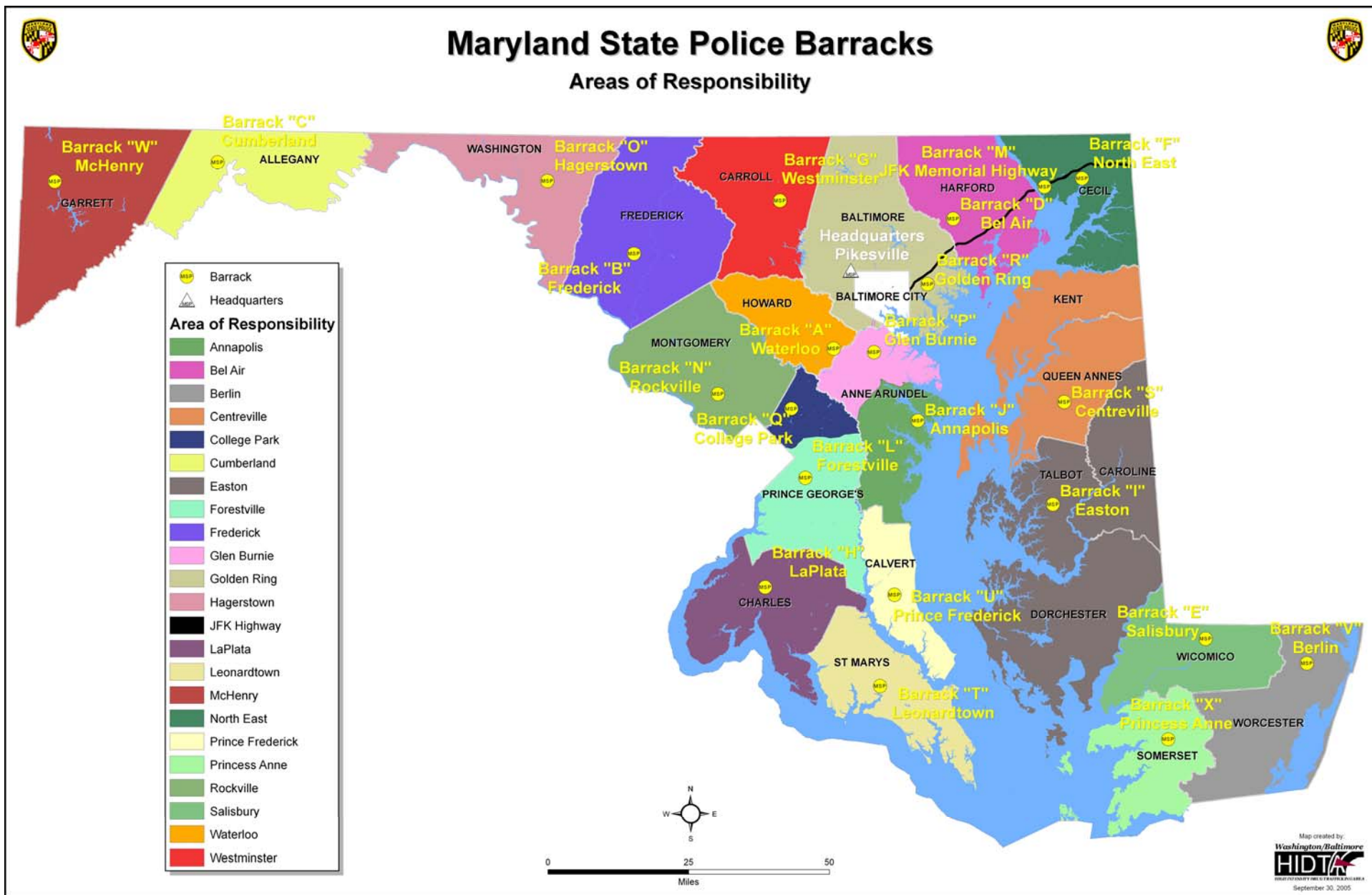
| | Expenditures <u>FY2006</u> | Appropriations <u>FY 2007</u> |
|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| State Aid for Police Protection(SAPP-see below) | 63,885,133 | 64,861,903 |
| Vehicle Theft Prevention Program | 1,135,151 | 2,150,000 |
| School Bus Grants | 498,745 | 550,000 |
| DNA No Suspect Case Analysis | 399,280 | 946,145 |
| DNA No Suspect Backlog Reduction | 861,661 | 861,123 |
| DNA Capacity Enhancement | 42,915 | 176,639 |
| DNA Cold Case | 14,301 | 187,000 |
| Smart Car Technology Project – Year 1 | 704,843 | 0 |
| Smart Car Technology Project – Year 2 | 915,830 | 1,003,000 |
| Patriot Grant | 461,963 | 1,070,298 |
| Crime Lab Improvement | 0 | 824,000 |
| Internet Crimes Against Children | <u>72,276</u> | <u>368,000</u> |
| Totals (includes grants given and grants received) | \$68,992,098 | \$72,998,108 |

*Source: Budget & Finance Division

SAPP – Revenues received by County forces and incorporated towns

| | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Allegany | 861,341 | 870,650 |
| Anne Arundel | 6,556,271 | 6,651,544 |
| Baltimore | 9,661,447 | 9,750,338 |
| Calvert | 753,760 | 776,999 |
| Caroline | 318,903 | 320,172 |
| Carroll | 1,551,917 | 1,581,402 |
| Cecil | 902,260 | 907,634 |
| Charles | 1,183,366 | 1,214,688 |
| Dorchester | 354,603 | 356,451 |
| Frederick | 2,177,350 | 2,229,670 |
| Garrett | 240,628 | 238,420 |
| Harford | 2,663,875 | 2,695,398 |
| Howard | 3,012,663 | 3,087,727 |
| Kent | 194,027 | 202,138 |
| Montgomery | 14,761,167 | 15,025,983 |
| Prince George's | 13,779,002 | 13,977,982 |
| Queen Anne's | 396,906 | 402,486 |
| St. Mary's | 807,534 | 820,778 |
| Somerset | 241,252 | 243,041 |
| Talbot | 383,031 | 403,417 |
| Washington | 1,384,887 | 1,387,437 |
| Wicomico | 955,434 | 962,109 |
| Worcester | 661,511 | 667,675 |
| Baltimore City | <u>81,998</u> | <u>87,764</u> |
| Totals | \$63,885,133 | \$64,861,903 |





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. On March 31, 2006, TFC Michael Cartner of the Frederick Barrack was named the 2005 Trooper of the Year. The 2005 NCO of the Year was Cpl. Harry Wachsmuth of Hagerstown Barrack.

Eastern Command

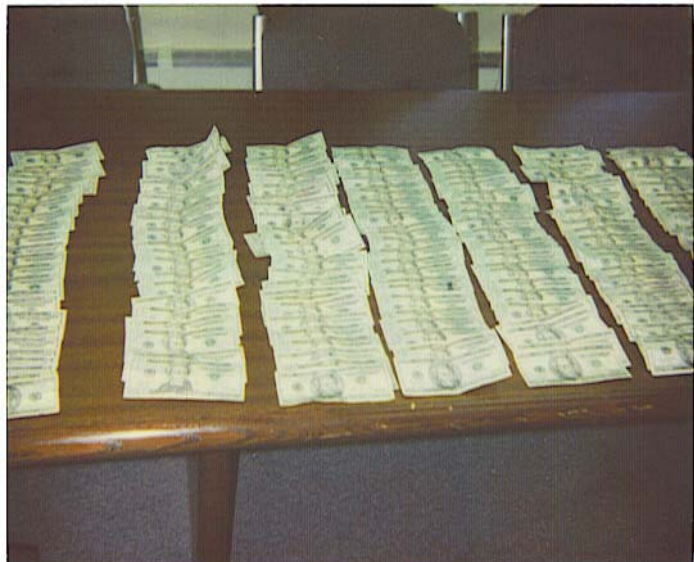
The barracks of **Eastern Troop** patrol Maryland's eastern shore. They are in Berlin (Worcester Co.), Centreville (Queen Anne's Co.), Easton (Talbot Co.), Princess Anne (Somerset Co.), and Salisbury (Wicomico Co.). Dorchester, Caroline and Kent counties are also part of the patrol areas of these barracks.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

Princess Anne Barrack

Increased highway interdiction efforts resulted in two large currency seizures of \$22,636 and \$37,681, and the greater number of vehicle searches has directly affected the amount of CDS arrests, which numbered 348 in 2006. The Somerset Bureau of Investigation, which is housed at the barrack, assisted when a person was reported missing from their residence in April. A suspect was developed, and some time after the body was discovered in June, he was indicted and charged with first degree murder and use of a handgun in a felony.

Traffic enforcement directed towards reducing vehicle crashes paid off. They are down 22%, from 251 in 2005 to 196. DUI checkpoints were conducted with the Somerset Sheriff's Office and, for the first time, with the municipalities of Princess Anne and Crisfield.

Currency seized
by Princess
Anne Barrack



Centreville Barrack

In April, the Investigation Section handled a child sexual abuse case that involved two teenage male victims and a male suspect. A search of his residence yielded pornography and eight handguns; he has since been tried and is currently serving a 50 year sentence. A series of armed robberies across several counties in September led to the apprehension of four suspects and the recovery of a stolen getaway vehicle. Violent crime has decreased in both Kent and Queen Anne's counties.

The October traffic stop of two vehicles traveling in excess of 100 mph led to the arrests of the operators and the seizure of a handgun, two packages of marijuana, about \$1,900, and a 2007 Cadillac Escalade. Criminal, CDS, and warrant arrests have increased 62%, 101%, and 58% respectively. The number of citations issued went up 20%, to 23,717, as did DUI arrests (19% to 366), and 80 guns were seized, up from six the previous year.

Salisbury Barrack

An October call from the Baltimore Police Department, which had received a call from a subject in Ohio, led to the discovery of a shooting victim. The still armed suspect was talked into surrendering and was charged with first degree murder. A case with the Child Advocacy Center involved a Pennsylvania resident luring a 12 year old from Delaware to a motel in Salisbury, where she was sexually assaulted. The suspect is currently awaiting trial.

Troopers from the barrack made 689 DUI arrests and 396 CDS arrests, both up by around 70% from 2005. During the Chiefs Challenge (April – June) the 1,374 citations and warnings represented a 62% increase, and over the Memorial Day weekend the 1,873 citations written were a 66% increase. Over the 4th of July weekend, a select group of troopers made 41 felony CDS arrests, and another group wrote 1,493 citations.

Berlin Barrack

A series of residential burglaries, another of business burglaries, and a third of daytime burglaries were all resolved with the arrests of different suspects. In April, a subject reported missing three months earlier was located in his vehicle at the bottom of a creek. He was intoxicated at the time of the accident. Troopers made 305 DUI arrests over the year. During June and July, using underage Cadets, 28 businesses were charged with selling alcohol to minors. The search of a vehicle stopped for traffic violations in August revealed almost 3.5 pounds of marijuana. This was one of 255 CDS arrests made.

The Spring Hot Rod Show and the Delmarva Bike week in September attracted several hundred thousand spectators and participants, and created significant traffic safety and enforcement concerns. Once again, the combined efforts of the Department and local law enforcement ensured safe and successful events, with no major criminal or traffic incidents. On five weekends in the summer, troopers teamed with the Ocean City Police Department in Operation Pedestrian, to reduce the number of collisions involving pedestrians; there were 766 citations or warnings issued, 14 arrests, and no fatalities. For the whole year, there were 12,041 citations and 13,719 warnings written.

Easton Barrack

The only barrack to patrol three counties and provide full service, troopers were also called upon to provide extra law enforcement assistance to the towns of Federalsburg, Preston, and St. Michael's in 2006 due to employee issues in those towns. Three sobriety checkpoints were run with allied agencies, and personnel made 14 DUI arrests, as well as two for CDS. Significant assistance was also provided to the United States Secret Service, and other federal agencies, during the 2006 House Republican Conference, attended by President Bush, and during residential visits by Vice-President Cheney and former Secretary Rumsfeld.

One notable criminal case successfully handled was a kidnapping/attempted rape/assault, in which the victim escaped and provided the suspect's name. Other noteworthy cases involved a sexual child abuse suspect, currently being held on \$1 million dollars bond, and an attempted murder/burglary/assault incident where the suspect was apprehended after a brief chase.

Increased enforcement efforts were reflected in a 24% rise in CDS arrests. Also up were DUI arrests (47%) and citations issued (20%).

Barracks in the **Southern Troop** 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.

Leonardtown Barrack

Traffic enforcement by troopers resulted in 17,011 citations, 9,249 warnings, 1,604 safety equipment repair orders being issued, and 389 arrests for DUI. There were 541 apprehensions for various criminal infractions, another 548 for outstanding warrants, and 348 for CDS violations. The joint operation between the Department and the Sheriff's Office, the St. Mary's County Bureau of Investigation, conducted 643 criminal investigations and had a 93% closure rate.

One of the notable criminal cases involved armed robberies in the Charlotte Hall area. While a trooper was conducting follow up interviews for one robbery, a 911 call was received for another in progress. After a chase, and with the assistance of the Sheriff's Office, the suspect was taken into custody. A loaded handgun and money were recovered. Other crimes included thefts from a cash machine in a restaurant, a shooting at a bar, and a cold case homicide. Suspects were arrested in all three cases.

Prince Frederick Barrack

Troopers investigated 338 motor vehicle collisions, a decrease from 2005. Eight of the 17 fatal collisions were alcohol or drug related, and troopers investigated five of them in which seven people died. In 2006, 329 violators were arrested for DUI. One of these was an 18 year old driver who was also charged with homicide by motor vehicle while intoxicated. A brief sobriety checkpoint yielded two DUI arrests, three CDS arrests, and one arrest for disorderly conduct. Over the year troopers issued 10,277 citations, 8,605 warnings and 2,423 safety equipment repair orders. A traffic stop in

August led to the arrest of two men and the recovery of some marijuana and over \$80,000.

A three month investigation into a string of commercial burglaries ended with the arrested subject being charged with 11 counts of burglary. Some of the other criminal cases successfully concluded include a homicide in Lusby, a CDS distribution arrest in Solomons, and an attempted murder in which the victim was dumped in a parking lot. Two high school students were charged with several weapons violations in October when a handgun and two knives were discovered in a book bag. There were 1,122 criminal investigations, with an overall closure rate of 66%.

