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**About the cover photo:**

Kindergarten children from the Salisbury Christian School in Wicomico County visit the Princess Anne Barrack on October 30, 2017. Lieutenant Metzger, TFC Nastvogel and Trooper Ballard provided a tour of the Barrack as well as a “show and tell” of the patrol cars. The students showed their appreciation for law enforcement by donating an abundance of baked goods, and the Barrack reciprocated with mementos for the students.

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The Maryland Department of State Police is proud to present our 2017 Annual Report. The report is an overview of the wide range of operations and initiatives conducted by the Department, which consists of the Maryland State Police, the Office of the State Fire Marshal and the Vehicle Theft Prevention Council. Each agency, and every unit within each agency, is focused on impacting crime and improving public safety across Maryland.

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

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

It is with deep sadness and the utmost respect that we remember the line-of-duty death of a member of the Office of the State Fire Marshal during 2017. On the night of December 8, 2017, Deputy Chief State Fire Marshal Sander B. Cohen was off-duty when he stopped to safeguard a traffic crash that had just occurred on I-270 in Montgomery County. He was unaware the driver of the vehicle he stopped to help was an off-duty FBI agent. While Deputy Chief State Fire Marshal Cohen was fulfilling his law enforcement duties and assisting the agent at the scene, both were struck and killed.

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

Sincerely,

William M. Pallozzi

*"Maryland's Finest"*

## IN MEMORY OF



### **DEPUTY CHIEF STATE FIRE MARSHAL**

**SANDER B. COHEN**

**DECEMBER 8, 2017**

On December 8, 2017, Deputy Chief State Fire Marshal Sander Cohen was off-duty, traveling south on I-270. At about 10:00 p.m., he called the Rockville Barrack and reported he was out with a single-vehicle crash in the fast lane of I-270, north of Gude Drive.

Deputy Chief State Fire Marshal Cohen requested assistance and blocked the approach to the damaged vehicle with his personal vehicle. He activated his emergency flashers and attempted to do what he could to protect the scene and warn oncoming drivers. His actions at that time placed him in an official capacity as a law enforcement officer.

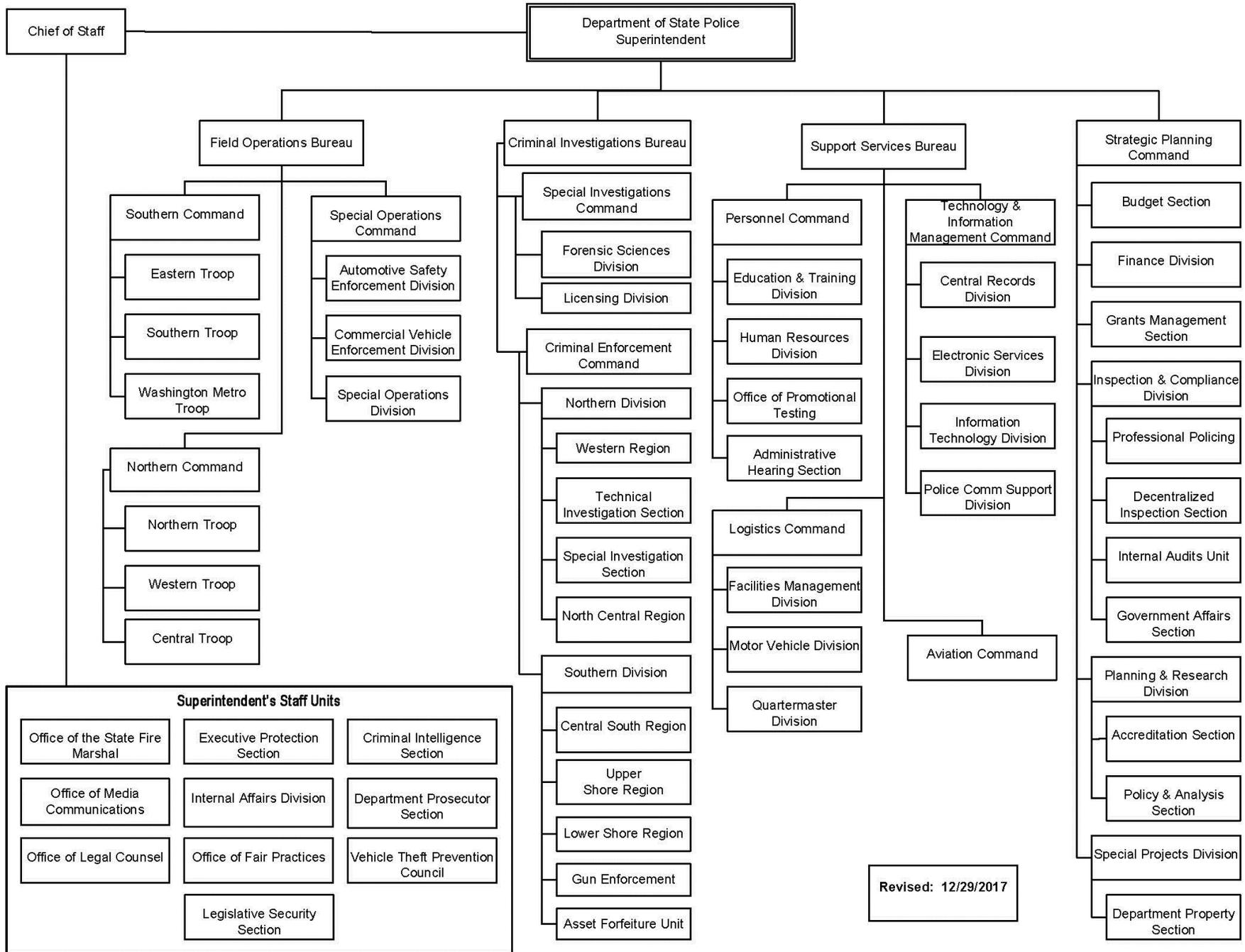
The driver of the damaged and disabled vehicle identified himself as Supervisory Special Agent Carlos Wolff, of the FBI. He was off-duty and in his personal vehicle.

Both Deputy Chief State Fire Marshal Cohen and Special Agent Wolff moved out of the travel portion of the interstate and onto the shoulder. They were standing on the shoulder of the highway when a southbound driver swerved to the left to avoid the stopped vehicles and struck both men. Both died as a result of their injuries.

Deputy Chief State Fire Marshal Cohen had no idea a fellow law enforcement officer was the driver he was stopping to help. He only knew someone needed help and, like he had done countless times before, he never hesitated to stop and provide that help.

Deputy Chief State Fire Marshal Cohen had been a member of the Office of the State Fire Marshal for nine years and had been repeatedly recognized for his outstanding service to the people of Maryland. He was serving as the Regional Commander of the Northern Regional Office, supervising fire investigations in Carroll, Harford and Cecil counties.

Deputy Chief State Fire Marshal Sander Cohen is the first member of the Office of the State Fire Marshal to give his life in the line of duty.



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# Allegany County



## Served by the Cumberland Barrack

### Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In August, Cumberland Barrack troopers responded to a business in La Vale for a reported burglary. The investigation revealed the suspect had removed four concrete blocks from a rear wall of the business and made entry into the store. Once inside, the suspect removed approximately \$4,000 worth of tobacco products and currency. Troopers obtained surveillance footage from neighboring businesses and identified a suspicious vehicle leaving and returning to the area on three different occasions during the night. A discussion with the night shift duty officer revealed a trooper had actually stopped and checked a suspicious vehicle in the same area which matched the suspect vehicle. Through the investigative process, a search warrant was obtained and executed at the suspect's residence. The search of the residence yielded a significant amount of the stolen property from the burglary, tools used to commit the burglary, as well as controlled dangerous substances (CDS). The suspect was arrested and charged.
- In September, Allegany County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to a motel in La Vale for a domestic assault in progress. When deputies arrived at the scene, they encountered a violent male subject who quickly became a threat to them, escalating to the point where the use of deadly force was required. Cumberland Barrack troopers were dispatched and arrived on the scene to assist the deputies. Troopers secured the perimeter, safeguarded the crime scene and began to administer first aid to the suspect who was lying on the ground bleeding. Troopers continued to administer first aid to the suspect until he was transported by emergency medical services (EMS) to the hospital; the suspect survived.
- In November, a male subject entered a bank in La Vale and displayed a handgun and a note demanding money. A teller gave the male suspect an undisclosed amount of currency and he left the bank on foot. Cumberland Barrack troopers were dispatched and arrived on scene within seconds of the call. With the assistance of bank tellers and a citizen, the suspect was located inside of a restaurant on the south side of Route 40. The suspect was taken into custody without further incident. Currency and an Airsoft pistol were found in his possession. Bank surveillance footage was used to confirm the presence of the suspect in the bank at the time of the robbery. The suspect was arrested and charged.
- In 2017, the design phase of a new Cumberland Barrack was started, in order to replace what is currently the oldest operating barrack in Maryland.
- The Cumberland Barrack participated in several community events in 2017, including National Night Out, Shop with a Cop and Coffee with a Trooper, plus hosting an Explorer Post camp.

Calls for Service	19,927
Investigations	1,448
Arrests	368
Narcans Deployments	8
Guns Seized	133
Forensic Science Cases	557
Crime Scene Responses	63
Traffic Stops	18,212
DUI Arrests	72
Crashes Investigated	503



# Anne Arundel County



## Served by the Annapolis and Glen Burnie Barracks

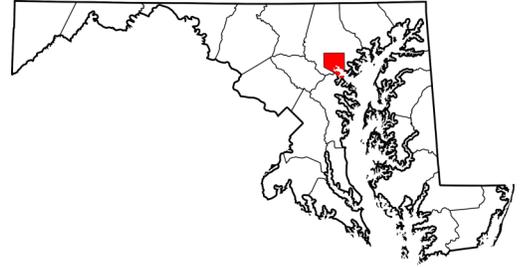
### Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- During an enforcement effort in January, TFC Young stopped a speeding vehicle. Young detected the odor of marijuana, and a probable cause search was conducted. The search revealed a fully loaded revolver which was unregistered. After further investigation and consultation with the Anne Arundel County Police, it was determined the driver was a main suspect in two first degree murders in the Annapolis area. The seized handgun was analyzed against known projectiles and was found to be the weapon used in at least one of the murders being investigated. The driver was charged with both murders.
- During a March traffic stop by TFC Null, several indicators pointed toward criminal activity. A narcotics K-9 was requested, which indicated a presence of controlled dangerous substances (CDS) in the vehicle. A search of the driver yielded cocaine, while a search of the passenger revealed 22.4 grams of heroin and a hypodermic syringe. Both the driver and the passenger were charged with Possession With Intent to Distribute (PWID) and related CDS charges.
- In July, Trooper Ford stopped a vehicle for speeding. Trooper Ford detected the odor of marijuana and a probable cause search was conducted. Approximately 270 grams of marijuana and \$18,000 were seized, and the driver was charged with PWID.
- In August, TFC Russell was dispatched to a disabled vehicle. While assisting the driver, he detected the odor of marijuana. A probable cause search revealed a loaded AK-47 plus ammunition as well as 7.8 grams of marijuana. Upon contact with the Maryland Gun Center, it was discovered the driver was prohibited from possessing firearms. The driver was charged accordingly.
- During a September multi-agency Driving Under the Influence (DUI) operation in Annapolis, which included a checkpoint and a saturation patrol, a total of 214 vehicles were contacted. Twelve drivers were arrested for impaired driving.
- In November, troopers worked a traffic enforcement assignment in Davidsonville. Trooper Lowe stopped a vehicle for speeding and detected the odor of marijuana. A probable cause search led to the recovery of marijuana, a handgun and a loaded magazine. The driver was arrested for possession of a CDS and possession of a handgun in a vehicle.
- The Annapolis and Glen Burnie Barracks participated in several community events in 2017. In May, the barracks held the Maryland State Police Field Day, a community outreach event intended to inform citizens about public safety roles and enhance relationships between troopers and citizens. In addition, Annapolis Barrack troopers participated in the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) Youth Leadership Conference in June as well as National Night Out in August.

Calls for Service	27,908
Investigations	2,017
Arrests	658
Narcan Deployments	5
Guns Seized	154
Forensic Science Cases	609
Crime Scene Responses	15
Traffic Stops	36,845
DUI Arrests	504
Crashes Investigated	2,527



# Baltimore City



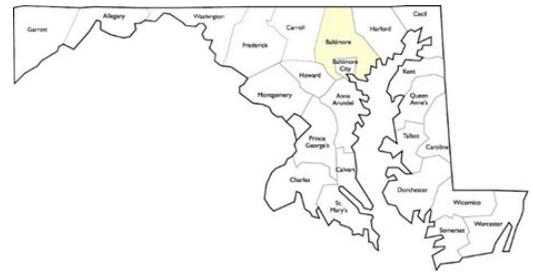
## Served by Specialized Units

### Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In March, members of the Pro-Active Criminal Enforcement (PACE) Team conducted a traffic stop on I-70 near the 20 mile marker for speeding. Troopers detected numerous indicators of criminal activity and performed a canine scan. A positive alert led to the discovery of 2.5 pounds of heroin being smuggled from Chicago to Baltimore City.
- In June, Criminal Enforcement Division (CED) investigators initiated a comprehension investigation into a retail theft organization. The investigation spanned multiple counties and involved several states. Investigators were able to identify a location within Baltimore City in which five suspects were selling the stolen merchandise. The investigation resulted in the successful indictment of the suspects.
- In July, the Delivery System Parcel Interdiction Initiative (DSPII) conducted a controlled delivery of 250 grams of cocaine to an address in Baltimore City. Once the parcel was inside the residence, a search and seizure warrant was obtained and executed. A male subject was found inside of the apartment with the cocaine from the parcel in his pants pocket as well as a loaded 9mm handgun. The subject was charged accordingly.
- Starting in December 2017, the Field Operations and Criminal Investigation Bureaus, in coordination with the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) Police and the Baltimore Police Department, began working a joint initiative called the Baltimore Enhanced Visibility Patrol Initiative. During the initiatives, law enforcement patrolled high crime areas in an effort to detect and deter criminal activity.
- In 2017, the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division (CVED) inspected 880 vehicles in Baltimore City. The CVED conducted unannounced commercial motor vehicle (CMV) enforcement in Baltimore City to detect criminal violations.
- In 2017, the Special Operations Division conducted sweeps prior to and during populated events including home games for the Baltimore Orioles and the Baltimore Ravens and provided security for large events such as the New Year's Eve celebration, the Preakness, the Fourth of July celebration and the Baltimore Marathon.
- In 2017, the Forensic Science Division processed 23 crime scenes and received 191 evidence submissions. In addition, the Department seized 148 guns from within Baltimore City.
- MSP joined law enforcement organizations and fire companies from across the area to bring holiday cheer to children in need. The KinderTime Toy Drive yielded donated toys which were delivered to the Kennedy Krieger Institute, the Ronald McDonald House, Bea Gaddy Family Center and the Agape Christian Center.



# Baltimore County



## Served by the Golden Ring and JFK Memorial Highway Barracks

### Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In June, the Golden Ring Barrack received a call from the Baltimore Police Department regarding a possible armed robbery/ first degree assault that occurred on southbound I-95. The victim reported she left a casino with approximately \$81,600 in cash and began driving on southbound I-95 when an older model four-door sedan struck her vehicle in the rear. When she stopped her vehicle, two males exited the sedan and approached her at gunpoint. Both male suspects forcibly removed her from her vehicle, grabbed her bag from her back seat and then drove off. After the robbery, the victim realized the suspects took the wrong bag. The bag taken by the robbers was almost identical to the other bag containing the money. The vehicle was towed to the barrack and processed by the MSP Forensic Sciences Division. The MSP Criminal Enforcement Division (CED) is currently leading the investigation.
- In August, the JFK Memorial Highway Barrack duty officer received a call regarding a female subject missing from New Jersey who was threatening suicide. A JFK Barrack trooper observed her vehicle traveling southbound on I-95 approaching the Fort McHenry Tunnel and conducted a high-risk traffic stop with the assistance of the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) Police. She was safely apprehended before she could injure herself or others.
- In October, Golden Ring Barrack troopers assisted with a missing person investigation. Troopers located the missing person's vehicle in a driveway of a residence. The operator of the vehicle advised the troopers the vehicle belonged to his ex-girlfriend. Investigation revealed the male subject killed his ex-girlfriend at an address in Cecil County. The information was relayed to the North East Barrack and the CED. The address provided by the male subject was checked and revealed the missing person was, in fact, deceased.
- In October, a Golden Ring Barrack trooper responded to a restaurant to assist the Baltimore County Police Department with a drug overdose. Upon arrival, the trooper observed a male subject giving CPR to another male subject who was suffering from a drug overdose. The trooper administered Narcan to the male subject, causing the person to regain consciousness.
- In October, a Golden Ring Barrack trooper observed a vehicle from a lookout for an armed robbery at a pharmacy in Baltimore County. The trooper attempted to initiate a traffic stop on the vehicle, but the vehicle failed to stop. While the suspect vehicle was traveling on the on-ramp for I-95 south, the vehicle struck the guardrail, causing the vehicle to be disabled. All four occupants exited the vehicle and attempted to flee on foot but were apprehended.
- In December, a Golden Ring Barrack trooper on patrol observed a male lying motionless on the ground. The male was unconscious and the trooper believed the subject was suffering from an opiate overdose. The trooper administered Narcan to the subject, which caused the male to regain consciousness.
- The barracks participated in several community events in 2017, including National Night Out, Badges for Baseball and Public Safety Appreciation events.

Calls for Service	29,028*
Investigations	2,723
Arrests	1,485
Narcan Deployments	10
Guns Seized	82
Forensic Science Cases	419
Crime Scene Responses	24
Traffic Stops	41,373
DUI Arrests	900
Crashes Investigated	4,923



\* = Calls for Service are for Golden Ring Barrack; does not include JFK Memorial Highway Barrack, which had 24,279 calls for service

# Calvert County



## Served by the Prince Frederick Barrack

### Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In January, TFC Lewis stopped a vehicle for traffic violations in Owings and an odor of marijuana was detected. A search of the vehicle revealed brass knuckles and 667.5 grams of marijuana. The operator was subsequently arrested and charged with Possession With Intent to Distribute (PWID) marijuana and additional charges.
- In January, TFC Barlow responded to a reported burglary in progress in Prince Frederick. TFC Barlow observed the suspect vehicle, containing three occupants, leaving the residence of the burglary call. Investigation revealed the victim in the home had been struck in the head with a baton. The three suspects in the vehicle were all arrested and charged.
- In March, TFC Davis responded to a call of a road rage incident in which a male pointed a handgun at the complainant. Troopers canvassed the area and located a vehicle matching the description given by the complainant. Once stopped, troopers obtained consent to search and located one 9mm handgun, one .22 caliber handgun and several rounds of ammunition. Troopers developed probable cause to charge the suspect with first degree assault.
- In August, Criminal Enforcement Division (CED) investigators initiated an investigation into an outdoor marijuana grow. A search warrant was authored for the residence. Multiple marijuana plants, growing equipment and over \$130,000 in cash were seized. Two suspects were arrested and charged with manufacturing marijuana.
- In November, TFC Davis responded to a home in Lusby for the report of a missing female juvenile. From initial interviews, it was revealed she was missing, along with another juvenile female. A lengthy investigation resulted in TFC Davis locating both juveniles at the Annapolis Mall just days later while they were waiting for a ride to New York.
- In November, Trooper Stull responded to a 911 call in Lusby for a fight in progress with shots fired. The investigation revealed the suspect was involved in a verbal argument with others from the residence when he retrieved a shotgun from the garage and discharged two rounds. The shotgun was recovered and the suspect, who was also prohibited from owning or possessing firearms, was arrested.
- Prince Frederick Barrack troopers participated in several community events in 2017, including the Calvert County Fair, National Night Out, Project Graduation, Touch-a-Truck and Camp COPS.