La Plata Barrack

The 825 collisions investigated represent a 3.9% decrease, and fatal collisions decreased almost 52% (25 to 12). One of these collisions involved three racing vehicles and an innocent family of four that was struck in the rear. A nine year old was killed, and the three suspects were all indicted on manslaughter charges. In support of traffic enforcement troopers issued 15,946 citations (up 8.7%), 7,970 warnings (up 16.3%), and arrested 490 people for DUI (up 14.8%). On a day in September, a "Rocket Round-up" initiative to combat motorcycle speeding yielded 137 citations and 106 warnings.

Throughout the year troopers participated in four warrant sweeps with the Charles County Sheriff's Office that resulted in 112 arrests. Most of the arrests were made in counties where the Sheriff's Office does not have jurisdiction. Another cooperative effort in September led to the discovery of four kilos of cocaine in a hidden compartment in a vehicle. Arrests for CDS violations increased 12.9%. Barrack personnel also found time to participate in many community-based organizations and programs, such as the County Fair, National Night Out, the Public School Safety Committee, Girl and Boy Scout tours, Shiver in the River for Special Olympics Maryland, and several awards ceremonies.

Annapolis Barrack

A traffic stop involving CDS emphasized the dangers of police work when the trooper was first dragged for almost 300 feet by the suspect's vehicle, and then, after a pursuit, had to struggle with the suspect who was attempting to gain control of the trooper's firearm. The assisting Annapolis City Officer gave verbal commands to the suspect, but his non-compliance led to the officer's use of deadly force. Minor injuries were sustained by the trooper. Criminal, juvenile, DUI, and CDS arrests were up by 39%, 275%, 14%, and 43% respectively over 2005 totals.

In July, an identity theft investigation turned out to have an interstate connection. The fraudulent acts were perpetrated in New York, but only through the efforts of the barrack Criminal Investigation Section was a portion of this organized crime group identified through seized store surveillance video and later apprehended. One March morning, a 100 foot long barge collided with the Severn River Bridge 10 minutes after troopers stopped traffic over it. The highway was reopened when it was determined to be safe for vehicular traffic. There were no reported injuries or collisions during the closure. Over the year, investigated collisions were down 15% to 443.

Glen Burnie Barrack

In addition to its highway patrol responsibilities, the barrack is responsible for investigating all crimes occurring at the Baltimore City Juvenile Justice Center and Waxter's Children's Center, and is first responder for major incidents occurring in the correctional facilities at Jessup. Another key function is the role of central repository for initial criminal investigation reports on escapes from the Maryland Department of Corrections facilities in Baltimore City and Anne Arundel County. In 2006 the barrack handled 159 escape reports.

The October investigation into the theft of \$10,000 worth of computer equipment from the Motor Vehicle Administration in Glen Burnie resulted in the arrest of the suspect and the recovery of eight monitors. A carjacking and armed robbery also ended with an arrest and recovery of the vehicle. For the second year in a row the barrack was a recipient of the 2006 Maryland Chiefs Challenge Award. Troopers wrote 400 more citations than for the 2005 Challenge and over the year wrote 20,128 citations and 6,290 warnings.

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) and contain 8.9% (496,000) of the State's population.

North East Barrack

In a November child pornography case, a search of a suspect's residence led to the seizure of a computer, cameras, numerous storage devices, and visible child pornography. The suspect has an extensive criminal record in New York, New Jersey, and Colorado. Between May and October, the Criminal Investigation Unit investigated a rash of commercial armed robberies. Eight separate establishments, including one bank, were robbed during that time. Guns, knives and a hatchet were used by the suspects in the robberies. Ten suspects have been arrested and are currently awaiting trial.

In April, troopers at the barrack participated in the 3rd Annual Janet Marie Hardy memorial soccer game. The daughter of a trooper, she was killed by a drunk driver in 2003. Troopers competed against local high school soccer teams to raise money for a scholarship fund in Janet's memory and to promote community awareness of the tragic dangers of drinking and driving.

There were 19 fatal collisions in 2006; 20 people were killed. Barrack personnel responded to 22,922 calls for service, made 671 criminal arrests of which 155 were juveniles, and seized 14 guns. They investigated 1,152 motor vehicle collisions, issued 12,882 traffic citations and 9,873 warnings, and made 347 arrests for DUI.

Bel Air Barrack

In January, investigators handled two armed robberies suspected to be connected to nine others in Harford County. The investigation yielded two arrests, and the male suspect received life in prison, while a female accomplice was sentenced to five years. In the same month, investigators were called to a reported carjacking and attempted murder near Darlington. The suspect, whom investigators later learned had

just finished burglarizing his 5th convenience store in a week, pulled the victim from the vehicle after she started it, entered the vehicle, and dragged the victim through the parking lot for more than 30 feet before fleeing the area. After the suspect was positively identified, he was charged, convicted, and sentenced to serve 30 years.

Follow up on the theft of a work van filled with nearly \$35,000 in tools revealed a string of similar cases in nearby states and jurisdictions dating back almost one year. Collaboration between the barrack and the Harford County Sheriff's Office, Aberdeen Police Department, Delaware State Police and Pennsylvania State Police revealed a tri-state van theft ring was responsible for stealing more than 30 vehicles from motels and home improvement centers along the I-95 corridor during a 14-month period. The perpetrators are responsible for stealing more than \$2 million in vehicles and property. One primary suspect was arrested in Pennsylvania in November during the commission of another van theft. Numerous auto theft charges in multiple jurisdictions are pending. Nine stolen vehicles related to this case have been recovered and additional accomplices have been uncovered.

Traffic enforcement was also emphasized, with 12,338 citations issued (an increase over 2005), 12,210 warnings, and 429 DUI arrests. Barrack personnel did 1,513 criminal investigation reports, handled 73 administrative investigations and the lone K-9 unit was involved in more than 1,000 calls. The busy PAL center in Edgewood began preparations for an expansion to include a gymnasium; the center has over 400 children registered.

Westminster Barrack

Quick action on the part of a trooper enabled him to catch a suspect committing a second armed robbery; the suspect was apprehended and charged with two counts of robbery. Several vehicles stopped for traffic violations turned into cases of drug arrests; in one case a juvenile was found with ¼ ounce of cocaine and more than \$6,400 cash, another case recovered more than a pound of marijuana, and a third found a variety of CDS in quantities to permit prosecution with intent to distribute. There have been 887 warrant arrests, an increase of approximately 21% over 2005. The barrack's Youth Intervention Program continues to broaden the job functions of troopers assigned to the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program. The troopers also worked as school resource officers in the seven high schools and nine middle schools to provide a visible deterrence to crime. DARE reached approximately 1,400 middle school students.

The Criminal Investigation Section successfully concluded a bomb threat case with an interstate connection. A local suspect was arrested, and her brother was returned from Oklahoma to face prosecution. In another case, over 20 residential burglaries in several counties were cleared with eight arrests. Thousands of dollars of stolen property was recovered and returned to victims. A search and seizure warrant led to a stolen motorcycle, stolen farm equipment, environmental crimes, and the discovery of animals kept in appalling conditions. Other State, federal, and county units assisted in this case, which received much media coverage. As the primary law enforcement agency in the county, the barrack has the responsibility of overseeing the 128 sex offenders in the county. Over two nights in August, offenders were checked for compliance with the registration requirements.

| MSP Statewide Traffic Arrest Summary* 2006 | |
|---|------------------|
| Violation | Citations |
| 55 Speed | 111,485 |
| 65 Speed | 36,655 |
| Other Speed | 55,642 |
| Right-of-Way | 9,966 |
| Suspended/Revoked License | 13,000 |
| DUI | 9,367 |
| Seat Belt | 48,967 |
| Child Restraint | 1,291 |
| Other | 164,107 |

*As of February 8, 2007.

Western Command

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 State's area (2,203 square miles), and the population is around 8.4% of Maryland'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.

Hagerstown Barrack

The full-service barrack provides police services to Washington County, which, with a population of over 140,000, is beginning to mirror the counties to the east as it is becoming a bedroom community. Troopers handled 532 Part I (more serious) crimes, an 18% increase over 2005. One incident involved the capture of an inmate charged with murdering a correctional officer. In another case the arrest of an adult and his juvenile accomplice, who committed a string of 12 burglaries, led to the recovery of a large amount of property, which was returned to its owners.

Traffic in the county has increased drastically the past few years and congestion is a daily problem. Troopers patrolled 276 miles of roadways, conducted 969 collision investigations, and handled 999 collisions that did not require a report. A subject was arrested in February and charged with manslaughter and numerous other counts relating to a fatal, alcohol related, motor vehicle collision. He was convicted and sentenced to ten years with five years suspended. Troopers conducted four sobriety checkpoints, and made six DUI arrests, one CDS arrest, and one arrest for a weapons violation as a result.

Frederick Barrack

In May, troopers responded to a shooting complaint at a motel parking lot in Frederick. The victim, a 17-year-old juvenile from Frederick, had been shot in the head at point blank range. An examination of the suspect's cell phone records led the investigation to York, Pennsylvania, and the suspect was apprehended and extradited back to Maryland. Also in May, a body found along I-70 was later identified as being from New Mexico; the case remains open. The October investigation into an armed robbery at a bank was successfully concluded with the capture of the suspect and recovery of both \$1,600 and the carjacked vehicle the suspect was still in. On one of the 19,579 traffic stops made in 2006, several items from a burglary were found in a vehicle stopped by a trooper responding to a burglary alarm. Later searches of residences led to the recovery of a large amount of stolen property.

Throughout 2006, the barrack assisted the Department of Homeland Security and the FBI several times by securing aircraft and detaining the pilots who violated restricted airspace in and around the Washington metro area. Troopers worked with Secret Service agents on incidents of counterfeit monies being passed in the County. In a case that generated one of the 1,168 criminal investigations, two male subjects used a counterfeit \$100 bill at a local gas station. Using a description of the suspects and vehicle, a trooper located them and recovered 32 counterfeit \$100 bills. Working with the Sheriff's Department and the Frederick City police, troopers went door to door to ensure that registered sex offenders were in compliance with court mandated requirements; the program led to a 100% compliance rate.

Cumberland Barrack

The Allegany County Combined Criminal Investigation Unit, handled 962 cases, and had a closure rate of 82.3%. In one case, a bank robber was identified as a recently released inmate who, after being arrested admitted committing the crime. Another case was a murder/suicide in which it was determined the suspect acted alone, and a third case involved a drive by shooting.

Two troopers involved in a shooting had stopped a vehicle to check on the welfare of the occupants following a domestic dispute. They shot and wounded a Pennsylvania man who had pointed a handgun at them and continued aiming at them even after he was hit. It was learned that the suspect had threatened to kill any police officers who stopped him, and the post shooting investigation revealed a second loaded pistol in the car. The armed confrontation was video taped by a newly installed camera mounted in one of the patrol vehicles. Later, following brief deliberations, an Allegany Grand Jury found "no wrongdoing" on behalf of the troopers.

There was an 8% reduction in reportable vehicle collisions with fatal collisions dropping 62%. Patrol resources were directed away from the interstate after a review of Injury Severity Data affirmed the majority of Allegany County's serious collisions were occurring on secondary roadways. Troopers' efforts were instrumental in assuring no alcohol related fatal collisions occurred in 2006. Traffic stops along I-68 affirmed that it is still used as a drug trafficking corridor. In separate instances more than a pound of marijuana, \$15,000 in U.S. currency, and 2.2 pounds of crack cocaine were seized. On

the interstate there were 133 adult and two juvenile arrests for CDS, 13 vehicles seized, and over \$30,000 in suspected drug proceeds seized.

McHenry Barrack

Through traffic enforcement initiatives the number of vehicle collision investigations was reduced by 5% in 2006. However, the barrack's arrest ratio was increased, from 47 % to 57%. Around 37% of the collisions involved some degree of injury, and 12.5 % were alcohol related. Fatalities remained at three investigations, and the three fatalities all involved driver error as the causative factor, none were alcohol related. Two of the deaths were the result of improper or failure to be restrained in occupant protection devices. A charter bus carrying children from a West Virginia elementary school was in a collision in March; fortunately none of their injuries was life threatening. A post-crash inspection of the bus was conducted by inspectors from the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division and brake failure was found to be a contributing factor of the crash

A trooper responded to an industrial accident at a coal mine in February. It involved the death of an employee who was crushed between two locomotives hauling mining materials, and was later ruled an accident. In a domestic shooting, the suspect fled with the victim's two year old child. During an extensive search of the region, the child was found unharmed, alone in the vehicle. The suspect was found and arrested without incident, and the victim's injuries were non-life threatening. Two other cases of attempted murder, that also involved firearms, were resolved with the apprehension of suspects.

The **Baltimore Metro Troop** barracks are Golden Ring (Baltimore Co.), Waterloo (Howard Co.), and JFK Memorial Highway (Cecil Co.). They are primarily traffic orientated barracks, patrolling the busiest highways in the State, and with I-95, one of the most traveled in the Nation. Not including Harford and Cecil counties, through which the JFK Barrack also patrols on I-95, the counties cover 8.6% of the State, and 18.8% of the population live in them.

JFK Memorial Highway Barrack

In July, troopers responded to the scene of a serious personal injury school bus collision in Harford County that injured scores of children and closed northbound I-95 for hours. No one was killed but four children, of the 60 people on the bus, sustained serious injuries and were flown by the Department's medevac helicopter to Johns Hopkins Hospital. The rescue operations and emergency care provided by more than 60 Harford County fire and rescue personnel were prompt and outstanding. The collision involved one bus, of a six bus convoy returning to Philadelphia, and a truck tractor. They sideswiped each other, and the bus then swerved and overturned. Later that night, the children were returned to Philadelphia on buses escorted by troopers.

Criminal interdiction and enforcement through complete traffic stops remained a primary focus of troopers, and they made 34,700 stops in 2006. Significant seizures made after vehicles were stopped for equipment or traffic violations include one case where a search after a positive K-9 alert discovered 40 pounds of marijuana. Other cases found almost 4 ounces of heroin and \$4,693 cash, 20.7 pounds of marijuana and

\$303, 12 pounds of cocaine, and one which found more than half (\$103,900) of the year's total currency seizures (\$183,883).