Calls for Service	20,665
Investigations	1,533
Arrests	696
Narcan Deployments	21
Guns Seized	16
Forensic Science Cases	709
Crime Scene Responses	3
Traffic Stops	15,157
DUI Arrests	204
Crashes Investigated	356



# Caroline County



## Served by the Easton Barrack

### Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In January, Criminal Enforcement Division (CED) investigators responded to an armed robbery at a business in Federalsburg. CED investigators worked with investigators from the Delaware State Police who had experienced similar armed robberies and ultimately arrested two suspects. Both suspects received eight year prison sentences to be served following their incarceration in Delaware.
- In March, TFC Pusey was on patrol when he stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation. Trooper Pusey detected the odor of marijuana, and a probable cause search revealed nine heat sealed bags in a duffle bag containing 4.16 pounds of marijuana and 3.8 grams of heroin. The controlled dangerous substances (CDS) were confiscated and the vehicle was seized pending forfeiture. The suspect was arrested and ultimately convicted.
- In April, CED investigators received an Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) cybertip referencing the distribution of child pornography. The investigation led to a multi-jurisdictional investigation involving Texas, Maryland and Delaware. The investigation revealed the manipulation and sexual abuse of five minors ranging in age from nine to thirteen. The suspect has been arrested and convicted.
- In June, a traffic enforcement initiative was conducted, during which troopers stopped commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) violating the "move over" law. The initiative's goals were to reduce and deter future commercial motor vehicle violations and to promote highway safety for emergency vehicles.
- In July, TFC Rust responded to a residence in Denton for a theft/fraud complaint. The victim had discovered \$1,134 of fraudulent charges on his credit card. The vendor was identified. The investigation revealed the charges were for the purchase of rifle parts. The shipping address for the parts was a residence in Baltimore County. Investigators interviewed the occupants of the Baltimore County residence and learned the purchased goods were delivered to the residence as part of a reshipping scheme for fraudulently purchased property. The suspect said she answered a "work from home" ad on Craigslist and she received about \$100 for each item she received and reshipped throughout the country. Investigators seized numerous cell phones and computers from the residence to further the investigation.
- In August, Easton Barrack troopers were dispatched to investigate a single vehicle collision involving a vehicle pulling a trailer. The driver reported that he fell asleep and the vehicle veered off the left side of the roadway before overturning in the median. A post-crash inspection by Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division (CVED) revealed the driver did not have the proper driver's license, there was an improper breakaway device and there was marijuana in the vehicle. The driver was issued four citations, including a civil citation for possession of marijuana. The vehicle and driver were placed out of service.
- The Easton Barrack participated in several community events in 2017, including raising several thousand dollars for the Special Olympics and participating in Read Across America.

Calls for Service	25,427*
Investigations	1,144
Arrests	302
Narcans Deployments	7
Guns Seized	125
Forensic Science Cases	270
Crime Scene Responses	23
Traffic Stops	12,569
DUI Arrests	123
Crashes Investigated	419



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

# Carroll County



## Served by the Westminster Barrack

### Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- Carroll County Narcotics Task Force (CCNTF) conducted a year-long narcotics investigation stemming from a non-fatal heroin overdose. The case involved 23 state and federal search and seizure warrants, which led to the seizure of 402.1 grams of heroin, 94.7 grams of fentanyl, 3.9 grams of heroin and fentanyl mix, 3.2 grams of crack cocaine, 23 prescription pills, a kilogram press, two vehicles, two handguns and \$1,073.
- In March, the Crime Scene Unit received items of evidence from the Sykesville Police Department for latent print examination. The items were processed using cyanoacrylate fuming and multiple latent lifts were recovered and submitted to the Latent Print/Impression Unit, leading to the identification of the suspect involved in the case. This subject was subsequently linked to several other burglaries in the area.
- In June, Criminal Enforcement Division (CED) investigators were contacted by the Westminster Barrack regarding a domestic disturbance. Over the course of two days, the victim was held captive and later abducted by her ex-boyfriend. The victim was able to escape and was assisted by another citizen. Advanced investigative techniques were used to gain the location of the suspect, on the I-95 corridor near the Virginia-North Carolina border. The North Carolina Highway Patrol was contacted and provided with the suspect and vehicle information as well as an approximate location. Troopers located the suspect, who was taken into custody.
- In August, the Westminster Barrack received a call for a stolen handgun. TFC Eckhardt responded and conducted a criminal investigation. TFC Eckhardt was able to quickly develop a suspect and, in coordination with the Baltimore County Police Department, was able to locate and arrest the suspect. The handgun was recovered and eventually returned to the owner. Additionally, TFC Eckhardt was able to conduct a detailed interview and obtained a confession from the suspect.
- In November, the Westminster Barrack received a call for a burglary. TFC Hopkins responded to the scene to conduct an investigation. He learned it was the second time the residence had been burglarized. In December, TFC Hopkins responded to a different call in the area and observed property that matched the description of the property stolen in the previously reported burglary. TFC Hopkins authored and was granted a search warrant for the premises. A search of the premises led to the recovery of a significant amount of the stolen property. A suspect was charged with the burglary.
- The Westminster Barrack participated in several community activities in 2017, including the Special Olympics Spring Games, Special Olympics Torch Run and the first ever Explorer Post Academy in Carroll County.

Calls for Service	34,481
Investigations	2,736
Arrests	591
Narcan Deployments	10
Guns Seized	128
Forensic Science Cases	673
Crime Scene Responses	31
Traffic Stops	18,360
DUI Arrests	326
Crashes Investigated	1,353



# Cecil County



## Served by the North East and JFK Memorial Highway Barracks

### Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In January, a North East Barrack trooper conducted a traffic stop for speeding. A probable cause search revealed crystal methamphetamine, marijuana and numerous unlabeled prescription pills. In addition, a loaded .22 caliber handgun and \$3,072 were seized. The suspects were charged with Possession With Intent to Distribute (PWID), possession of controlled dangerous substances (CDS), possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.
- In January, three men robbed a liquor store in North East. Investigators were able to quickly identify and arrest those who committed the crime, along with their getaway driver.
- In February, North East Barrack troopers responded to a two vehicle collision. The at-fault vehicle was reported stolen through the Elkton Police Department. The four vehicle occupants fled on foot into a wooded area but, after a foot chase, were all apprehended. Two of the suspects were identified as suspects in an armed home invasion in the Elkton area.
- In February, a JFK Barrack trooper stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. A probable cause search of the vehicle revealed 1,145 cartons of untaxed cigarettes, with a total value of \$73,853 and a tax loss to the State of Maryland of \$22,900. An arrest was made and the case was turned over to the Maryland Comptroller's Office.
- In March, several North East Barrack troopers assisted in a vehicle pursuit. The troopers converged in the North East area to locate the suspect vehicle. While checking the area, troopers observed a suspect walking along the roadway, who fled upon trooper contact. After a foot chase, the suspect, in possession of a rifle and a handgun, was taken into custody.
- In July, North East Barrack troopers responded to a residence in North East for a stabbing. Investigators learned the victim sustained several stab wounds from two different suspects. The suspects attempted to flee the area when they were stopped by responding troopers. During their attempt to flee, a vehicle occupant pointed a handgun at another person in the area. Investigators were able to identify five subjects responsible for the assaults; they were arrested and charged.
- In October, troopers responded to an armed robbery at an Elkton business. Investigators discovered the same suspects were responsible for committing four additional armed robberies in the tristate area. The two suspects were arrested and subsequently confessed.
- The JFK and North East Barracks participated in several community events in 2017, including the Safety Expo, an Open House, National Night Out, the Special Olympics Torch Run, a 9/11 tribute service and Shop with a Cop.

Calls for Service	24,209*
Investigations	3,653
Arrests	1,904
Narcan Deployments	22
Guns Seized	70
Forensic Science Cases	997
Crime Scene Responses	58
Traffic Stops	27,092
DUI Arrests	383
Crashes Investigated	1,426



\* = Calls for Service are for North East Barrack; does not include JFK Memorial Highway Barrack, which had 24,279 calls for service

# Charles County



## Served by the La Plata Barrack

### Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In January, TFC Davis responded to a report of a single vehicle collision. While contacting the operator, TFC Davis discovered a pair of blue scissors in the operator's front jacket pocket with blood all over the cutting portion. Charles County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to the address on the operator's vehicle registration. Further investigation revealed the operator's father was stabbed to death at the operator's residence and it is believed the scissors were used by the operator in the homicide.
- In November, Trooper Zentkovich responded to a female overdose victim in a vehicle. Trooper Zentkovich removed the unconscious female from the vehicle, administered Narcan and began CPR. After about 30 seconds of CPR, the female began breathing on her own but was still unconscious. Charles County EMS personnel arrived on the scene and took over her medical care, and the subject regained consciousness.
- In November, Corporal Jefferson responded to Route 301 for a report of a motor vehicle collision. The on-scene investigation revealed the first vehicle sideswiped the second vehicle. After the collision, when the second vehicle's female driver attempted to take a photo of the first vehicle's license plate, the first vehicle's male driver accelerated, attempting to pin her between the vehicles. The second vehicle's driver stated she jumped on the hood of the first vehicle to avoid being struck. The first vehicle's driver then accelerated again and drove northbound on Route 301 with the second vehicle's driver on his hood, traveling at approximately 50 mph. As they approached a traffic light, the first vehicle's driver attempted to crash into another vehicle in order to throw her off of his hood. The second vehicle's driver was able to jump off the hood, then the first vehicle's driver crashed into the rear of a third vehicle. The first vehicle's driver was arrested and charged with first and second degree assault, reckless endangerment, hit and run and all traffic charges related to the collisions.
- The La Plata Barrack participated in several community events in 2017. Troopers conducted child safety seat checks, organized a women's softball tournament and participated in the Charles County Fair. In addition, troopers participated in the Law Enforcement Appreciation Night at the Blue Crabs baseball game as well as the Coffee with a Cop and Shop with a Cop events. Also, during the month of December, members of the La Plata Barrack collected toys for children in need during the annual MSP/KinderTime Toy Drive.