A reported armed robbery at the Chesapeake House Rest Area was later discovered to be a conspiracy between the victim and suspect, and both were arrested and charged. At the same area, a complaint of identity theft was successfully resolved with the arrest of an employee. Criminal Investigation Section personnel also assisted the P.A.C.E. team by processing their currency seizures and CDS storage, and with debriefing, processing and charging arrested individuals.

Waterloo Barrack

A call from the Massachusetts State Police advised that a subject wanted in connection with a homicide was in a stolen vehicle southbound on I-95 (the information was obtained through a Lojack hit). Troopers stopped the vehicle near Route 175 and arrested the suspect who was later extradited back to Massachusetts on murder charges. Most of the metro barracks have experienced a large number of older model cars being stolen off the interstate after becoming disabled. During one morning rush hour troopers observed a roll back preparing to hook up a car, and when the driver was approached by troopers he tried to leave. The vehicle owner arrived and advised he had not requested the tow; the suspect was charged with auto theft. Other arrests for the year include 58 for CDS, 199 for DUI, and 195 warrant arrests.

The Department of Corrections Hagerstown had a subject passing bad checks in Howard County, and the investigation revealed a former inmate had used a working fund release check to make up counterfeit checks in his name. The suspect used the account to buy three cars, pay traffic fines, register the stolen vehicles, and pay phone bills. The accused and accomplices were arrested and convicted in Howard County on the bad check charge, and other cases are pending in Baltimore County. In total, the suspect took more than \$150,000 from the Department of Corrections checking account.

Golden Ring Barrack

The barrack is tasked with the largest highway patrol area in the State, and responds to the most collisions. Overall enforcement efforts resulted in a 21% increase in citations from 2005, a 13% increase in criminal arrests, and a 9% decrease in fatal collisions. A trooper attempted to stop a vehicle with two different license plates, and it initially stopped, then sped off. After a high speed pursuit the suspect bailed out with a handgun. After a several hour standoff the suspect was apprehended. The tags on the vehicle were reported stolen and information gained through investigation linked the driver/suspect to several bank robberies in the area.

A joint investigation was opened with Baltimore County and Baltimore City Police after a report of identity theft. Investigation showed that two suspects were targeting workers from local hospitals. Both suspects were arrested and charged with over 25 incidents of theft. The barrack in Cumberland requested assistance in locating two juvenile escapees from a detention facility. Information was developed that they may be in the Arbutus area of Baltimore County. Interviews led investigators to an area where the juveniles were hiding but one fled on foot into a nearby residence. After a detailed

search the second suspect was located and returned to the custody of Juvenile Services.



Troopers from the Golden Ring Barrack were recognized at the Annual MADD Awards Dinner on May 2, 2006. From left to right: Lt. Scott Saunders, Cpl. Joseph Comer, TFC Brett Canfield, TFC Lee Link, TFC Todd Mason, and TFC Benjamin Neil.

Barracks in Montgomery (Rockville) and Prince George's counties (College Park and Forestville) make up the **Washington Metro Troop**. Almost 31% of the State's population lives in this largely urbanized area.

College Park Barrack

The barrack is the primary law enforcement agency responsible for patrol and traffic enforcement on approximately 92 miles of road in the northwest portion of Prince George's County. An attempted traffic stop in January led into a high speed chase that was ended after the deployment of stop sticks. The unlicensed driver had a stolen vehicle, a gun, an ounce of marijuana, and \$447; a related search of two locations yielded 1.1 pounds of PCP, 84 MDMA (ecstasy) pills, some cocaine, digital scales, and numerous rounds of ammunition. Another traffic stop and chase recovered 78 baggies of crack cocaine, as well as heroin, marijuana, and three handguns (one of which was stolen). A third stop and chase involved an assault on the trooper and the seizure of \$26,105 as drug proceeds.

Investigation into the thefts of unattended vehicles from roads led to arrests and the recovery of 19 stolen vehicles from a junk yard. The barrack participated in 21 DUI checkpoints that resulted in 54 DUI arrests. Arrests for drugs increased 17% from 2005

(53 to 62) as did total criminal arrests, 313 up to 350. Busy troopers also completed the field training of 12 new troopers, assisted on the Annual Challenge Day at a local special needs school, helped in the educational campaign on the dangers of teen driving, and received numerous awards from State and local organizations.

Rockville Barrack

In May, a threat of bombs in two buses traveling to Atlantic City shut down the Capital Beltway for two hours while the passengers were taken to safety and the case was investigated. From information gathered by troopers, U.S. Postal Agents were able to arrest the suspect at a postal facility in Virginia. A lookout message was received from a sheriff's department in Ohio regarding a robbery, and 10 minutes later the vehicle was stopped and the three occupants arrested.

The 2006 Chief's Challenge was a huge success; as a result of hard work and dedication the barrack led the state with 1,603 citations, increasing awareness and saving lives. A seven year old child found wandering along I-495 had been left at home with an older brother while the mother went to work. She was subsequently charged with child neglect. In September, a subject stopped for failing to obey a traffic device was found to be wanted by the INS as a deported felon who had reentered the U.S. As a result of training in counterfeit documents, the trooper was able to identify the fake resident alien card. The passenger was charged with possessing false government documents and faces deportation as an undocumented immigrant.

Forestville Barrack

Barrack personnel investigated 26 fatal collisions which took the lives of 28 individuals. Three of the investigations resulted in criminal charges; charges were not placed in the others because the at fault driver was deceased. In a four vehicle collision the trooper returned to the at fault vehicle after running the vehicle and driver information and found the driver was dead. An investigation revealed the driver was wanted for a variety of offenses in another state, and had committed suicide after leaving notes and journals indicating he would not go back to jail. Of the 3,660 collisions investigated 2,020 required a report being completed. Collisions and abandoned vehicles resulted in 532 vehicles being stored, and personnel responded to assist 4,461 disabled vehicles.



The scene of a double fatal collision on I-495 that was caused by a speeding pick-up truck.

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Troopers made 183 adult criminal arrests, 103 juvenile arrests, served 263 warrants, and seized 16 guns. The Cheltenham Youth Center/Boys Village resulted in more than 112 calls for service resulting in 91 reports, and 90 juvenile and 4 adult arrests. In one instance, the juvenile stole a staff member's van and drove it through a 12 foot high fence. Two missing children that prompted an AMBER Alert in Virginia were safely recovered and the baby sitter was charged with two counts of kidnapping. The barrack Volunteers in Police Support program is very successful with eight volunteers who provided 1,253 hours of service fingerprinting 3,107 people, for revenue of \$22,876.



Trooper Gosnell with Spiderman and Washington Redskin Cheerleaders at the District Heights National Night Out.

Trooper Joseph Ekani working with a seatbelt enforcement stopping team on Route 4 over Labor Day.



Aviation Command

Aviation Command operates 12 Euro-Copter Dauphin helicopters and two fixed wing aircraft. The mission focus with the helicopters is aerial medical evacuation, law enforcement, search and rescue, disaster assessment, and homeland security mission support. Complementary to the mission is equipment such as the Forward Looking Infra-red (FLIR) camera and the Nightsun searchlight which are used to assist law enforcement personnel in searching for lost or missing children, vulnerable adults, overdue hunters, and boaters in distress. The helicopters' hoists and rescue baskets are used to lift injured persons from the water or inaccessible areas of the State and transport them to a trauma center. The fixed wing aircraft support homeland security operations and prisoner extraditions.

Of the over 6,000 Medevac missions executed during the year, two stand out as hallmark operations. Cumberland Section "Trooper 5" responded to an industrial accident involving three men trapped on a one thousand foot power plant smokestack that was on fire. The platform upon which the men were standing was burning out from under them, the elevator they had used to get to the top was destroyed, and the trapped workers believed the situation was terminal and had expressed their feelings to their families.

The flight crew's skills and professionalism were challenged by the turbulent freezing March winds and conditions of darkness. Three commercial helicopters that responded to the scene were unable to attempt the rescue due to lack of equipment capability, and the aircraft downwash acted as a bellows, only fanning the flames on the platform holding the three men. Department medics rapidly made three successful hoists and carried the men to their families who were watching on the ground. The flight crew's performance was a clear demonstration of the professionalism and commitment for which the Aviation Command has gained a world-wide reputation of excellence.

In the other notable incident, a school bus accident on Interstate 95 involved the movement of numerous children via aircraft and ground ambulances. The on scene treatment and follow-up movement of patients to no less than five different area hospitals was a credit to the collaborative and coordinated efforts of the numerous State and local agencies involved.

The Aviation Command flew 5,494 hours and completed over 6,204 medical evacuation, 2,173 law enforcement, and 1,708 homeland security, training and interagency support missions during 2006. The maintenance program has made significant progress. Based on a reorganization initiative focused on a more predictive management model for scheduled maintenance, the down time for major "T" inspections was reduced from nearly six months to less than four months. Implementation of that model directly increased hours for operational readiness from 1,853 hours in April to 3,204 hours by the end of December 2006. That represents a 70% increase in hours available for operational use.



The Aviation Command responded to a school bus accident on Interstate 95.

Special Operations Command

During 2006, the **Special Operations Division (SOD)**, the only division in the command, realized several major accomplishments. The most notable was the arrival of the Mobile Incident Command Vehicle (MICV) designated as "Truck 1." It is currently the largest unified command vehicle in the nation, and has become a symbol of the leadership role that the Department maintains in issues concerning homeland security and the continuum of operations concept. Also, SOD has fully integrated national incident management system/incident command structure (NIMS/ICS) practices into tactical deployments and mutual aid calls for assistance. Within the Emergency Operations Section of SOD are:

- Hostage Recovery Team – Was called into service seven times, and five incidents were resolved peacefully; added three negotiators and three technicians.
- STATE Team – The Special Tactical Assault Team Element is proactive in its preparations for any crisis/situation it may encounter and is part of several terrorist task forces; it handled 400 assignments (up from 367 in 2005), which included 178 high risk search and seizure/arrest warrants and 185 training sessions for Department and allied agencies.
- Tactical Medical Unit – A primary responder with the State Team, it provided effective medical response to 236 high risk law enforcement missions; the unit continues to see increased requests for assistance; affiliated with Johns Hopkins Department of Emergency Medicine to provide operational medical support in SOD.
- Underwater Recovery Team – Composed of eight volunteers available to assist any department in the State, it made over 120 sorties, searching ponds, open and swift

water for suicide or drowning victims, cars, guns, and stolen property. The Team received training in contaminated water diving, a real hazard on most of their dives.

The Special Operations Section is composed of the:

- K-9 Unit - Responded to 1,032 K-9 and 4,932 non-K-9 related calls, with 37 patrol dog apprehensions, an increase from 23 in 2005. Patrol dog teams were involved in only four engaged apprehensions, maintaining an exceptional engagement ratio of 10.81%, which is 22 % less than the national average of 33 % (engagement percentage is a direct reflection of the handler's sound judgment and knowledge of agency policy in regards to the use of force of the police K-9). Narcotic detection dogs conducted 927 scans, resulting in 262 apprehensions, and were responsible for assisting with the seizure of \$1,546,213 in U.S. currency. There were 99 Bloodhound searches, with 18 finds and rescues. In addition, the unit handled 159 emergency call-outs while in an off-duty capacity.
- Special Events – Tasked with reviewing State Emergency Operations Plan and county evacuation plans to ensure consistency and realistic staffing requirements.
- Tactical Liaison - Responsible for the training and deployment of seven tactical platoons, and the management and care of their specialized equipment. The Liaison has completed a draft Operations Manual for the anticipated transition to a Mobile Field Force concept, facilitated the scheduling of 18 Color Guard assignments, and arranged for the logistical needs of SOD on several large-scale events.

Transportation Safety Command

The **Automotive Safety Enforcement Division** (ASED) is responsible for the State's vehicle safety inspection program, and is the central repository and clearing house for Safety Equipment Repair Orders (SERO) issued by all law enforcement agencies. In 2006, the Department issued 35,237 of the 154,440 SEROs written. ASED also managed the Department's Salvage Vehicle Inspection Program, and 12,562 inspections were done. Maryland law requires that virtually all used vehicles that are to be re-titled in this State have a complete vehicle safety inspection conducted prior to registration. Of the 614,759 vehicles to undergo this, 81% were rejected.

For the first time, ASED was able to conduct covert investigations at motorcycle inspection stations. One of the investigators used a Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) motorcycle to request an inspection at 10 stations. It was discovered that 80% of the stations failed to conduct proper safety inspections; appropriate administrative action was taken. These 10 investigations were part of the 33 covert investigations conducted at all classes of stations. This represented a 120% increase in the number of coverts conducted in 2005. Inspectors that were found to be selling inspection certificates have been revoked from the inspection program.

In 2006, in cooperation with the MVA, an ASED investigation office was maintained adjacent to the MVA investigation section, in the main MVA office in Glen Burnie. The purpose is to provide a direct means for exchanging information of related matters concerning fraud in vehicle titling and registration, along with identity fraud issues. During 2006 the ASED Investigative Unit conducted 32 joint investigations with

the MVA investigative unit. Four of these investigations resulted in charges being placed against the individuals.

The **Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division** (CVED) operates nine weigh and inspection facilities and has a tenth under construction. Troopers, transportation inspectors, and cadets staff the weigh stations and roving crews. The crews look for commercial vehicles that bypass the facilities or travel on roads without facilities in order to avoid being detected and cited for violations. Many special enforcement initiatives are conducted throughout the year at different locations.