Calls for Service	22,887
Investigations	1,391
Arrests	792
Narcan Deployments	5
Guns Seized	26
Forensic Science Cases	1,043
Crime Scene Responses	5
Traffic Stops	21,138
DUI Arrests	370
Crashes Investigated	1,457



# Dorchester County



## Served by the Easton Barrack

### Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In February, members of the Dorchester County Narcotics Task Force initiated an investigation of a large scale cocaine dealer who resided in Baltimore but supplied cocaine to the Eastern Shore. In March, investigators gained intelligence that the suspect would be transporting large amounts of cocaine to the Eastern Shore and authored search warrants for the suspect, his vehicle and two residences. The search warrants were executed, resulting in the recovery of 754 grams of cocaine, a handgun, \$162,000 and the suspect's arrest.
- In April, Criminal Enforcement Division (CED) investigators conducted a pro-active investigation for individuals involved in online distribution of child pornography. During the investigation, a suspect was located in a residence within Dorchester County actively downloading child pornography. The suspect was charged with ten counts each of possession and distribution of child pornography.
- In September, the Easton Barrack conducted a school bus safety initiative to ensure motorists were not violating traffic laws in and around bus stops. During the initiative, Trooper Laham initiated a traffic stop for a seatbelt violation and found the driver to be wanted. Trooper Laham observed a stolen handgun on the floor board of the vehicle as well as additional contraband. Both the driver and the passenger were arrested. During a subsequent search of the driver, 41 bags of cocaine, two bags of heroin with fentanyl and three oxycodone pills were found.
- In December, the MSP Homicide Unit investigated a police-involved shooting in which the suspect shot at two officers as they approached him on the sidewalk. The suspect then fled the scene. Evidence left at the scene was analyzed and resulted in a Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) hit. The identified suspect was arrested by MSP Homicide.
- The Easton Barrack participated in several community events in 2017, including raising several thousand dollars for the Special Olympics and participating in Read Across America.

Calls for Service	25,427*
Investigations	778
Arrests	197
Narcan Deployments	1
Guns Seized	24
Forensic Science Cases	539
Crime Scene Responses	17
Traffic Stops	11,012
DUI Arrests	102
Crashes Investigated	304



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

# Frederick County



## Served by the Frederick Barrack

### Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In March, troopers responded to a report of an assault along the shoulder of Route 340. The victim had the suspect in a headlock when the suspect pulled out a handgun and fired two shots. One round struck the victim's foot and one round struck the victim's leg. The victim was flown to Shock Trauma. The suspect confessed and was subsequently indicted.
- In May, troopers responded to a hospital for a reported accidental shooting and gunshot wound to a female's hand. The investigation revealed it was a domestic incident in which the husband and wife struggled over a handgun. Later, the Frederick Barrack received another 911 call from the victim, advising she found her husband in bed with a self-inflicted gunshot wound to his chest. Troopers located a deceased male in the bedroom, and interviews were conducted with witnesses and family members. Additional corroborating information was discovered, including a recording of a verbal/physical domestic incident prior to the suicide.
- In June, Frederick Barrack troopers responded to a shooting investigation in Ijamsville. The victim called the barrack and advised his wife shot him in the head. The victim was transported to a level two trauma center for treatment and a follow-up interview. The investigation revealed conflicting stories and the possibility the gunshot wound was self-inflicted. Troopers secured the scene pending a Criminal Enforcement Division (CED) response with a court-ordered search and seizure warrant. The search warrant yielded heroin, currency and a .22 caliber revolver. The victim sustained two gunshot wounds to his head believed to be from a .22 caliber revolver. After three additional days of conducting interviews and a DNA warrant, the victim confessed both gunshot wounds were self-inflicted.
- In July, a Virginia resident walked into the Frederick Barrack to turn himself in for a road rage incident involving a gun. The duty officer determined the incident occurred in Alexandria, Virginia. Contact with the Alexandria Police Department confirmed a road rage incident was reported. MSP learned a female had been shot in the head twice during the Virginia incident and the gun was discarded on the Virginia roadway. The suspect was taken into custody.
- In November, troopers responded to a domestic incident involving an estranged husband who stabbed his wife multiple times in the head and arm. The victim survived her injuries. The suspect was arrested and charged with attempted second degree murder.
- The Frederick Barrack participated in several community events in 2017, including Fish with a Cop, Shop with a Cop and Career Night.

Calls for Service	33,711
Investigations	2,186
Arrests	530
Narcan Deployments	8
Guns Seized	141
Forensic Science Cases	1,640
Crime Scene Responses	27
Traffic Stops	27,459
DUI Arrests	318
Crashes Investigated	2,428



# Garrett County



## Served by the McHenry Barrack

### Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In January, McHenry Barrack troopers responded to a homicide in Savage River State Forest. Investigative efforts by McHenry Barrack troopers and the Criminal Enforcement Division (CED) led to the arrest of the female suspect who was with the deceased victim.
- In March, TFC Lyons conducted a traffic stop on I-68. A K-9 scan was performed, resulting in the discovery of more than one ounce of cocaine and 124 oxycodone pills located under the air filter in the suspect's vehicle.
- In April, a burglary was reported at a pharmacy in Friendsville. The suspect had broken a window of the pharmacy to gain entry. During crime scene processing of the building, blood was discovered at the point of entry to the building. Follow-up was conducted and a person seen in the area was interviewed. Subsequent investigative actions led to a positive match of the suspect's DNA and the blood from the crime scene.
- In August, TFC Smith handled a theft case at a local McHenry retailer. The investigation revealed an employee was embezzling cash from the business. The arrest of the suspect led to the discovery of additional criminal activity.
- In September, TFC Lyons stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation on I-68. After a K-9 scan, TFC Lyons located 1.035 kilograms of marijuana plus eighteen amphetamine and methylphenidate pills.
- In September, in collaboration with the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP), the West Virginia State Police (WVSP) and the CED, McHenry Barrack troopers apprehended five suspects for thefts and controlled dangerous substances (CDS) violations including distribution. Information was obtained that the suspects, accused of committing criminal violations in the tristate area, were staging in Friendsville. The suspects were charged in the tristate jurisdictions for the crimes.
- In November, TFC Smith was on patrol in Accident when he discovered a small fire in the lot of a motor sports business. TFC Smith immediately called fire units who extinguished the fire from spreading to additional property. The fire damaged five boats at an estimated cost of several thousand dollars but would have been much higher if not for TFC Smith's actions.
- Throughout 2017, McHenry Barrack troopers performed various community safety presentations. Troopers presented safety talks to children in Garrett County Schools and to local organizations such as the American Legion and Rotary Club.
- McHenry Barrack troopers participated in several community events in 2017, including Red Cross blood drives, National Night Out, Police Providing Presents, the Special Olympics and the Deep Creek Dunk.

Calls for Service	14,256
Investigations	644
Arrests	322
Narcan Deployments	0
Guns Seized	112
Forensic Science Cases	172
Crime Scene Responses	11
Traffic Stops	14,494
DUI Arrests	56
Crashes Investigated	366



# Harford County



## Served by the Bel Air and JFK Memorial Highway Barracks

### Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

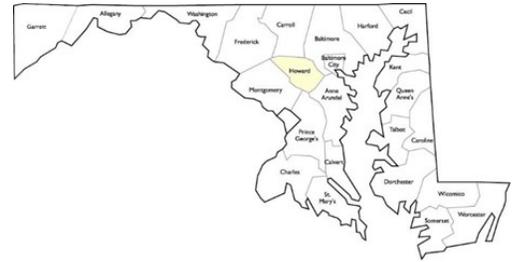
- In August, Criminal Enforcement Division (CED) investigators responded to a reported kidnapping/false imprisonment in Edgewood. Investigators learned a female victim was held against her will in an Edgewood area home for at least 24 hours while the suspect brutally assaulted her and threatened her life. The victim was able to escape captivity and run to a nearby restaurant. The suspect was quickly identified, located and arrested a short distance away. Investigators executed a search warrant at the residence and seized numerous items of evidentiary value.
- In August, CED investigators responded to a reported bank robbery in Churchville. Shortly after obtaining a description of the suspect and his vehicle, troopers spotted and stopped the suspect vehicle. Surveillance video revealed the operator of the vehicle matched the description of the bank robber; the suspect was arrested. A search warrant was executed on the suspect's vehicle. Investigators seized numerous items, including the currency taken during the robbery.
- In October, Bel Air Barrack troopers responded to assist with an active shooter in Edgewood. During the incident, three victims were murdered by gunfire, and the suspect fled the area. The suspect was identified, and it was determined he resided in Elkton. Investigators responded to the residence and secured it for an impending search warrant. Upon execution of the search warrant, investigators seized numerous items of evidentiary value connecting the suspect to the crime. The suspect was later located and arrested in Delaware.
- In November, Bel Air Barrack troopers responded to a report of a hit and run collision involving a pedestrian on Route 24. There were no witnesses to the collision, but parts of the striking vehicle were located on the scene which were believed to be a Kia passenger car. Troopers received information that the suspect and vehicle were possibly located at an address in Abingdon. Troopers responded to the address and found a Kia passenger car with damage consistent with striking a pedestrian. Investigative measures subsequently led to the suspect being charged.
- In November, TFC Spessato was involved in a brief vehicle pursuit. The suspect fled on foot but was subsequently apprehended. While running, the suspect discarded a bag of heroin, which was located by TFC Spessato. The bag contained 107 grams of raw heroin, with a street value of approximately \$20,000.
- Bel Air Barrack troopers participated in several community events in 2017, including Public Safety Appreciation Day, Independence Day parades, Badges for Baseball and the Harford County Farm Fair. In addition, troopers from the Bel Air Barrack organized the first Harford County Shop with a Cop event.