Size, Weight and Load Program Enforcement Data

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total Vehicles Weighed - Static Scales | 1,428,147 | 1,197,033 | 1,013,763 | 1,063,896 | 1,081,774 |
| Weigh in Motion | 72,205 | 1,036,973 | 1,003,795 | 1,672,765 | 1,646,729 |
| Citations – All violations | 60,753 | 66,077 | 58,847 | 63,580 | 60,908 |
| Overweight | 15,505 | 16,844 | 16,748 | 18,705 | 19,960 |
| Seatbelt | 3,905 | 4,688 | 3,364 | 3,697 | 3,203 |
| Warnings | 42,912 | 41,227 | 43,961 | 47,145 | 32,397 |
| Roadside Inspections | 73,387 | 72,446 | 75,512 | 75,712 | 65,835 |
| Alcohol Violations | 211 | 186 | 152 | 135 | 134 |
| DUI | 27 | 39 | 16 | 22 | 16 |
| CDS Violations | 47 | 37 | 20 | 61 | 86 |
| Fines | \$9,635,877 | \$9,991,158 | \$8,542,248 | \$8,550,430 | \$8,739,809 |

CVED has a responsibility within the Motor Carrier Safety Program to report statistics on commercial vehicle collisions, especially those involving fatalities. A post-crash report is completed by the CVED investigator and filed at the headquarters office for future reference. During 2006, 72 post crash investigations were conducted which included 33 fatal collisions, 37 personal injury collisions and two property damage collisions.

A review of all collisions investigated indicated that the commercial vehicle operator was at fault 61% of the time, and the non-commercial vehicle operator 39% of the time. However, when reviewing the fatal accident statistics the results show that the commercial vehicle operators was at fault only 33% of the time and the non-commercial vehicle operator 67% of the time. The yearly statistics show an increase of 8% in collisions investigated and a 28% increase in fatalities for all collisions investigated.

In Maryland, owners of vehicles in excess of 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight are required to maintain their vehicles in safe operating conditions; additional requirements include documenting any inspection, repair or maintenance conducted on the vehicle(s). Every vehicle registered in State that meets these criteria and is used in a commercial enterprise must be inspected every 25,000 miles or once a year, whichever occurs first. CVED personnel have the authority to conduct compliance reviews not only on maintenance records, but also on driver qualification files, insurance records, drug and alcohol testing records and hours-of-service records

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| Year | Preventative Maintenance Audits | Compliance Reviews | New Entrant Safety Audits | Citations | Suspensions |
|-------------|--|---------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 2002 | 3,273 | 38 | 0 | 261 | 11 |
| 2003 | 2,827 | 64 | 67 | 505 | 33 |
| 2004 | 1,633 | 69 | 430 | 488 | 11 |
| 2005 | 1,312 | 130 | 862 | 191 | 12 |
| 2006 | 2,621 | 184 | 1,599 | 197 | 3 |

The Compliance Review Program conducts more thorough reviews of commercial motor carriers and their records, focusing on those companies with an enforcement history that might suggest a marginal safety compliance. The New Entrant Safety Audit Program is an informational audit of trucking companies to ensure mandated records are maintained properly, and is geared more as a public service than as an enforcement tool.

CVED is the lead law enforcement agency to focus on motor carrier safety in Maryland, and it is the responsibility of Training Unit personnel to train all motor carrier inspectors for the State. In addition to the hundreds of students trained here, personnel also traveled throughout the country, participating in courses such as train-the-trainer in Enhanced Radioactive Inspections and Counterterrorism.

The Traffic Safety and Security Section is responsible for safe and secure surface transportation throughout the State; it works in cooperation with many State and federal agencies, and all police agencies in the metropolitan area. Its duties include the Department's reconstruction program and the Crash Team. During 2006 this group of highly trained accident investigators responded to 135 calls, of which 120 were fatal crashes, 40 involved manslaughter/homicide/driver intoxicated cases, and 19 were commercial motor vehicle cases.

Transportation Safety Division

The Chemical Test for Alcohol Unit (CTAU) is responsible for managing the statewide Breath Alcohol Testing Program, in which the Department and 30 allied agencies participate. There are 89 Intoximeter EC/IR breath testing units in service throughout Maryland and 620 certified operators. During 2006, CTAU increased the number of Basic Breath Test Operator courses from four during 2005 to six, and certified 122 new breath test operators. This was a 48% increase in the number of breath test operators trained; there was also a 10% reduction in the number of operators removed from the breath testing program.

Impaired driver refresher training was provided to every member of the Department holding the rank of Sergeant and below during annual in-service training. This was the first time training of this type was offered in over 10 years. The training

covered updates to the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing, a block on drugs that impair driving, and a refresher on the proper use of blood specimen collection kits. DUI and Preliminary Breath Testing training was provided to each of the four MSP academy classes conducted during 2006, and were also provided to the two academy classes of the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy.

Driving Under the Influence Arrests*

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

Number of Arrests

| Age | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Less Than 16 | 25 | 16 | 13 | 7 | 15 |
| 16 – 17 | 372 | 350 | 345 | 323 | 319 |
| 18 – 20 | 2,142 | 2,093 | 2,101 | 1,879 | 2,107 |
| 21 & Older | 21,158 | 21,538 | 22,596 | 21,935 | 22,687 |
| Total | 23,697 | 23,997 | 25,055 | 24,144 | 25,129 |

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

The breakdown for the Department of State Police during 2006:

| Age | Number |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Less than 16 | 6 |
| 16 - 17 | 103 |
| 18 - 20 | 761 |
| 21 & Older | 8,497 |
| Total | 9,367 (37.3%) |

A Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) conducts an extensive evaluation on a suspected impaired driver and can conclude if the impairment is due to alcohol, drugs or a medical condition. The DRE Coordinator oversees the statewide program, ensures training is completed, and certifies personnel from the MSP (17) and allied agencies (93). Two DRE schools were conducted during 2006; 20 students successfully completed the training. Instructors from CTAU also provided assistance to the

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International Association of Chiefs of Police by administering DRE schools for Pennsylvania and Florida.

All blood samples collected throughout the State are processed at the CTAU. In 2006, 297 DRE blood specimens were processed along with 863 alcohol blood specimens, an almost five percent increase. Sixty-four people were trained to manage sobriety checkpoints, which contributed to the Department being able to conduct 95 sobriety checkpoints, compared to 67 during 2005. There were 40,717 vehicles that passed through these checkpoints and 184 impaired drivers were arrested. Forty-four arrests were made for other criminal activity ranging from underage possession of alcohol to drug and weapon violations.

The Pro-Active Criminal Enforcement (PACE) Team members use traffic enforcement measures to identify interstate terrorism, interdict the flow of illegal drugs, seize drug proceeds, untaxed cigarettes, illegal weapons, and to detect other types of criminal activity.



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| | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Investigations/Arrests | | | |
| Criminal | 98 | 195 | 126 |
| # of above that were Fugitives | 16 | 34 | 20 |
| Drugs/Weapons Seized | | | |
| Marijuana | 182.6 lbs. | 605 lbs. | 224.6 pounds |
| Cocaine | 27.3 lbs | 109 lbs. | 254 pounds |
| Heroin | 11.7 lbs. | 31.2 lbs. | 7 pounds |
| Ecstasy | -0- | 2,992 pills | 972 pills |
| PCP* | - | - | 11.8 ounces |
| Guns | 4 | 12 | 9 |
| Vehicles (fc =false compartments) | 22 (12 fc) | 41 (16 fc) | 19 (7fc) |
| U.S Currency Seized | \$1,166,056 | \$1,063,719 | \$1,130,960 |

* Category added in 2006

In March, a traffic stop in Cecil County by the Team led to the largest cocaine seizure in the Department's history. A search revealed 215 pounds of cocaine in four coolers. One person was arrested, and \$23,047 cash was also seized. Other substantial cash seizures included \$256,000, \$124,749, \$79,000, and \$66,500.

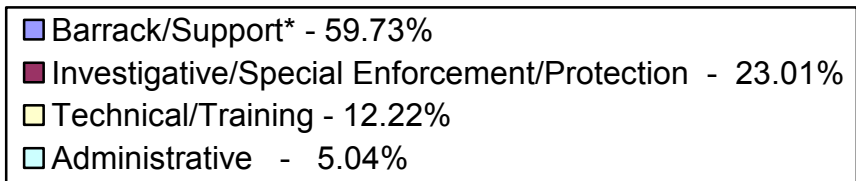
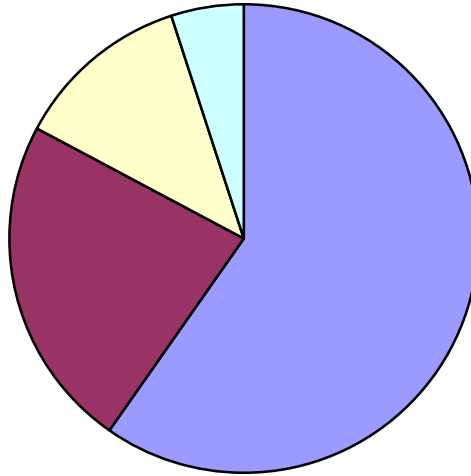
The Fatal Accident Reporting System Unit is responsible for statewide coordination of fatal accident reporting systems completed by the Department and all allied Maryland law enforcement agencies. It received an Outstanding/Innovative Unit Award from the Maryland Highway Safety Office and was nationally recognized by the National Highway Safety Administration for its improvements in reporting blood alcohol results of occupants and non-occupants not tested by the police.

Reporting increased from approximately 45 percent to over 70 percent. As a result of the improved reporting, Maryland qualified for approximately \$700,000 in additional alcohol grant money, which will be funneled back to the Department and allied agencies, and 90 percent of it will be used to directly combat drunk driving.

One of the duties of the 12 person Motor Unit is Freeway Incident Traffic Management (FITM), in which they work with the State Highway Administration/CHART to alleviate traffic congestion and promote the safe flow of traffic at incident scenes, provide assistance to motorists, and set up detour routes. In 2006, they handled 667 FITM incidents, 453 collision investigations, and 1,115 disabled vehicles.

The unit also targeted enforcement efforts at locations identified by barracks, conducted homeland security checks, and provided assistance to allied law enforcement agencies. There were 79 criminal apprehensions, 214 escorts, and 414 community policing events.

Sworn Personnel 2006 Percent Distribution



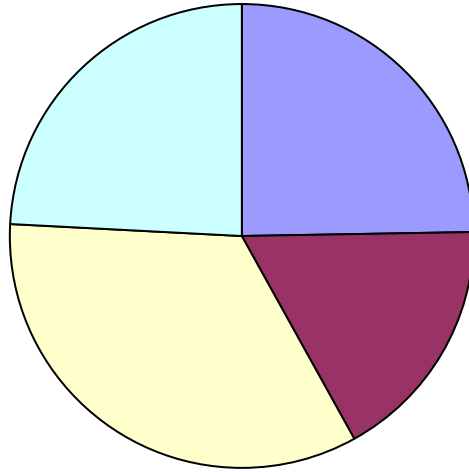
| Year | 2002** | 2003** | 2004*** | 2005** | 2006*** |
|--|--------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| Authorized Strength | 1623 | 1624 | 1593 | 1591 | 1591 |
| Actual Strength | 1607 | 1550 | 1529 | 1516 | 1547 |
| Functional Groupings | | | | | |
| Barrack/Support* | 972 | 981 | 904 | 924 | 924 |
| Investigative/Special Enforcement/Protection | 374 | 374 | 344 | 348 | 356 |
| Technical/Training | 190 | 138 | 217 | 178 | 189 |
| Administrative | 71 | 57 | 64 | 66 | 78 |

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

** July

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Civilian Personnel 2006 Percent Distribution



| |
|---|
| ■ Barrack/Support - 24.75% |
| ■ Investigative/Special Enforcement/Protection - 17.17% |
| ■ Technical/Training - 34.05% |
| ■ Administrative - 24.03% |

| Year | 2005* | 2006** |
|--|-------|--------|
| Authorized Strength | 798 | 806 |
| Actual Strength | 723 | 699 |
| Functional Groupings | | |
| Barrack/Support | 182 | 173 |
| Investigative/Special Enforcement/Protection | 126 | 120 |
| Technical/Training | 265 | 238 |
| Administrative | 150 | 168 |

* July

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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 in the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center.

Investigation Command

The **Drug Enforcement Division** (DED) leads the Department's drug control strategy and the backbone is the multi-jurisdictional drug task forces. This collaborative approach facilitates the exchange of intelligence, maximizes effectiveness, avoids duplication of services and eliminates potential operational conflicts. Currently, the Department participates in 18 task forces.

Allegany County – The search of a suspect's vehicle netted 11.4 ounces of cocaine and \$946 cash. A search of his residence yielded 8.4 pounds of marijuana and \$10,924 cash, and two arrests.

Calvert County – Traffic stop that yielded \$80,000 cash and a small amount of marijuana led to a residence search that revealed a bullet proof vest and an additional \$11,050 in cash.

Caroline County – A joint investigation with the Delaware State Police led to two arrests and the seizure of two handguns, \$13,980 cash, and some cocaine and ecstasy.

Carroll County – In January, the residence of a marijuana dealer was searched and 1.5 pounds of marijuana and \$110,000 were seized.

Cecil County – A major cocaine dealer in Elkton was arrested with his accomplice in March and 11 pounds of cocaine were seized.

Charles County – A pharmacist stealing prescription drugs from a pharmacy, and her husband, were running a pharmacy service business from their residence; a search netted over 270,000 prescription pills with a value in excess of \$500,000, also \$14,850 in bonds.

Dorchester County – An operation that targeted an open air drug market in Cambridge resulted in 30 arrests for felony drug distribution and the seizure of over ½ pound of cocaine.

Frederick County – Multi-state investigation into a Mexican drug trafficking organization in the County resulted in 15 arrests and the seizure of 33 pounds of cocaine, four vehicles, and \$5,000 cash.

Garrett County - A weekend operation coinciding with a music festival in West Virginia resulted in the arrest of 42 suspects and the seizure of 1.6 pounds of marijuana, .9 ounce of cocaine, and 1.3 ounces of psilocybin.

Harford County – A wiretap investigation into a drug distribution ring operating in Baltimore and Harford counties led to the arrest of 17, including 5 persons that were arrested and charged federally. As the result of the investigation 99 pounds of cocaine, 448 pounds of marijuana, 18 vehicles and \$380,673 in cash were seized.

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Kent County – Two search and seizure warrants at a public housing complex recovered 12.5 ounces of marijuana, 1.5 ounces of powder cocaine, a small amount of crack cocaine, CDS paraphernalia, and \$232 cash.