Calls for Service	19,341*
Investigations	2,417
Arrests	1,175
Narcan Deployments	7
Guns Seized	61
Forensic Science Cases	1,034
Crime Scene Responses	22
Traffic Stops	42,873
DUI Arrests	427
Crashes Investigated	2,856



\* = Calls for Service are for Bel Air Barrack; does not include JFK Memorial Highway Barrack, which had 24,279 calls for service

# Howard County



## Served by the Waterloo Barrack

### Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In February, Criminal Enforcement Division (CED) investigators were requested to assist the New Jersey State Police Homicide Unit with a triple homicide investigation. During the course of the investigation, it was determined the suspect was residing at a home in Howard County. Coordinated efforts resulted in the execution of a search and seizure warrant at the Howard County residence. The suspect was identified and arrested without incident, and the search warrant yielded evidence pertinent to the investigation.
- In April, members of the Pro-Active Criminal Enforcement (PACE) Team conducted a traffic stop on Route 1. During the stop, troopers became suspicious and performed a K-9 scan. A positive alert led to the discovery of over 60 pounds of marijuana.
- In September, Trooper Smith was on patrol when he observed a vehicle operating with illegal window tint. Trooper Smith initiated a traffic stop and detected the odor of marijuana. A probable cause search of the vehicle was initiated. Trooper Smith discovered capsules for the packaging of heroin and small plastic baggies used for packaging controlled dangerous substances (CDS). In addition, Trooper Smith recovered a loaded .40 caliber handgun. Both the driver and the passenger were placed in custody and transported to the barrack for processing. While at the Central Booking Facility, it was revealed via a fingerprint check that the passenger had an outstanding warrant.
- In September, members of the PACE team conducted a traffic stop on a moving truck on southbound I-95 near Route 100. During the traffic stop, troopers became suspicious and deployed a K-9 scan. A positive alert led to the search and discovery of over 70 pounds of marijuana, a loaded 40 caliber handgun and over \$19,000 in currency.
- In 2017, the Howard County Center of African American Culture in Columbia celebrated the 60th anniversary of Captain Milton S. Taylor becoming Maryland's first African American state trooper. Captain Taylor broke through the color barrier to become the head of a long line of distinguished African American troopers who have built a legacy of courage, integrity and selfless service, alongside troopers of other races. Colonel William Pallozzi also announced the establishment of the Captain Milton S. Taylor Humanitarian Award, recognizing troopers who demonstrate commitment, devotion, financial support and creativity in providing for the well-being of people in a community or people in need during a crisis.

Calls for Service	29,147
Investigations	1,342
Arrests	508
Narcans Deployments	0
Guns Seized	18
Forensic Science Cases	672
Crime Scene Responses	3
Traffic Stops	31,933
DUI Arrests	262
Crashes Investigated	1,433



# Kent County



## Served by the Centreville Barrack

### Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

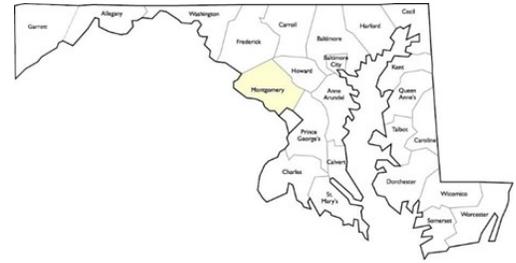
- In April, TFC Tobolski conducted a traffic stop in Millington. During this contact, TFC Tobolski detected the odor of marijuana and conducted a probable cause search. Trace amounts of marijuana plus a baggie containing cocaine were located. In addition, it was noted the vehicle had damage consistent with an accident involving a case being investigated by the Kent County Sheriff's Office. During a secondary search of the driver at the barrack, 20.2 grams of cocaine and crack cocaine were located, with a street value of \$5,000.
- In May, Criminal Enforcement Division (CED) investigators conducted an embezzlement and theft investigation where the suspect was hired as an accountant. Over a period of time, the suspect stole nearly \$100,000 from the victim's bank accounts. The suspect has been charged with theft and fraud.
- In May, Centreville Barrack troopers participated in Kent County High School's Prom Promise, designed to reduce underage drinking as well as drinking and driving.
- In October, Centreville Barrack troopers participated in the Junior Achievement Program at Rock Hall Elementary School, an educational program which uses business leaders to teach elementary school children basic concepts of business and entrepreneurship.
- In 2017, the Centreville Barrack Explorer Post participated in various community events in order to learn valuable lessons related to law enforcement and community service. Most notably, the Explorer Post assisted with the MSP Polar Bear Plunge.
- The Centreville Barrack participated in several community events in 2017, including the MSP Polar Bear Plunge, Special Olympics Torch Run, National Night Out, Hope in Tomorrow Hope in Recovery and an opioid town hall presentation.

Calls for Service	21,516*
Investigations	257
Arrests	67
Narcan Deployments	0
Guns Seized	15
Forensic Science Cases	140
Crime Scene Responses	15
Traffic Stops	2,189
DUI Arrests	24
Crashes Investigated	147



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

# Montgomery County



## Served by the Rockville Barrack

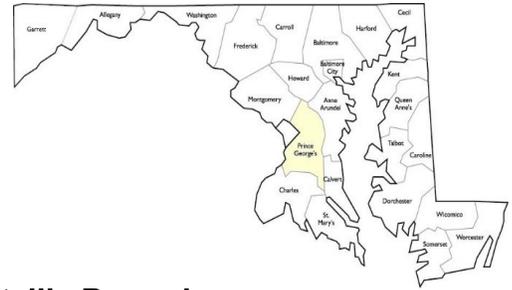
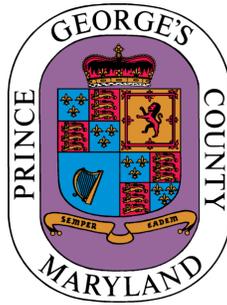
### Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- During 2017, in an effort to reduce collisions and save lives, multiple traffic enforcement details were conducted, with the assistance of county and municipal agencies, to target enforcement in identified high crash areas.
- During 2017, sobriety checkpoints were conducted with county and municipal agencies to educate the public on the dangers of impaired driving. The new Mobile Breath Test Truck was used during each of the checkpoints. In addition to checkpoints, numerous Driving Under the Influence (DUI) saturation patrols were conducted.
- During 2017, the Rockville Barrack warrant team strengthened existing partnerships with the Montgomery County Police Department and Sheriff's Office. The three agencies worked together to locate fugitives in the county.
- In August, the Metro Area Drug Task Force (MADTF) conducted a controlled delivery of a parcel containing one gram of pure carfentanil. The parcel was successfully delivered to a suspect in Montgomery County who was subsequently arrested. A search of the suspect's residence revealed an additional quantity of carfentanil as well as quantities of fentanyl and gamma-Hydroxybutyric acid (GHB). During the course of the investigation, it was learned the suspect is a domestic reshipper of carfentanil and was selling narcotics on the "dark web," sending the substance nationwide through the U.S. mail.
- From Thanksgiving through New Year's Day, troopers partnered with county and municipal agencies for a holiday patrol initiative. The group made 206 impaired driving arrests, stopped 2,078 vehicles and charged 59 people for drug violations.
- In December, an FBI agent was involved in a crash in his personal vehicle on southbound I-270 in Rockville. His vehicle became disabled in the roadway and Deputy Chief State Fire Marshal Sander Cohen, also in his personal vehicle, stopped to assist. Both Cohen and the agent were tragically killed when struck by a southbound vehicle as they waited on the shoulder. Troopers conducted a thorough investigation and also assisted with Deputy Chief State Fire Marshal Cohen's line-of-duty death funeral detail.
- Rockville Barrack troopers participated in several community events in 2017, including the MSP Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge, Shop with a Cop and multiple Make-A-Wish foundation events.

Calls for Service	19,216
Investigations	1,018
Arrests	510
Narcan Deployments	1
Guns Seized	27
Forensic Science Cases	155
Crime Scene Responses	4
Traffic Stops	30,245
DUI Arrests	306
Crashes Investigated	2,531



# Prince George's County



## Served by the College Park and Forestville Barracks

### Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In May, a College Park Barrack trooper arrived on the scene of a two vehicle collision in Lanham. Upon contact with the driver of one of the involved vehicles, the trooper detected the odor of marijuana. A search of the suspect revealed marijuana, several unmarked white pills and \$1,000. A search of the vehicle revealed an additional 23.7 grams of marijuana, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) oil, THC-infused lotion and drug-infused cookies, plus a scale and a vaporizer kit. The driver was arrested for manufacturing, distribution and possession of controlled dangerous substances (CDS).
- In May, the Metro Area Drug Task Force (MADTF) conducted a controlled delivery of two kilograms of heroin to an address in Riverdale. The parcel delivery resulted in the arrest of two suspects. As a result of the investigation, multiple suspects were identified and charged with Possession With Intent to Distribute (PWID).
- In August, the Forestville Barrack received a call regarding a road rage incident involving a firearm. The suspect pulled behind the victim's vehicle and the victim saw a muzzle flash coming from the suspect's vehicle. The victim was able to obtain the tag number of the suspect's vehicle. The victim was able to drive away from the suspect and upon arriving home, she discovered damage to the roof of her vehicle which appeared to be from a bullet. The suspect's vehicle was located and a search and seizure warrant was authorized. Search of the suspect's residence revealed a gun safe with three semi-automatic handguns and a submachine gun plus ammunition. The suspect was prohibited from possessing firearms. The suspect was arrested and charged.
- In August, Criminal Enforcement Division (CED) investigators responded to a shooting on Route 4 near Suitland Parkway. The investigation led troopers to Fairfax County, Virginia, where a search warrant was executed on the suspect's residence, seizing multiple firearms and ammunition. The suspect was charged in Maryland with first degree attempted murder.
- The College Park Barrack participated in several community events in 2017, including recruiting events, the Special Olympics Torch Run and Youth Day at a local church.
- The Forestville Barrack participated in several community events in 2017, including a book drive, a school supply drive, Daughter for the Day, a food drive and donating toys to a local homeless shelter.