Prince George's/Montgomery County – A four day operation in March netted 132 arrests, \$12,427 cash, three handguns, 28.6 pounds of marijuana, 4.5 ounces of cocaine, and ½ ounce of heroin.

Queen Anne's County – Five search warrants for residences involved in drug trafficking yielded \$105,000 cash, four handguns, three vehicles, and ⅓ oz cocaine.

Somerset County – The investigation of multiple heroin and fentanyl overdoses and 12 search and seizure warrants netted 1.7 ounces of heroin, .2 ounces of fentanyl, and a transport vehicle with a hidden compartment.

St. Mary's County – A January search and seizure of a residence led to 109 marijuana plants, 1.6 pounds of processed marijuana, two handguns, \$20,000 worth of growing equipment, and \$11,674 cash.

Talbot County - A drug dealer operating out of an Easton hotel was arrested, and \$2,860 cash, 2.7 ounces of cocaine and 1.8 ounces of marijuana were seized.

Wicomico County – In Salisbury, the purchase of 2.2 pounds of cocaine led to an arrest and the seizure of \$1,600 cash.

Worcester County – A three year investigation into a drug trafficking organization in Pocomoke City led to five arrests and netted 1.1 pounds of cocaine, 302 ecstasy pills, 3.75 pounds of marijuana, and \$10,569 cash.

The following table shows the efforts of the multi-agency county task forces that the division worked with.

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| County Task Force | Cases | Search Warrants | Drug Arrests | Currency | Vehicles | Real Estate | Firearms | Cocaine - Powder | Cocaine - Crack | Heroin | Methamphetamine | Marijuana | Marijuana Plants | MDMA (Ecstasy) Pills | Psilocybin | LSD |
|--------------------|-------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|------------------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|-----------|------------------|----------------------|------------|--------|
| Allegany | 392 | 88 | 338 | \$75,899 | 23 | 2 | 46 | 9.2 oz | 3.8 lbs | 3.4 oz | .5 oz | 16.4 lbs | 63 | 52 | 1.4 oz | 0 |
| Calvert | 110 | 67 | 104 | \$27,382 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 2.3 oz | 3.1 oz | 0 | 0 | 1.9 lbs | 0 | 29 | .3 oz | 0 |
| Caroline | 114 | 33 | 75 | \$21,958 | 9 | 0 | 16 | 1.3 lbs | 4.1 oz | 0 | 0 | 15.2 oz | 54 | 231 | 0 | 0 |
| Carroll | 262 | 95 | 122 | \$540,819 | 14 | 11 | 35 | 1.2 lbs | 14.8 oz | .7 oz | .1 oz | 86.6 lbs | 791 | 166 | .3 oz | 4.3 oz |
| Cecil | 122 | 57 | 120 | \$125,608 | 17 | 2 | 44 | 14.4 lbs | 1.9 lb | .6 oz | 7.2 oz | 2.2 lbs | 82 | 9 | .9 oz | 0 |
| Charles | 190 | 53 | 96 | \$576,139 | 25 | 0 | 26 | 3.1 lbs | 1.9 lbs | .1 oz | 0 | 4.4 lbs | 0 | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Dorchester | 128 | 56 | 100 | \$45,397 | 5 | 0 | 11 | 7.7 oz | 6.6 oz | 0 | 0 | 1.3 lbs | 15 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Frederick | 235 | 51 | 108 | \$108,604 | 14 | 1 | 16 | 3.5 lbs | 1.6 lbs | 2.9 oz | 0 | 15.7 lbs | 11 | 6,040 | 0 | 0 |
| Garrett | 274 | 36 | 227 | \$16,662 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 1.3 oz | 1.2 oz | 1.6 oz | 0 | 6 lbs | 36 | 9 | 2.8 oz | 1.7 lb |
| Harford | 215 | 149 | 144 | \$547,622 | 11 | 3 | 24 | 100.5 lbs | 1.5 lbs | .8 oz | 4.6 oz | 161.9 lbs | 658 | 105 | 3.1 oz | .5 oz |
| Kent | 102 | 22 | 36 | \$12,227 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2.2 oz | 2.6 oz | .2 oz | 0 | 1.3 lbs | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PG/Montgomery | 181 | 44 | 171 | \$67,240 | 12 | 2 | 16 | 9.9 oz | 6 oz | 8.7 oz | 0 | 45.3 lbs | 237 | 303 | .1 oz | 0 |
| Queen Anne's | 231 | 44 | 85 | \$153,951 | 21 | 0 | 21 | 2.8 oz | 6.8 oz | Trace | 0 | 3.5 oz | 34 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Somerset | 134 | 35 | 75 | \$16,237 | 2 | 0 | 4 | .6 oz | 3.1 oz | 2.5 oz | .1 oz | 4.6 lbs | 87 | 13 | 0 | 0 |
| St. Mary's | 243 | 131 | 143 | \$117,519 | 13 | 0 | 33 | 8.6 oz | 10 lbs | .2 oz | 0 | 3.8 lbs | 109 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Talbot | 179 | 33 | 72 | \$19,270 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 5.3 oz | 2.4 oz | 0 | 0 | 10.4 oz | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Washington | 28 | 23 | 57 | \$99,104 | 18 | 4 | 3 | 15.7 lbs | 2.1 lbs | .3 oz | .5 oz | 273.1 lbs | 0 | 1,201 | 0 | 0 |
| Wicomico | 311 | 94 | 107 | \$140,603 | 25 | 0 | 49 | 4.4 lbs | 1.5 lbs | 8 oz | 0 | 14.3 lbs | 363 | 0 | .4 oz | 0 |
| Worcester | 225 | 71 | 134 | \$112,523 | 7 | 0 | 10 | 2 lbs | 1.8 lbs | .3 oz | 0 | 8.9 lbs | 34 | 313 | 0 | 0 |
| 2006 Totals | 3,676 | 1,182 | 2,314 | \$2,824,764 | 246 | 25 | 360 | 180.7 lbs | 29.3 lbs | 1.9 lbs | 12.9 oz | 649.5 lbs | 2,582 | 8,492 | 9.3 oz | 2 lbs. |

DED also has support units which act as the clearinghouse for asset seizures and provide expertise in the operation of electronic surveillance equipment and physical surveillance techniques.

Delivery System Parcel Interdiction Initiative – Supervised by the Department, it focuses exclusively on drug smuggling operations that use commercial parcel delivery services. During 2006 members arrested 28 suspects, and intercepted 616 pounds of marijuana, 85 pounds of cocaine, 1 pound of psilocybin, and \$65,209 cash. In one case, the controlled delivery of two parcels containing a total of 18.5 pounds of marijuana, and a search warrant yielded \$1,900 cash, additional marijuana, a revolver and one suspect.

Asset Forfeiture Unit – Tracks and processes assets from seizure to final disposition. As part of the Post Arrest Asset Identification Program, 33 houses, 2 vehicles, and \$789,016 cash were seized. The investigation of a large marijuana manufacturing operation led to the seizure of \$85,000 cash, two properties (appraised at \$487,000 and \$588,500), and over \$36,000 from a bank account.

Marijuana Eradication Unit – It is supportive of all Maryland law enforcement agencies in the eradication of domestically cultivated marijuana, and during the 2006 growing season, 4,510 plants and 469 pounds of processed marijuana were seized. A search of a Montgomery County residence led to the seizure of 417 marijuana plants, 38 pounds of processed marijuana, and one quart of hash oil.

Money Laundering Initiative – A U.S. immigration and Customs initiative, has seized over \$900,000 in cash.

After six years of planning and construction, the **Forensic Sciences Division** (FSD) made its move to the new 68,000 square foot laboratory facility. The move was a formidable task in which two major issues had to be overcome: the physical moving of evidence, equipment and personnel, and the maintenance of case productivity. Coordination between the knowledgeable staff of Quartermaster Division, and the in-depth planning and efforts of the FSD staff resulted in the laboratory never being truly off-line with case production, and the return to full capability was quicker than anticipated. In spite of the fact that time was lost to casework during the move, several major impacts on investigations were made by FSD personnel.

Another goal for 2006 that came to fruition with the opening was the offering of space and equipment to counties who contemplated having their own lab, but couldn't afford it. Howard County Police Department was the first to accept and hired a chemist who came to work in the FSD facility in May. The chemist works in the CDS Unit and performs all examinations in accordance with the accreditation standards that FSD follows.

The FSD underwent a renewal of accreditation in 2006. A team of ASCLD/LAB inspectors spent a week performing the re-accreditation audit, and the division passed with high grades. The highlight of that audit was the accreditation of the Crime Scene

Unit, which had the distinction of becoming the only Crime Scene Unit in the country to be accredited at multiple sites (14). This accreditation is good for another five years.

A study was performed on the FSD by the MTG Management Consultants, Inc. from Seattle, Washington. The study was requested by the Department of Budget and Management to determine the best business and forensic processes to illuminate opportunities for improving efficiency and effectiveness, specifically, opportunities for improving turnaround time and customer service. In two presentations given by the Consultants, the statement was made that the “FSD was an “A” laboratory...” (Bob Kailin, Partner, MTG Management Consultants).

The units in the Operational Services Branch are:

- Crime Scene - Technicians respond to any type of crime scene where the collection and preservation of evidence could play a role in solving a case, and they transport the majority of the evidence examined in Pikesville. Evidence is also carried for many of the local police and sheriff's departments. Noteworthy cases included processing a stolen vehicle that was involved in a fatal hit and run collision and the confirmation of a second suspect in a bank robbery. The unit handled 1,450 cases, including 406 for allied police agencies. Burglaries accounted for 429, thefts for 146, drug investigations for 105, and homicides for 87 cases.
- Central Receiving - Responsible for managing all evidence flowing through the laboratory, coordinating CDS evidence submitted for chemical analysis, and maintaining old case files for the division. In 2006, 8,547 cases were submitted.
- Photography - Duties included the development and printing of film regarding criminal and motor vehicle collisions, public relations photos as required, and maintaining the digital Barrack Identification (BI) Photo System within this unit. Processed 3,270 color films and made 53,922 color prints, processed 1,111 black and white films, handled 381 BI discs, and did 41 photo shoots.
- Support Staff - Personnel provided invaluable assistance with the move to the new facility, coordinating and organizing the furniture delivery and new equipment installation, and various office materials. Duties include processing working fund expenditures, ordering laboratory supplies, maintaining service agreement contracts, typing case reports, processing invoices, processing ID cards, logging and maintaining all submitted court summons, logging training requests, processing work and leave reports and typing various technical manuals and miscellaneous division correspondence.

The Scientific Analysis Branch performs analytical and subjective examinations on submitted casework. Its units are:

- Chemistry – The Pikesville lab examined 8,213 of 8,413 cases. At the Berlin Regional lab, 3,842 of the 3,906 cases submitted were examined; one involved their first ever fentanyl case, part of a multi-state fentanyl epidemic. The Hagerstown Regional lab examined 2,213 of 2,354 cases.
- Toxicology – Still the only lab within the state approved to analyze blood samples for alcohol in cases related to DUI arrests, many of which involve serious personal injury and manslaughter charges that require the chemist's expert testimony at trial. There were 936 cases examined, and there is no backlog.

- Trace Evidence – Examined 161 cases, including one in which a fingerprint was recovered from a Molotov cocktail, and another where, through microscopic examination and physical match of fiber fracture patterns, stamps were identified as coming from the same source.
- Latent Print – The examiners compared 45,005 fingerprints from a known to unknown source and chemically processed 601 items of physical evidence. Of the 2,065 cases completed 293 were positively identified to 312 different individuals, and 115 of these were a result of an entry made through a computerized database.
- Firearms/Toolmarks/IBIS – Examined 926 cases, and made 652 NIBIN system entries, with nine associations made to other cases in the database, and looked at 42 handguns for the Handgun Roster Board. All 8,749 dealer shell casings submitted for the IBIS database were completed. A positive conclusion was reached in a 2005 homicide from Baltimore City, when a handgun was found to match evidence cartridge cases from the homicide scene.
- Biology - The section has greatly benefited from federal government funding opportunities, participating in many of the grants offered by the National Institute of Justice; over 10,800 convicted offenders DNA samples were collected. Again, the majority of cases involved evidence from sexual assaults (107) or homicides (79), followed by burglaries (73). A corrections officer was stabbed, and died; his DNA was found on two inmates clothing after serological testing and DNA analysis.

Homeland Security Command

Criminal Investigation Division

- Organized Crime Unit – Worked with the Frederick County Narcotics Task Force and arrested over 50 “Crips” street gang members for CDS violations, and with the Elkton Police Department and arrested 17 gang members, or associates, of a Latino gang “Lagos 13” and seized 1.2 pounds of cocaine, \$9,781, and two vehicles; provided gang recognition training to approximately 2,100 law enforcement and educational personnel.
- Regional Warrant Apprehension Task Force and U.S. Marshal’s Task Force – Received new equipment that allows suspects with cellular phones to be tracked, and soon used it to apprehend an escapee from federal prison that was armed. Addressed the backlog of arrest warrants and the most violent offenders, combined to average 15 felony arrests per week in 2006; located a subject in July who had committed nine commercial armed robberies and was linked to others; received 577 warrants for service (25 more than 2005), and served 570 of them; cleared 91 MSP retake warrants.
- Extradition Unit – Conducted 344 extraditions, 109 more than in 2005; extraditions performed for other Department installations have increased 200%.
- Auto Theft Unit – Assisted the U.S. Secret Service with a case involving an MVA clerk processing counterfeit titles, 24 vehicles with an approximate value of \$632,000 were recovered; provided training to 752 troopers.

- Washington Area Vehicle Enforcement – Recovered 1,276 stolen vehicles, made 612 arrests, seized 10 firearms, and served 70 warrants. Surveillance on a stolen vehicle led to the apprehension of the armed suspect after a foot chase and fight, the suspect had charges already pending for CDS and handgun violations
- Gun Enforcement Unit – Conducted 52 search and seizure warrants and seized 881 firearms; worked with other Departmental units and Wicomico Sheriff's Office, on information received from Ocean City Police, and conducted 13 search and seizure warrants, made six arrests, and seized two assault rifles, four handguns, and 15 non-regulated firearms.
- Polygraph Unit – Conducted polygraph examinations for any requesting law enforcement agency and had an inconclusive rate of 4% on tests conducted, well below the national average of 20%; did 1,104 examinations of which 682 were applicant type exams.
- Computer Crimes – Investigated highly technical and wide-ranging crimes, the bulk of which involved sexual exploitation of children across the internet, and included one case of child pornography and sexual abuse in Talbot County; examined over 6.2 terabytes of data (a terabyte of data is equivalent to 250 million pages of text!) in support of 113 criminal investigations, the majority of which involved child pornography, child sexual assault, or murder; provided training to over 100 criminal investigators and prosecuting attorneys on the evidentiary value of mobile phones in criminal investigations; the Maryland Center for Missing Children provided assistance in over 800 missing children cases and 148 specific leads in active cases.
- Homicide Unit – Organized in the 90's, the unit was involved in a number of high profile cases including those of two correctional officers killed by inmates, and a police involved shooting in Cecil County.
- Attorney General Section - CID: Assigned to assist the AG'S office in the investigation and prosecution of white collar crimes, several cases of financial exploitation of vulnerable adults were pursued, and some of the money has been returned and an indictment is pending; 41 criminal arrests were made in other cases involving tax fraud, bribery, embezzlement, credit card fraud, and neglect of a vulnerable adult. Insurance Fraud Unit: Concluded a case begun in 2005 with the convictions of the three suspects and the reimbursement of \$93,000 to the victim; also served 29 subpoenas and made eight arrests for fraud related crimes. Environmental Crimes: Worked on the Carroll County case where animal carcasses were being dumped into a stream, which resulted in water pollution and solid waste violation charges against the farm owner; made 10 arrests for environmental crimes and served 54 subpoenas.

Five unique sections within the **Homeland Security & Intelligence Division** worked in unison to collect, analyze, and disseminate criminal intelligence information. One of the most notable cases for the Analytical Section resulted in the arrest of 53 gang members on more than 150 charges after a two-year investigation. Investigators also seized \$45,000 cash, 2.1 pounds of crack cocaine, 1.6 pounds of powder cocaine, eight ounces of liquid PCP, 13.5 pounds of marijuana, nine handguns, and 200 ecstasy pills.

Other section cases included working with CVED to identify counterfeit commercial vehicle licenses, identifying a homicide victim thrown from a moving vehicle, locating a child abducted from West Virginia, and an ongoing case of fraud and identity theft in which over \$310,000 has been stolen from known victims. Personnel in the section also assisted the DEA with an investigation which resulted in nine arrests and the seizure of \$1.2 million in currency and 66 pounds of cocaine.

The Operations Section opened nearly 400 cases in 2006 that dealt with a wide variety of investigations, including 30 assists to the CID Gangs and Organized Crimes Unit, nine hate crimes and 18 cases of threats against the Governor or other public officials. One terrorism related investigation involved a series of prank calls about death and bomb threats, and included hate mail that depicted racist overtones. The suspect was arrested and charged federally with 21 counts of terroristic threats. In another case, a father was arrested for the parental abduction of his children from South Carolina; through analytical research an address in Georgia was identified which led to the recovery of the unharmed children.

The Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center (MCAC) is an information fusion center where information from State, local and federal government can be analyzed and disseminated quickly and effectively. MCAC has two parts, the Watch Section and the Strategic Analysis Section. There are currently fifteen allied agencies participating in the Watch Center. During 2006, MCAC processed on average 58 tips per month, as well as 250 requests for information and over 1,000 phone calls.

The Maryland Delaware Joint Terrorism Task Force, (MDJTTF) is responsible for the initial investigation of all terrorism related complaints reported within Maryland. It has initiated an outreach program and identified more than 5,000 critical infrastructures, key assets and intelligence sources throughout Maryland and Delaware that are contacted frequently for proactive intelligence gathering. The MDJTTF has provided more than 40 terrorism presentations to various professional associations on reporting potentially terrorist related complaints to law enforcement. Two of the cases at the beginning of the year involved bomb threats, and both were successfully resolved by Task Force investigators with the arrest of suspects on charges of false statement-destructive device and threat of arson.

The Special Projects Section has the responsibility of coordinating the Maryland Secure Communications Security Manager Program, which provides designated individuals a means of communicating in a secure environment during periods of emergency. Personnel also developed a tracking system to monitor security clearance activities to ensure continuity of communications. Instruction was provided to federal, State, and local law enforcement personnel, Department of Defense leadership, and emergency managers on the proper methods of obtaining, securing, and processing classified documents.

Records Command

Licensing Division processes and administers thousands of licensing certifications, commissions and regulated firearms transactions annually. The current administrative processing phase for each section is fully dependent upon manual data

entry and manual record checks due to the absence of an automated processing system in connection with an automatic electronic database.

The Licensing Services Section has several sub-sections covering Handgun Permits, Private Detectives and Security Guards, Special and Rail Road Police Commissions, K-9 Registration, and Outdoor Music Festivals. There were 96 new security guard agency licenses and 114 renewals, and 5,988 security guard certifications and 2,401 renewals. New private detective agency licenses numbered 95, renewals 212, and certifications 296. There were 76 new security systems agency licenses, 354 renewals, 1,082 new technicians and 990 technician renewals. The application process involves criminal record checks with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Criminal Justice Information Services, and inquiries through the Maryland Interagency Law Enforcement System (MILES) and the National Crime Information Center (NCIC). There are personal interviews and inquiries for all applicants, and identification cards are issued to the approved applicants.

The Firearms Registration Section investigated applicants to purchase, sell, and/or collect regulated firearms, issued licenses and regulated dealers who buy and sell regulated firearms, and entered all regulated firearms application data into the Maryland Automated Firearms Services System. There were 28,287 applications to purchase firearms, 25,798 final sales, 2,489 disapproved/incomplete sales, and 902 new collector's applications. There were 2,085 applications for handgun permits and 1,791 issued, and 2,653 renewal applications with 2,324 issued. The division was 100 percent compliant with a MILES/NCIC audit that focused on the division's policies regarding criminal background checks.

The **Central Records Division** collects, analyzes and distributes accident and crime related data for the State. The division is comprised of the Accident Reporting, Incident Reporting, and Field Liaison Sections. Current operating procedures for the administrative processing phase of each section are fully dependent upon manual data entry. In 2006 personnel in the division:

- Published the 2005 Crime in Maryland Uniform Crime Report (UCR) in June, and the 2005 Motor Vehicle Accident Statistics in April.
- Implemented a pilot program for Maryland's first Mail-In Quality Assurance Reviews. This allows the division to increase its contacts with the contributing law enforcement agencies of crime data. Ten agencies are participating in the pilot program.
- Processed and entered more than 94,000 motor vehicle accident reports into the KAR system and the Maryland Automated Accident Report System.
- Reviewed and verified approximately 700,000 citations between June and September that were listed as missing on Motor Vehicle Administration printouts.
- Conducted six three-day classes relating to UCR procedures. Each of the 71 students that completed the class received 21 hours of in-service credit from the Maryland Police Training Commission.
- Reviewed and resolved 770 discrepancies that were found in the monthly UCR submissions during 1,067 contacts made with 155 police agencies. Additionally, four on-site Quality Assurance Reviews were conducted.
- Collected over \$118,000 in motor vehicle accident report search fees.

Traffic Fatalities*

| Year | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005** | 2006*** |
|--------|------|------|------|------|--------|---------|
| Number | 662 | 661 | 651 | 643 | 613 | 651 |

Source: *Maryland Automated Accident Reporting System (MAARS)

** Total as of April 6, 2006

*** Total as of March 8, 2007



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, and promotional testing.

Personnel Command

Human Resources Division

Staff in the **Personnel Administration Section:**

- Continued the timely and successful processing of the Work and Leave reports.
- Processed 29 sworn employees into the DROP.
- Processed 791 performance evaluations.
- Transacted 1,358 personnel orders.
- Provided services (on retirement benefits) to the families of 15 retirees and 1 active employee after their death.
- The Risk Management Program:
 - Conducted 57 facility inspections in conjunction with Departmental divisions.
 - Developed and provided training on blood borne pathogens, automotive asbestos, personal protective equipment.
 - Participated in the State Asbestos Oversight Committee, which resulted in the award of a \$28,000 flooring project with no cost to the Department.
- The Medical Services Unit:
 - Administered 760 random drug tests, 643 injections, 1,163 hearing tests, 57 stress tests, and 274 vision screenings.
 - Did 274 physical exams and 11 flight physicals.
 - Processed 274 trooper applicants, 731 restricted duty orders, and 163 requests for administrative/accident leave.
 - Distributed 2,236 open enrollment packages and 400 confirmation statements.

| | Sworn | Civilian |
|--|-------|----------|
| Number of Service Retirements | 40 | 17 |
| Number if Disability Retirements | 35 | 5 |
| Number of Deceased Personnel | 0 | 1 |
| Number of Resignations | 48 | 57 |
| Number Transferred to other State Agency | 0 | 9 |
| Number Terminated | 2 | 2 |

The Employee Services Section:

- Conducted 48 applicant orientations for troopers and cadets, from which 234 applications were received.
- Attended 60 job fairs.
- Seated three Academy classes of 40 or more Trooper Candidates.
- Commissioned a mobile recruiting trailer.
- Processed and tracked 785 background checks for trooper and cadet positions.
- Initiated 65 civilian recruitments which resulted in the hiring of 43 new employees.
- Processed 153 reclassification/classification studies and 14 acting capacity pay requests.

Currently, there are 116 people in the **Volunteers in Police Support (VIPS)** Program, 10 of which started in 2006, and 25 more are in the application process. One dedicated volunteer retired in May after 46 years of service to the Annapolis Barrack. The volunteers have contributed a total of 16,770 hours of their time, saving the Department an estimated \$308,400. In October, the division hosted a VIPS Recognition Luncheon honoring 93 volunteers for their outstanding support to the members of the Department. This luncheon was possible due to donations from many of the Maryland Trooper's Association lodges as well as the Maryland State Police Alumni Association.



Trooper Candidates at the Police Academy participated in the Fallen Heroes Ceremony.

The **Police Academy Division** trains and certifies Trooper Candidates to perform road patrol duties within the Field Operations Bureau upon graduation. The instructors implant a high level of discipline in the Trooper Candidates through an

emphasis on military bearing and an attention to detail, and all the objectives set by the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions (MPCTC) are met over 26 weeks. Quarterly academy classes overlapped, which allowed for increased flexibility in the training cycle and accelerated appointments for prospective applicants, and provided a continuous pool of qualified, replacement troopers.

During 2006, 139 candidates were provided training in the four classes which traversed the calendar year. In addition to the training mandates, candidates were exposed to the benefits of community involvement as they volunteered to participate in charitable causes, such as the Polar Bear Plunge, the Howard County 5K Police Pace, and the Torch Run all in support of the Special Olympics Maryland. Additionally, each class sponsored a Red Cross Blood Drive and gave many “gifts of life” by the pint.

The **Training Division** ensures all personnel are trained and certified with the most up-to-date information, skills and techniques available. The professional and dedicated personnel were responsible for providing or coordinating:

- Mandated In-Service, MPCTC, and Federal and State training (including National Incident Management System, Cultural Awareness, Blood Borne Pathogens, Personal Protective Equipment Fit Testing, and First Responder Recertification).
- Defensive Tactics and Firearms training (including Advanced Officer Survival, Day and Night Firearms, High Risk Traffic Stops, and Active Shooter).
- Professional Development training (including Conducting Criminal Gang and Organized Crime Investigations, Basic Computer Investigations, Property and Evidence Management, Conflict Resolution and Mediation, Police Suicide Awareness, NCO Leadership Series, Field Training Trooper, and CapWIN).

The division also:

- Implemented the Department's first mandatory in-service training program for all First Sergeants through Lieutenant Colonels.
- Trained all sworn personnel in emergency vehicle operations.
- Coordinated with the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, the Emergency Management Institute, and the MPCTC to provide federally mandated National Incident Management System and Incident Command System training.
- Provided technical and training assistance to the Police Academy Division, Firearms Training Unit for the required Beretta 96D maintenance update.
- Established a CapWIN training site at the Public Safety Education and Training Center.
- Developed and implemented a NCO Leadership Series training program for all MSP non-commissioned officers. Personnel also attended this course from the Delaware State Police and the Department of General Services Police Department.
- Increased the number of training courses by 59%, days of training by 33%, and the number of personnel trained by 50%.



In-service training demonstration of the seven points of cover.

Although 2006 marked a non-testing year for the Department as a whole, the **Promotional Testing Division** administered the 2005 Promotional Process in June to three people who were on active military leave during the 2005 process. Assessors from allied state police agencies were brought in to assist with this phase of the process. The chart shows the results of the 2005 Promotional Process:

| Rank | Total Promotions | Total Candidates | Rate of Promotion |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Corporal | 113 | 126 | 90% |
| Sergeant | 111 | 155 | 72% |
| First/Detective Sergeant | 50 | 88 | 57% |
| Lieutenant | 14 | 47 | 32% |
| Captain | 4 | 20 | 20% |
| All Tested Ranks | 292 | 436 | 67% |

One of the larger projects this year was the development of a new Performance Appraisal System. It was a result of focus group recommendations and is undergoing a pilot study at three locations to determine its effectiveness. The division also reviewed the current Entry Level test for Trooper Applicants, and identified the National Police Officer Selection Test as the test which will best suit the Department's needs. A detailed validation process began in October 2006, and will continue through May 2007. Staff also:

- Conducted a currency analysis on the 2001 Job Task Analysis and 2005 Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities for the 2007 Promotional Process.
- Maintained records relating to and provided allied agencies with assessors as requested. Twenty-eight assessors of various ranks were provided to 15 allied agencies located in and out of state.
- Participated in entry level interview boards and served on the Police Selection Committee.
- Presented instruction regarding the Department's Performance Appraisal System at First-Line Supervisor's Training.
- Coordinated the production of one Trooper to TFC promotional list.
- Updated, reproduced and distributed official promotional eligibility lists as required.

The **Department Prosecutor Section** has overall responsibility for the prosecution of all sworn and civilian disciplinary cases. It represents the Department in administrative cases held before the Office of Administrative Hearings, at Unemployment Insurance and Emergency Suspension of Police Powers Hearings, negotiates settlements at the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), and advises sworn and civilian managers/supervisors in the interpretation of regulations, rules, directives, policies, and statutes.