Calls for Service	53,670
Investigations	3,170
Arrests	1,391
Narcan Deployments	4
Guns Seized	70
Forensic Science Cases	273
Crime Scene Responses	7
Traffic Stops	55,678
DUI Arrests	703
Crashes Investigated	6,265



# Queen Anne's County



## Served by the Centreville Barrack

### Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In February, TFC Majerowicz authored and executed two search and seizure warrants after an investigation of a burglary from October 2016. The first warrant was for a storage locker and the second was at a residence where two suspects resided. As a result of these searches, over 150 items of stolen property were recovered, including the items from the October 2016 burglary. Two arrests were made and the recovered items will help close many cases under investigation.
- In April, the Queen Anne's Drug Task Force (QADTF) conducted an investigation in conjunction with the Heroin Investigative Unit on a drug trafficking organization distributing heroin, fentanyl, cocaine and pills. The organization had been surreptitiously operating for over a decade in four Eastern Shore counties as well as Annapolis and Delaware. The investigation resulted in 30 search warrants being executed and 49 people being arrested or indicted.
- In June, Trooper Daigle was dispatched to check the welfare of a disabled motorist, parked on the side of the road and slumped over the steering wheel. Upon arrival, Trooper Daigle detected the odor of marijuana emanating from within the vehicle. A probable cause search of the vehicle yielded a smoking device, several syringes, numerous pills, cocaine, Suboxone strips and approximately two pounds of marijuana.
- In July, the Crime Scene Unit was requested to respond to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to obtain post-mortem fingerprint impressions from an unidentified female victim of a motor vehicle collision which occurred on Route 50 in Centreville. Examination revealed a few viable latent prints. Through coordination with the Forensic Science Division Latent Print/Impression Unit, the victim was identified.
- In August, Trooper Philippi conducted a traffic stop for speeding. Upon contact with the driver, Trooper Philippi identified several criminal indicators and the odor of marijuana. A search of the vehicle revealed three pounds of marijuana.
- In September, after an armed robbery occurred at a business, the Centreville Barrack was alerted of a vehicle pursuit in progress, traveling on Route 309 from Talbot County. The Easton Police Department located and pursued the vehicle, after which all four suspects fled on foot. Centreville Barrack troopers responded to the area to assist with the scene perimeter and foot searches. All suspects were apprehended within five hours of the initial report.
- The Centreville Barrack participated in several community events in 2017, including the MSP Polar Bear Plunge, Special Olympics Torch Run, National Night Out, Hayleigh's Heart Project and a Veteran's Day ceremony.

Calls for Service	21,516*
Investigations	1,624
Arrests	573
Narcan Deployments	1
Guns Seized	37
Forensic Science Cases	405
Crime Scene Responses	40
Traffic Stops	14,681
DUI Arrests	213
Crashes Investigated	865



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

# Somerset County



## Served by the Princess Anne Barrack

### Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In August, TFC Nastvogel was dispatched to an address in Princess Anne for a report of a burglary. The investigation revealed the residence had been ransacked and a vehicle stolen. As TFC Nastvogel was speaking with the victim, two additional victims reported vehicles ransacked and property stolen. The Princess Anne Barrack also received additional calls regarding stolen vehicles and ransacked property in the same area. As Senior Trooper Chatham responded to additional crime scenes, he located the suspect walking in the middle of the street. Senior Trooper Chatham was able to locate stolen property on the suspect, and the suspect was placed under arrest and transported to the Princess Anne Barrack. Through a combined effort with the Criminal Enforcement Division (CED), MSP was able to return stolen property to nine victims totaling over \$114,000. This included two stolen vehicles, electronic equipment and personal property.
- In August, Trooper Townsend observed a vehicle with an inoperable tag light. Trooper Townsend attempted to stop the vehicle, but the operator fled on foot into the woods holding onto a black book bag. Two other passengers were observed seated in the rear of the vehicle. After a brief foot pursuit, Trooper Townsend took the operator into custody without further incident. Search incident to arrest yielded 334 grams of marijuana. The investigation later revealed the suspect had entered into a drug deal with the two occupants of the vehicle, and Trooper Townsend had interrupted a robbery.
- In October, Trooper Townsend conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for speeding. The passenger was observed throwing an object out of the window. The object was located and identified as 23.6 grams of heroin. In addition, a loaded 9mm handgun was located in the vehicle. Both the operator and the passenger were charged with controlled dangerous substances (CDS) and firearms violations.
- In 2017, the Princess Anne Barrack was awarded a grant to target underage drinking and driving. The Barrack has not had a fatal collision involving an intoxicated driver under 21 years of age in over seven years since this program has been in existence.
- The Princess Anne Barrack participated in several community events in 2017, including the annual Winter Wonderland event, during which children were given gifts and food was distributed to 200 families throughout the county. In addition, the Barrack participated in Operation SLEUTH (Somerset Law Enforcement Unites to Tackle Hunger), which provided meals for needy families.

Calls for Service	21,022
Investigations	1,231
Arrests	437
Narcan Deployments	2
Guns Seized	20
Forensic Science Cases	255
Crime Scene Responses	54
Traffic Stops	18,682
DUI Arrests	99
Crashes Investigated	266



# St. Mary's County



## Served by the Leonardtown Barrack

### Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In April, TFC S. Ditoto responded to a business in Lexington Park for an alarm. TFC S. Ditoto observed the front glass door of the business was shattered and spotted a suspect fleeing the scene on foot. The suspect ran to a nearby restaurant and was joined by a second suspect. Both male juvenile suspects were apprehended, arrested and charged.
- In July, while on patrol, TFC C. Ditoto observed a vehicle displaying expired temporary registration plates. TFC C. Ditoto attempted to conduct a traffic stop, but the driver failed to yield and fled from the vehicle on foot. The driver was located a short time later hiding in the woods and was taken into custody without incident. A search was conducted, resulting in the seizure of 50.8 grams of cocaine and U.S. currency.
- In July, Criminal Enforcement Division (CED) investigators initiated a case regarding distribution of fentanyl. A dealer was identified, resulting in a search warrant and arrest of the suspect. This investigation was conducted in conjunction with the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office and State Attorney's Office who were investigating a fatal overdose linked to the suspect. This case resulted in a depraved heart murder indictment, and the suspect was ultimately found guilty of manslaughter.
- In July, TFC C. Ditoto attempted to stop a vehicle for a traffic violation, but the driver of the vehicle fled on foot. The suspect was apprehended a short time later and placed under arrest. A search of the suspect revealed he was in possession of 49.8 grams of carfentanil, a small amount of marijuana and other contraband to indicate he was distributing controlled dangerous substances (CDS).
- In November, troopers from the Leonardtown Barrack partnered with deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office, Parole and Probation, and the Southern Maryland Information Center (SMIC) to conduct a county-wide warrant sweep. In total, 62 law enforcement officers participated in the initiative. A total of ten warrants were served, along with one criminal summons and one CDS arrest.
- The Leonardtown Barrack participated in several community events in 2017, including the St. Mary's County Splash, Shop with a Cop, First Responders Appreciation Day, Camp Cops, National Night Out and the Special Olympics Torch Run. In addition, the barrack participated in the St. Mary's County Fair, Hospice Run, Toys for Tots and the Adopt-A-School program. Also, the barrack conducted active shooter drills, Safety Stand Down presentations for Patuxent River personnel and several Cub Scout outreach presentations, plus participated in Project Graduation.

Calls for Service	28,310
Investigations	1,994
Arrests	752
Narcan Deployments	35
Guns Seized	60
Forensic Science Cases	557
Crime Scene Responses	1
Traffic Stops	23,717
DUI Arrests	273
Crashes Investigated	590



# Talbot County



## Served by the Easton Barrack

### Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- During February and March, Talbot County Drug Task Force investigators identified a drug dealer selling cocaine, crack cocaine and illegal opioid pills within a designated school zone. Task Force members implemented a plan which led to the felony arrest of the suspect.
- In April, Trooper Laham stopped a vehicle for speeding and unsafe lane changing. The odor of marijuana was detected from within the vehicle, which was occupied by three suspects. A search revealed a loaded, stolen 9mm handgun, a digital scale and 16.5 grams of marijuana. The driver was found to be Driving Under the Influence (DUI). All three suspects were charged.
- In August, Talbot County Drug Task Force investigators working with federal law enforcement agencies identified a drug trafficking organization which was importing and distributing tens of thousands of opiate pills into the United States from Singapore and India. During the investigation, Task Force investigators seized over 13,000 opiate pills in Talbot County, effectively breaking up the organization and keeping illegal narcotics off the streets of Talbot County and the surrounding jurisdictions.
- In November, the Easton Barrack was contacted by two complainants who reside in Easton. The complainants were in fear of their lives after being threatened repeatedly by the suspect, their neighbor. The previous night, the suspect threatened to shoot the complainants for playing loud music. The complainants also alleged that during the previous two months, the suspect displayed firearms and even discharged a round during an argument with one of the complainants. The complainants told Trooper Pratt the suspect had two handguns and a shotgun in his possession and they knew him to be a convicted felon. A check through the Maryland Gun Center revealed the suspect had several convictions prohibiting him from possessing firearms or ammunition. A search warrant was obtained for the suspect's residence and executed that evening. The suspect was not located, but three firearms were seized, including a double barrel shotgun, a .22 rifle and a handgun plus assorted ammunition and cocaine. The suspect was arrested after agreeing to turn himself in to MSP Easton, and was charged.
- In November, investigators issued a search and seizure warrant at a suspect's residence in Cordova after Criminal Enforcement Division (CED) investigators received a National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) cyber tip reporting that the suspect had been sexually abusing minor boys. The investigation resulted in the suspect being charged.
- The Easton Barrack participated in several community events in 2017, including raising several thousand dollars for the Special Olympics and participating in Read Across America.