In 2006, there were 22 sworn (one from an allied police agency) and 39 civilian disciplinary cases. The section represented the Automotive Safety Enforcement Division in 30 cases, and the Licensing Division in 10 cases. It also represented the Department in two civilian grievances, which were appealed to the Office of Administrative Hearings and further appealed to the Circuit Court, and provided representation in four DBM settlement conferences and four Unemployment Insurance hearings.

The **Administrative Hearings Section** is responsible for all administrative processes for the Department, which include, but are not limited to, chairing all disciplinary hearings and making recommendations regarding penalties for sworn personnel, and the sworn and civilian grievance processes. Duties include conducting hearings and issuing written decisions to the Secretary, negotiating settlements at Department of Budget and Management, and serving as an appointing authority for the Department.

In 2006, the section adjudicated 11 cases for the Department involving allegations of trooper misconduct and seven misconduct cases for allied agencies. Also adjudicated were nine sworn and two civilian grievances. The section initiated 51 cases regarding matters related to the Automotive Safety Enforcement Division and Licensing Divisions.

Logistics Command

The **Motor Vehicle Division** (MVD) is responsible for procuring, maintaining, repairing and disposing of all Maryland State Police and State Fire Marshal's Office vehicles. During 2006, 168 new vehicles were placed into service and an equal number were disposed of through auction. All vehicles purchased are specifically selected to meet the many needs of a diverse department, from the State Fire Marshal's Bomb Squad to the uniformed trooper. MVD also:

- Worked with ITD and ESD to outfit 235 Enhanced Patrol Vehicles with LED emergency lighting.
- Maintained all records associated with the 398 Departmental vehicle collisions.
- Continued to use cost saving initiatives, such as paying the Automotive Services Specialists overtime to perform services that had previously been outsourced to Ford dealerships. This employee's overtime rate is approximately 25% of the flat rate at a dealership.
- Issued 14,700 work orders for the repair and maintenance of the Department's 1,850 vehicles. This averages to every vehicle having been serviced eight times each during the year.

The number of Crown Victoria vehicles with mileage exceeding 100,000 miles continued to grow and now represents more than 59% of the fleet, and the percentage of vehicles with over 100,000 miles in the total fleet is 56%. On average, a patrol car is driven approximately 2,500 miles per month or 30,000 miles per year; therefore, at the end of six years, that vehicle will have logged 180,000 miles.

Within the **Information Technology Division** (ITD), the Technology Management Section provides administrative management and oversight of technology projects, develops budgetary justifications, and performs customer relations functions. The Technical Services Section is responsible for developing, implementing and maintaining information technology systems.

Projects the division worked on include:

Enhanced Patrol Vehicle (EPV) – Placement of mobile data computers (MDC) in patrol vehicles has provided troopers with immediate access to criminal justice and homeland security information. Currently in year two of a three year implementation cycle, approximately 750 MDCs have been deployed. Other EPV components include LED light bars, in-car video cameras, bi-directional moving radar, and updated radio systems.

CapWIN – Currently, over 900 troopers have been trained to use the system for data communications interoperability and wireless access to law enforcement and MVA databases to check on such items as open warrants, missing people, and drivers' licenses. Over 500,000 inquiries have been run by troopers in 2006, and following are some of their success stories:

“It's a great way to communicate with other allied personnel.

Just today I recovered a stolen vehicle.”

“A good one. Gave look out directly to resident trooper...for a possible DUI...vehicle stopped 2 arrested for cds 1 dui.”

Electronic Traffic Information Exchange (E-TIX) – Worked on with the cooperation of the District Court, the system allows troopers to scan information from the barcode on a driver's license or vehicle registration card into the MDC, and it sends the information to CapWIN where it is automatically checked. When an E-TIX is written, a copy is printed for the violator and the data is sent to the State Police Headquarters; citation data will be transferred to the District Court on a daily basis. E-TIX will increase the safety and efficiency of those who use it by reducing the duration of a traffic stop from its current average of five to 10 minutes down to two minutes. More than 16% of all officers killed from 1995 to 2004 were killed during traffic stops and hundreds are injured each year when their vehicles are struck on traffic stops. In addition, E-TIX will have a significant positive effect on troopers' productivity – spending less time on each traffic stop will allow them to make more stops or to focus on other police functions.

The ITD also managed more than 500 service calls on the mobile systems and reached 70% of its connectivity goal in connecting installations into the wide area network. The help desk supported approximately 1,700 desktop and 600 lap top computers. About 27% of the desk tops and 54% of the lap tops are four or more years old and are at the end of their life cycle in terms of hardware and operating system support.

The **Quartermaster Division (QMD)** is responsible for the procurement, warehousing, and delivery of all commodities, equipment, contracts and services for the Department. In 2006, QMD personnel processed 4,322 purchase orders totaling \$22,018,061, and made 1,065 State corporate credit card purchases totaling \$346,805, for 5,387 transactions with a total worth of \$22,364,866.

Divisional duties include managing:

- The Department Property Unit - receives, holds and ultimately disposes of all non-departmental property that is recovered as evidence, found property, or property otherwise received by sworn personnel in the performance of their duties
- The Federal Surplus Property Program Statewide Administrator - responsible for the 121 Maryland police agencies' participating in the 1033 Program and 28 that participate in the 1122 Program.
- The Department Armorer - responsible for producing specifications, repairing, and testing department weapons, body armor, and related equipment.

Facilities Management Division is responsible for maintenance and renovations of the Department's 64 locations throughout Maryland. Duties also include facility inspections and managing the recycling program. During 2006, the division processed over 3,000 in-house work requests and 440 requests from various satellite operations.

Some major projects completed include the final phase of construction to the former cafeteria in building "B" to provide space for the Chemical Test for Alcohol Unit (CTAU), the conversion of the classroom in building "D" to accommodate the print shop, and the conversion of office space in building "D" for the mail room. Renovation projects that were initiated during the year that are continuing into 2007 include renovating building "K" (former crime lab) and renovating the second floor of building "B" to convert the former CTAU area into office space.

The **Electronic Systems Division** coordinated and implemented the Department's and the State's communications equipment, policy, and procedures.

Electronic Services Section – The technicians used 30,815 hours performing 13,642 distinct jobs carrying out their duties in managing multiple complex communication systems, and in maintaining and installing in-car video systems, radar units, and CCTV systems; also worked on MIMICS, which provided for multi-agency interoperability, EPVs, and the Maryland microwave & fiber communication backbone.

Telecommunication Section – Operated the Department's central communications center, administered emergency call-out procedures, and was the control point for the FEMA/MEMA teleconference system. To ensure officer safety and keep all law enforcement agencies informed of critical events, the Police Communications Operators made sure that all messages were routed to the appropriate destination. Approximately 120,000 telephone calls to the Headquarters compound were handled; the one person mail operation processed 85,388 pieces of outgoing mail, 329,299 incoming parcels, and over 350,000 pieces of interdepartmental mail.

MILES/NCIC/NLETS Section – Assured the security, quality, accuracy, and timeliness of 164,163 records, including 21,677 wanted persons and 9,164 protective orders; also performed 144 security and 103 full compliance audits, and maintained 18 MDC switches serving 63 user agencies.

Communication Services Section – Collaborated with the State Highway Administration to share costs on a new telephone system shared by Golden Ring Barrack and CHART/TOC4 that will integrate into a statewide communication network; upgraded two barrack telephone systems; completed the customization of six voice mails to auto answer to handle routine calls; installed new fiber optic connections to provide more high speed data connections to network Maryland; redesigned the entire system at Homeland Security to maximize call handling; acquired access to a large teleconference bridge in the event of statewide emergency; and answered over 400 calls for service.

Office of the State Fire Marshal

The Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) manages both fire service and law enforcement duties and has legal authority throughout Maryland. Efforts and resources are concentrated in 17 of the 24 political subdivisions, and partnerships are maintained with those local jurisdictions which provide similar services. The duties of the OSFM include:

- Fire Code Enforcement – All buildings, structures, or other facilities considered “public” are subject to inspection. The Fire Marshal has authority to pursue criminal action against the owner or occupant of an occupancy inspected by the OSFM which has failed to comply with the provisions of the State Fire Prevention Code,
- Fire Investigation – State law charges the OSFM with the primary responsibility for the investigation of fires, and if the cause is determined to be incendiary (criminal design), they are empowered to conduct a criminal investigation and arrest the individuals responsible.
- Explosive Licensing, Regulation and Bomb Squad Operations – Regulate the use of explosives to ensure those licensed to sell, manufacture, or possess them do so in strict accordance with State and federal laws. The bomb squad is the only statewide one, and the nine members were trained and certified by the FBI.
- Public Fire and Life Safety Education – Develop and implement programs designed to reduce the number of fires, and fire-related deaths and injuries; programs include smoke alarm installation, maintenance and use, and residential sprinkler systems. One of the primary sponsors of the Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference which focused on fire prevention when it began in the late 50’s, and has since expanded to include all hazards, especially for children and seniors.
- Engineering and Plan Review – Engineering services are provided statewide regarding the use, construction, and licensing of all types of buildings and facilities, other than one and two family dwellings; plan reviews are performed for new construction, renovations and modernization projects, and specialized fire protections systems.
- Fire Data Collection and Analysis/Maryland Fire Incidents Reporting System (MFIRS) - The OSFM is the central repository for fire and emergency service data for Maryland. More than 360 fire and rescue departments (career and volunteer) collect MFIRS data, which is essential in determining the nature and extent of fire and life safety issues.

In 2006, a series of 15 vehicle fires over two years in Southern Region, and a series of fires deliberately ignited in Salisbury were both closed by arrest; the OSFM continued to have a felony closure rate (almost 30%) for arson that is over 50% above the national average. Two other fires, a \$2.5 million loss commercial building in Finksburg and a half-million dollar blaze in Bel Air that displaced over 20 families, were the result of electrical malfunctions. The investigation of the Hunter’s Brooke subdivision fire, Maryland’s largest incident of arson involving single family dwellings, was concluded with all five indicted defendants being convicted in federal court.

The Bomb Squad played a key role in the formation of the National Bomb Squad Strategic Plan. This plan, submitted to Congress, provides a national summary of state and local bomb squad short and long term goals, strategic perspectives, threat issues, and bombing counterterrorism preparedness throughout the United States. The squad responded to over 400 calls for service; in all instances neither civilians nor technicians sustained injury.

A partnership with the Maryland Emergency Management Agency resulted in the development of a real-time, web-based dispatch system for OSFM services. This ensures more effective and efficient citizen services and management. Technical assistance and expert support were provided to local fire service organizations considering residential fire sprinkler requirements; five counties and a host of municipalities now require these systems in new homes.

State Fire Marshal William Barnard was named 2006 Fire Protection Person of the Year by the Society of Fire Protection Engineers. The award recognizes significant achievement in the protection of humanity and the environment from the ravages of unwanted fire, and an outstanding contribution to fire protection.



Aerial photo of the March 15, 2006 blaze at Solomon's Island. The wind-whipped multi-million dollar fire destroyed several buildings.

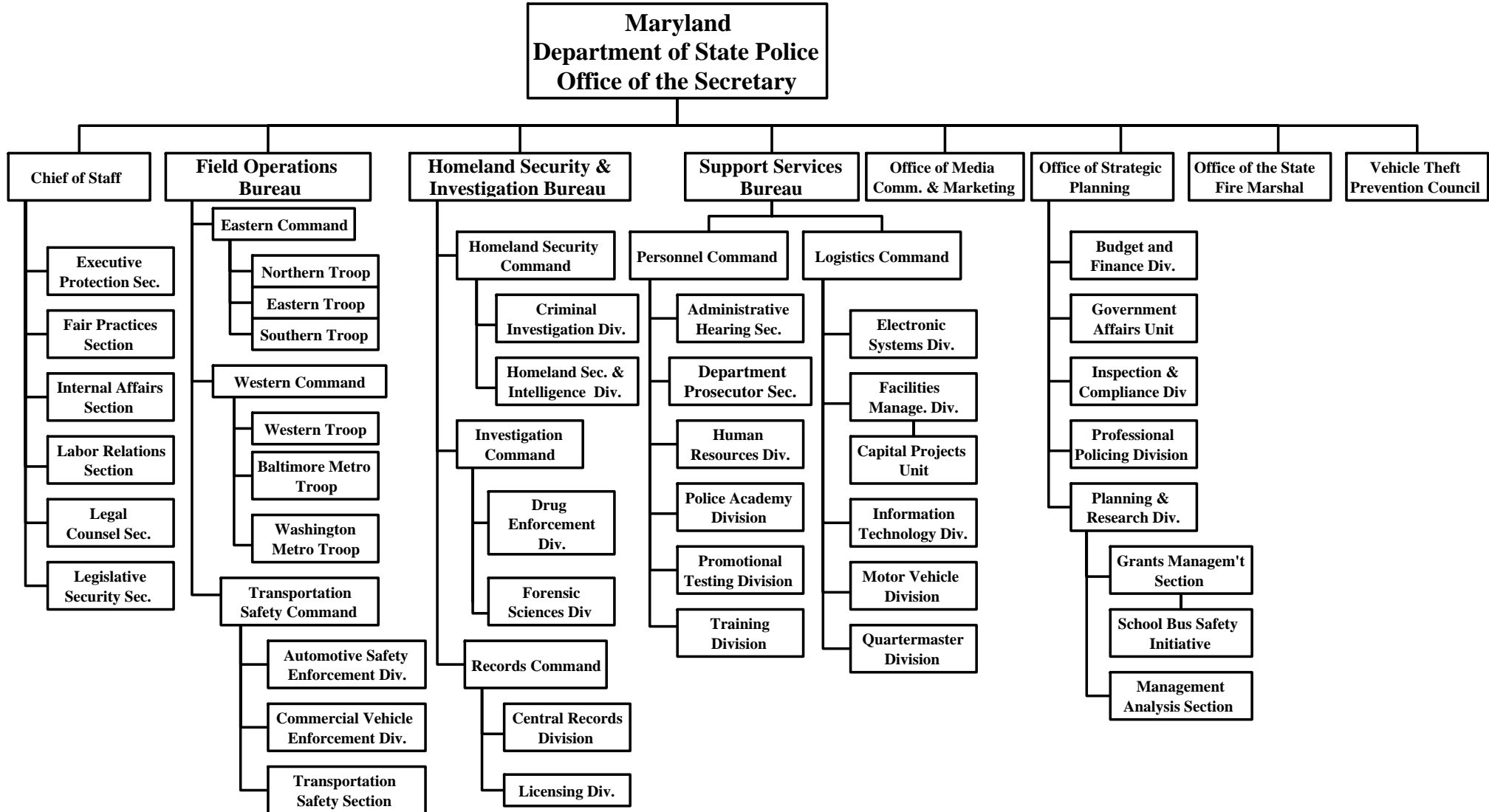
Office of the State Fire Marshal – Fiscal Data