Calls for Service	25,427*
Investigations	867
Arrests	242
Narcan Deployments	0
Guns Seized	49
Forensic Science Cases	369
Crime Scene Responses	35
Traffic Stops	14,062
DUI Arrests	121
Crashes Investigated	310



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

# Washington County



## Served by the Hagerstown Barrack

### Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- During 2017, the Hagerstown Barrack conducted a special enforcement initiative. The initiative focused on strategic placement of troopers throughout Washington County to saturate and enforce traffic and criminal laws. The operation yielded 400 traffic stops, nine Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrests and four arrests for controlled dangerous substances (CDS). Troopers seized one gun and made one warrant arrest during the initiative.
- During 2017, the Technical Assistance Unit assisted the Hagerstown Police Department with a homicide/criminal gang/CDS investigation. Nineteen firearms and multiple pounds of marijuana were seized. At the conclusion, 13 criminal gang members were charged.
- In August, troopers responded to a business on Jefferson Boulevard for an armed robbery. While en route to the scene, troopers located the suspect's vehicle and attempted to stop it. After the suspect's vehicle became disabled, the suspect fled the scene on foot but was apprehended after a short foot pursuit. During the on-scene investigation, troopers interviewed a female passenger in the suspect's vehicle. The interview revealed the female was kidnapped by the male suspect at the business. Search of the suspect's vehicle yielded a BB gun that matched the description of the gun used in the armed robbery as well as the currency stolen from the business.
- In September, the Western Maryland Major Traffickers Initiative (WMMTI) was contacted by law enforcement from Charles County, Missouri regarding an interdiction stop in their jurisdiction where 200 pounds of marijuana was recovered. It was determined that the suspects were supposed to deliver the marijuana to an address in Washington County, from California. Collaborative efforts resulted in the successful controlled delivery of the marijuana, resulting in the suspect's arrest.
- In November, TFC Butler stopped a vehicle for speeding on I-70 in Washington County. During the initial contact, TFC Butler observed a loaded 9mm handgun in plain view. Search of the vehicle revealed a second loaded 9mm handgun, a loaded 7.62 mm rifle and several other magazines and ammunition throughout the vehicle. Also located in the vehicle were marijuana and drug paraphernalia.
- The Hagerstown Barrack participated in several community events in 2017. A June Open House attracted about 1,500 people. During a December Wreaths Across America event, Hagerstown Barrack members placed wreaths on the graves of American heroes buried at Arlington National Cemetery. In addition, troopers from the Hagerstown Barrack, in conjunction with the Half Way Fire Department, delivered gifts to and spent time with children at Meritus Hospital who were unable to be home for the holidays.

Calls for Service	20,483
Investigations	1,364
Arrests	459
Narcan Deployments	3
Guns Seized	80
Forensic Science Cases	339
Crime Scene Responses	11
Traffic Stops	18,848
DUI Arrests	262
Crashes Investigated	1,406



# Wicomico County



Served by the Salisbury Barrack

## Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In February, upon detecting the odor of marijuana during a traffic stop, a probable cause search was conducted by TFC Dick and TFC Wilkins. Controlled dangerous substances (CDS) including heroin, cocaine and marijuana were found. A digital scale, plastic baggies and cutting agents were also located, as well as a loaded handgun. The driver was arrested and charged with numerous CDS and handgun charges.
- In February, members of the Wicomico County Narcotics Task Force (WINTF), with the assistance of Salisbury Barrack personnel, conducted a traffic stop. The suspect was detained and his vehicle was taken to the Salisbury Barrack, where a search warrant was executed on the vehicle. WINTF personnel recovered more than 1,224 grams of cocaine within the vehicle. A search of the suspect's residence resulted in the recovery of CDS paraphernalia to include a kilo cocaine press.
- In March, the Criminal Enforcement Division (CED) in collaboration with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Mobile Team Unit (MTU) initiated an investigation into the distribution of large amounts of cocaine in Wicomico County. The case led to an investigation involving several Eastern Shore Counties and surrounding states. The case also led to the execution of 13 search warrants and the recovery of 588.7 grams of cocaine, 83.8 grams of heroin, three handguns and the seizure of more than \$250,000.
- During an April traffic stop, TFC Smith observed numerous criminal indicators and requested the assistance of a K-9 unit. A scan of the suspect vehicle indicated a positive alert for CDS. The search of the vehicle revealed two loaded semi-automatic handguns. The search of the vehicle also revealed several forms of CDS packaged for distribution, including marijuana, Oxycotin and Xanax prescription pills, plus a digital scale. Four suspects were taken into custody and charged with Possession With Intent to Distribute (PWID) and firearms violations.
- During 2017, Gang Enforcement Unit (GEU) investigators conducted a long-term investigation into the illegal opioid distribution operation of a validated Bloods criminal gang member. Forensic analysis revealed the fentanyl being distributed was 15 times stronger than other strains of fentanyl imported into the U.S. The GEU completed the investigation late in 2017 by executing several search and seizure warrants on properties and vehicles linked to the suspect and his son. The suspect and his son were charged with several felonies. The GEU seized 442 grams of fentanyl, over sixteen pounds of marijuana, a .9mm semi-automatic assault rifle, a shotgun and \$18,500.
- The Salisbury Barrack participated in several community events in 2017, including the Seagull Century cycling event, the Cops and Cars charity event and Wreaths Across America, honoring the community's fallen veterans.

Calls for Service	17,913
Investigations	2,177
Arrests	976
Narcan Deployments	1
Guns Seized	46
Forensic Science Cases	1,044
Crime Scene Responses	89
Traffic Stops	18,586
DUI Arrests	285
Crashes Investigated	923



# Worcester County



Served by the Berlin Barrack

## Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In February, troopers responded to the scene of a bank robbery in West Ocean City. A bank teller stated that a female suspect entered the bank, said she had a gun and demanded money. Through surveillance video and witness interviews, a suspect was identified. With the assistance of the Worcester County Bureau of Investigation (WCBI), Aviation and MSP K-9s, the suspect was located and arrested later that day. The suspect was found to be in possession of the money stolen from the bank and was charged and convicted of armed robbery in Circuit Court.
- In July, the Forensic Sciences Division received a request regarding a burglary case from the Ocean City Police Department. A footprint from the scene and known footprint exemplars from the suspect were submitted. Known industry methods resulted in a positive match for the suspect.
- In August, Trooper Potts observed a vehicle traveling on Route 90 with its headlights not activated. Trooper Potts stopped the vehicle and smelled the odor of marijuana emanating from inside the vehicle. A search of the vehicle yielded 436 grams of marijuana, \$2,136, a digital scale and cocaine. The driver was charged with Possession With Intent to Distribute (PWID) marijuana and possession of cocaine.
- In December, Trooper Willey stopped a vehicle for speeding on Route 113 near Ocean Pines. After noticing several indicators of criminal activity, a vehicle search was conducted, yielding five paper wax folds of heroin, three metal spoons containing heroin residue and five syringes. The driver was charged with possession of controlled dangerous substances (CDS).
- In 2017, the MSP Berlin Barrack supported the local law enforcement response to the following special events in Worcester County: OC Cruisin, Delmarva Bike Week, OC Bikefest, College Beach Weekend and the H2O Car Show.
- The Berlin Barrack participated in several community events in 2017, including the Maryland Law Enforcement Torch Run in support of Maryland Special Olympics, Shop with a Cop and a partnership with Worcester County GOLD (Giving Other Lives Dignity) to sponsor needy families and purchase holiday gifts for their children.

Calls for Service	18,705
Investigations	1,270
Arrests	501
Narcan Deployments	3
Guns Seized	15
Forensic Science Cases	941
Crime Scene Responses	35
Traffic Stops	20,008
DUI Arrests	268
Crashes Investigated	624



# Forensic Sciences Division



## Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In May, under the Operation Test Shot Program, the Firearms/Toolmarks Unit (FATMU) received test fired bullets and cartridge cases from the Maryland Transportation Authority Police Department (MDTA) at BWI airport. MDTA had confiscated a firearm from a passenger's carry-on luggage. The cartridge case samples were entered into the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) Brass Trax system locally and in the state of Tennessee where the passenger was from. As a result of the correlation search in Tennessee, a potential lead was developed, with the firearm being possibly linked to three shootings in Tennessee.
- In December, the Biology Section positively identified a suspect in a police shooting. The Crime Scene Unit responded to a police shooting involving an officer from the Cambridge Police Department. While conducting surveillance related to vehicle thefts in the area, the Cambridge officer approached a suspicious individual who was seen walking down the street. As the officer approached the individual, the subject pulled out a handgun and shot at the officer, then fled on foot. Evidence left at the scene was analyzed by the Biology Section and the suspect was identified.
- The Controlled Dangerous Substances (CDS) Units have analyzed a significant number of cases involving fatal overdoses. In St. Mary's County, a number of undercover buys were tested by the Pikesville CDS Unit. Carfentanil, a fentanyl-related substance that is 5,000 times stronger than heroin, was detected in several of these cases. This dangerous drug was responsible for at least one overdose death in St. Mary's County. The dealers were charged with Depraved Heart Murder, and chemists testified that carfentanil and other fentanyl-related substances were detected in samples.
- The Toxicology Unit analyzed a case from a fatal motor vehicle collision in Prince George's County. The driver lost control of his vehicle and crossed the median. His car collided with another vehicle traveling in the opposite direction, and the driver of that vehicle was pronounced deceased at the hospital. The operator of the vehicle that lost control was found to have been under the influence of PCP. The case went to trial, and the chemist testified that PCP was detected in the blood. The defendant was found guilty of criminal negligence manslaughter by vehicle.