| Object | Title | FY 2006 Expenditures | FY 2007 Appropriation | FY 2008 Request |
|----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 01 | Salaries & Wages | 5,324,153 | 5,584,180 | 5,953,448 |
| 02 | Technical & Special Fees | 216,739 | 323,374 | 323,516 |
| 03 | Communications | 78,582 | 75,126 | 77,233 |
| 04 | Travel | 90,011 | 83,679 | 88,879 |
| 06 | Utilities | 2,089 | 0 | 3,134 |
| 07 | Vehicles | 205,712 | 197,946 | 194,463 |
| 08 | Contractual Services | 143,335 | 47,649 | 52,900 |
| 09 | Supplies | 119,573 | 67,171 | 87,250 |
| 10 | Replacement Equipment | 167 | 2,000 | 7,277 |
| 11 | Additional Equipment | 7,740 | 84,396 | 84,054 |
| 12 | Grants | 5,000,000 | 0 | 0 |
| 13 | Fixed Charges | 205,330 | 167,215 | 175,352 |
| Total | | \$11,393,431 | \$6,632,736 | \$7,047,506 |
| | | | | |
| Program | | | | |
| 01 | Fire Protection Services | 6,393,431 | 6,632,736 | 7,047,506 |
| 02 | Senator Wm. H. Amoss Fire Fund* | 5,000,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | | \$11,393,431 | \$6,632,736 | \$7,047,506 |
| | | | | |
| | General Funds | 6,125,647 | 6,324,235 | 6,738,033 |
| | Special Funds | 5,000,000 | 2,001 | 0 |
| | Federal Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Reimbursable Funds | 267,784 | 306,500 | 309,473 |
| Total | | \$11,393,431 | \$6,632,736 | \$7,047,506 |

* Although the Amoss Fund was transferred to the Maryland Emergency Management Agency in FY2006, the first two quarterly payments for FY2006 were made through the Office of the State Fire Marshal, Department of State Police.

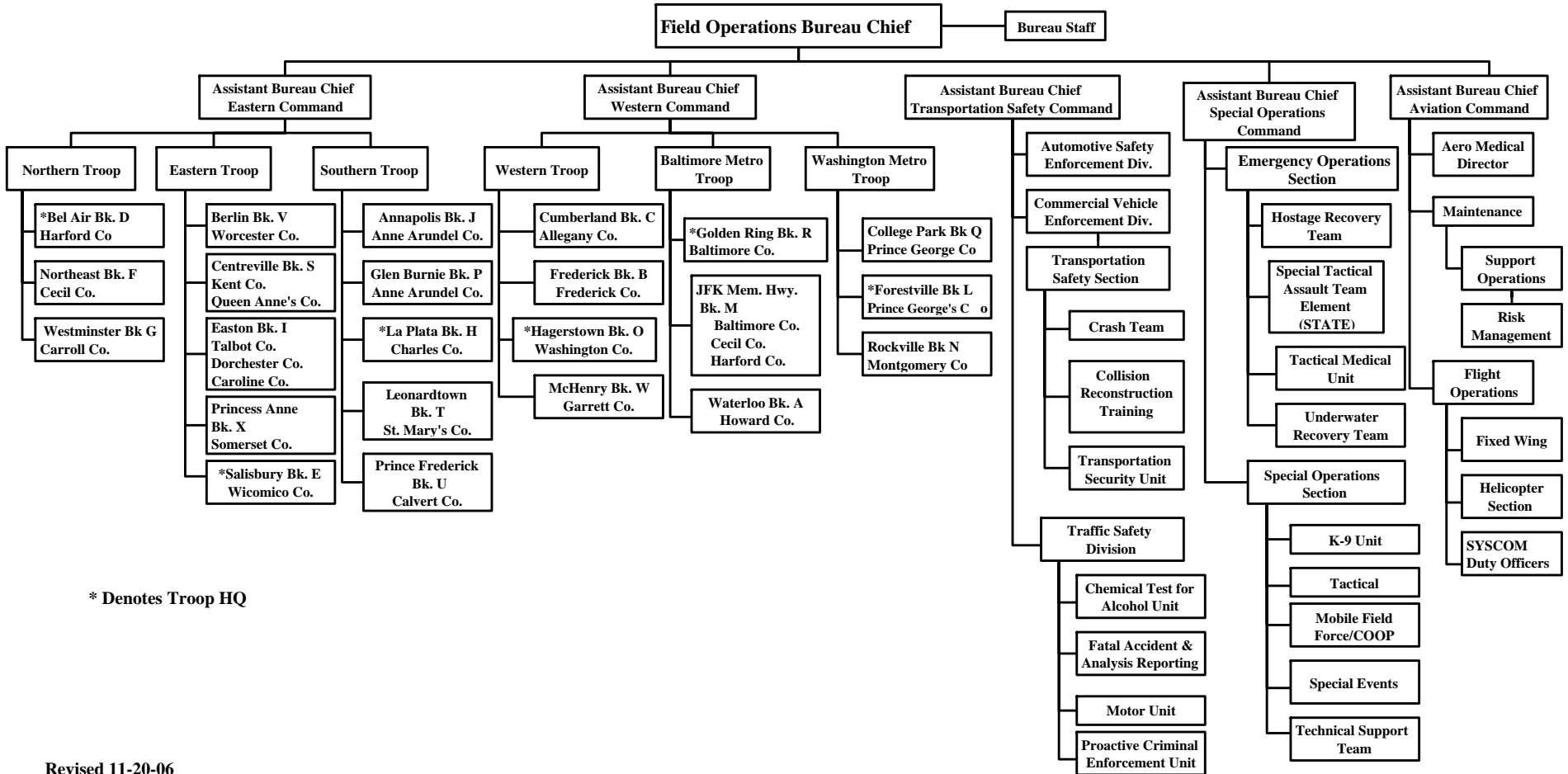


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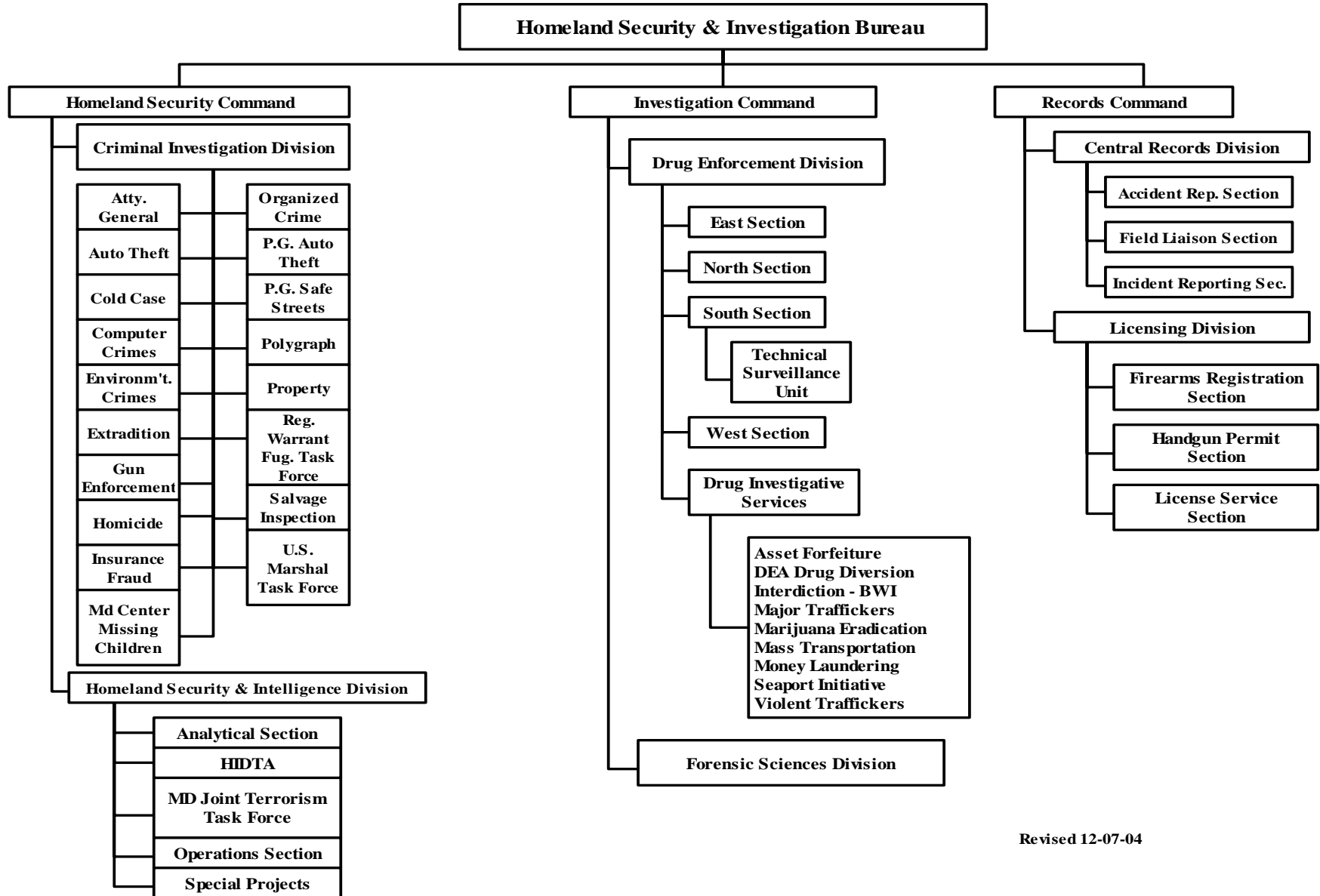
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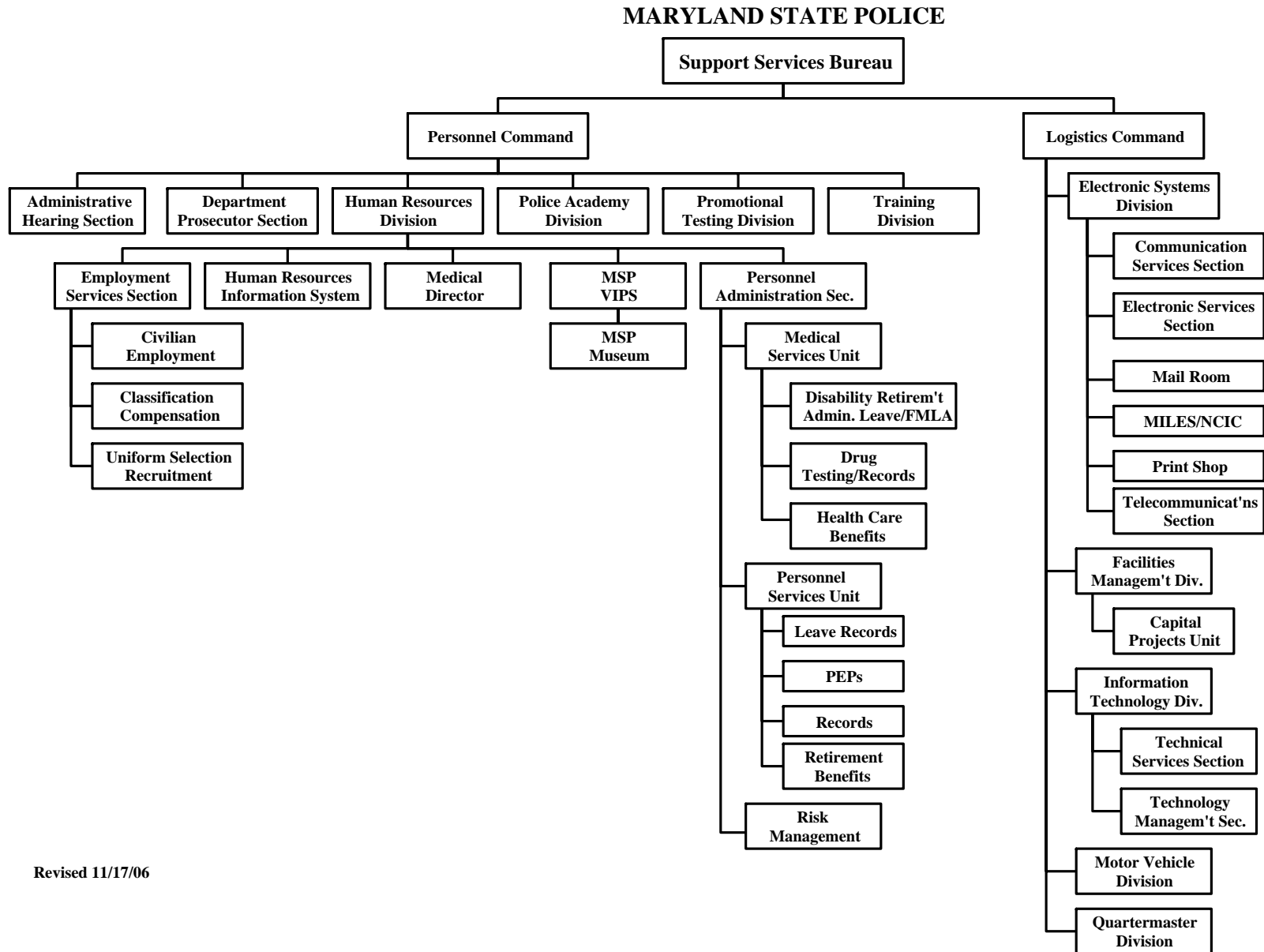


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