# Aviation Command



## Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In 2017, the Maryland State Police Operational Control Center was able to process nearly 6,000 calls for aviation service. These calls included medevacs, search and rescue missions, law enforcement support, training missions and maintenance flights.
- In Allegany County, Trooper 5 treated an eleven year old male who was bitten on the foot by a poisonous Copperhead snake. The child was delivered to West Virginia University (WVU) Hospital, the closest facility with the Copperhead antivenom. He recovered with minimal symptoms.
- In Dorchester County, Trooper 4 responded to assist in the search for an escaped inmate. Trooper 4 was able to locate the infrared heat signature of an individual who appeared to be hiding near a body of water. Trooper 4 relayed the location of the suspect to ground units and guided a K-9 officer to the location over the radio; the suspect was quickly apprehended.
- In Kent County, Trooper 1 responded to Kennedyville for a medevac of a dog bite victim. The two year old patient sustained multiple bites from a pit bull attack and was transported to Johns Hopkins Hospital.
- In Montgomery County, Trooper 3 responded for a search of suspects from a bailout. While completing the search, a police officer was struck by a vehicle. Trooper 3 transitioned into a medevac role and transported the injured officer to Shock Trauma.
- In Queen Anne's County, Trooper 6 completed an initial disaster assessment after an F2 tornado with 125 mph winds touched down in Bay City. Observations obtained from the air were relayed to emergency management personnel.
- In St. Mary's County, Trooper 7 responded to the crash site of a military helicopter after the tail malfunctioned. The crew triaged and transported the two critically injured pilots.

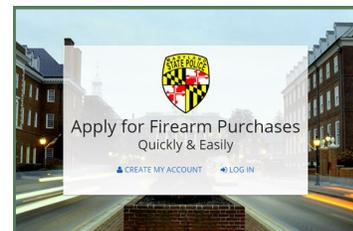
# Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division



## Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- The Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division (CVED) is organized into task specific units and geographic regions which currently operates ten weigh and inspection facilities on a full-time basis. All CVED operated facilities are geographically located on major interstate highways and U.S. routes throughout the State. Additionally, the facilities are supported by teams of troopers and civilian enforcement personnel in special purpose vehicles called roving crews. The roving crews look for commercial vehicles that are by-passing the weigh and inspection facilities or traversing roadways without fixed weight and inspection facilities in order to avoid being detected and cited for violations of federal and State regulations.
- In addition to fixed weigh and inspection facilities, CVED personnel use virtual weigh stations (VWS) in ten locations throughout the State, with eight more being deployed in the near future. These VWS weigh commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) on the highway at highway speed. CMVs in violation of the specified criteria are digitally captured and the image and necessary information is wirelessly sent to mobile units in the area for enforcement action.
- In 2017, CVED personnel weighed 1.91 million CMVs, conducted 76,321 roadside inspections and issued 42,054 citations. In addition, 13,640 unsafe commercial vehicles and 5,060 unsafe drivers were placed out of service.
- The CVED conducts unannounced CMV enforcement in Baltimore City to detect criminal violations. In 2017, the CVED inspected 880 vehicles in Baltimore City.
- In 2017, the Motor Carrier Safety Program (MCSP) completed its 50th year of operation in Maryland. The MSP CVED is the lead law enforcement agency in the program and is tasked with training and certifying all police officers from allied agencies associated with the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP).

# Licensing Division



## Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- The Licensing Portal for the electronic Form 77R, Application to Purchase a Regulated Firearm, came online on January 1, 2017. During 2017, there were 51,847 applications received and processed by the Licensing Division. The automated application has increased the ease and efficiency of purchasing a regulated firearm in Maryland. In addition, the Licensing Portal has provided 24/7 operation of LiveHelp, which assists dealers and applicants in solving any transfer, purchase or documentation difficulties. During 2017, LiveHelp technicians logged and answered more than 1,400 requests for assistance.
- The Firearms Registration Unit (FRU) is responsible for ensuring all regulated firearms transactions adhere to State and federal laws. In 2017, the Unit processed an average of 997 regulated firearms transactions per week and has continued to meet the seven day legislative mandated time frame.
- In 2017, the Handgun Qualification License Unit (HQL) processed 23,888 applications, which is an average of 459 per week. The staff processed applications on an average of less than 15 days, which is well ahead of the legislative mandate of 30 days.
- In line with the electronic and technological developments of the Licensing Division, the Division was awarded a grant in 2017 to digitize more than 400,000 historical purchase applications that had been stored on antiquated microfiche film. This digital project was successfully completed ahead of schedule by Division personnel.
- After recognizing the success of the Licensing Portal for firearms registration, the Licensing Division began the development of automating other applications used by the Division. Currently, the Licensing Division is evaluating the automation of the Wear and Carry Application for both new and renewal applications, with an expected launch date by the end of 2018.

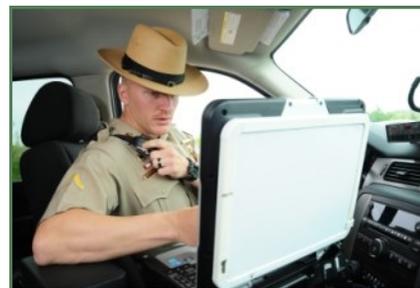
# Personnel Command



## Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In 2017, the Recruitment and Selection Unit (RSU) participated in over 200 recruitment events, including numerous job fairs and the Maryland's Finest Fitness Challenge.
- The Department recognizes its credibility and efficacy is directly linked to the integrity of our hiring and personnel practices. From the August 2016 launch of the marketing campaign through December 2017, there have been more than 15 million impressions and over 110,000 clicks to the MSP website. The campaign objective is in direct support of the Department's sworn hiring policy which is to strive to achieve and maintain a statewide police force whose demographics are representative of its State's workforce.
- Recruitment for Class 146 was completed in January, seating 42 candidates for that class. Recruitment for Class 147 was also completed, seating 49 candidates for that class. Recruitment for Class 148 began, with an anticipated start date of Spring 2018.
- In 2017, 41 troopers received the Freedom Award, awarded for dual service in both the Maryland State Police and the United States Armed Forces.
- Across Maryland, the nationally recognized Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) training program was presented 53 times by the Education and Training Division. More than 2,500 civilians were trained in the Avoid-Deny-Defend awareness program.
- Since 2014, troopers assigned to patrol functions have been trained and equipped with Narcan, a medication used to block the effects of opioids, especially during an overdose. As of 2017, Narcan training has been expanded and medication has been provided to troopers in the Special Operations Division, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division and the Criminal Investigation Bureau. Additionally, civilian chemists in the Forensic Science Division have also received Narcan training. Today, troopers are routinely saving lives by quickly assessing the condition of a person and administering this lifesaving medication. During 2017, MSP certified an additional 575 employees through the Narcan program.

# Technology and Information Management Command



## Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In 2017, the Regional Automated Property Information Database (RAPID) Unit reported more than five million dollars in stolen property being recovered as well as over 1,500 arrests being made as a direct result of RAPID.
- During 15 training sessions, the RAPID Section trained 247 new RAPID users during 2017, bringing the total to 5,600 users.
- During 2017, the Applications Training Section ensured that every Police Communications Officer (PCO) in the MSP received annual in-service training, including Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) training.
- The Telecommunications Section serves as Maryland's control point for information from National Crime Information Center (NCIC)/ Maryland Electronic Telecommunications Enforcement Resource (METERS) and is the starting point for responses to statewide emergencies and events. The Section receives an average of 2,000 incoming calls per week requesting assistance.
- The Electronic Services Division accomplished four major technology deployments during 2017. The first was transitioning Waterloo Barrack's radio communications onto the statewide 700MHz radio system, bringing the total to thirteen barracks. The second was upgrading Mobile Data Computers (MDC), while the third was upgrading operating systems software. Lastly, the deployment of aviation tactical talk-groups on the statewide system allows for better communication between MSP aircraft and local jurisdictions.

# Internal Affairs Division



## Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- The Internal Affairs Division (IAD) is responsible for investigating allegations of misconduct against troopers. The MSP maintains the integrity of the Department by thoroughly investigating all complaints and imposing equitable discipline when appropriate.
- The IAD uses BlueTeam software, coupled with IAPro software, to allow for direct data entry and immediate collection of information; this streamlines data collection and expedites the investigative process. Troopers enter information in cases involving use of force, vehicle pursuits or firearm discharges. IAD members and Department supervisors enter data related to complaints from internal or external sources. Additionally, the IAD maintains a link through the Department's website as a catalyst for the public to express their concerns related to interactions with MSP personnel.
- During 2017, troopers responded to 535,189 calls for service, stopped nearly 536,000 vehicles and made more than 15,400 criminal arrests. The IAD investigated 779 cases in 2017. Of those 779 cases, 287 were sustained and 448 were not sustained, with the remaining pending adjudication.

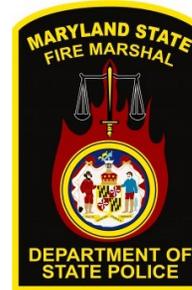
# Office of Fair Practices



## Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- The Office of Fair Practices (OFP) ensures compliance with the Governor's Code of Fair Employment Practices, which obligates the provision of a workplace free from discriminatory practices or harassment of any kind. This function is executed through a comprehensive equal employment opportunity (EEO) program.
- The OFP upholds the Department's zero tolerance policy regarding acts of sexual harassment, discrimination and inequitable employment practices.
- The OFP continued to train all newly hired employees. New hires learned about diversity in the workplace and federal and State equal employment opportunity laws, which protect employees from discrimination and harassment in the workplace, as well as how to contact and file a complaint with the OFP. The OFP also provided training to all of the Department's police communications supervisors/operators, barrack commanders and Field Operations Bureau command staff.
- In September, the Department of Budget and Management's (DBM) Office of the Statewide EEO Coordinator (OSEEOC) conducted an audit of the Department's EEO Program. The audit findings revealed that there were zero deficiencies in the MSP EEO Program.
- In 2017, the OFP received and responded to 378 Citizen Information Brochures (Form 225), resulting in 67% commendations, 5% complaints and 28% miscellaneous comments.

# Office of the State Fire Marshal



## Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- The Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) suffered its first line-of-duty death in the history of the Agency in December 2017. Deputy Chief Sander Cohen was struck and killed on I-270 in Montgomery County when he stopped to assist at a single vehicle collision. Cohen had been with the OSFM for eight years and commanded the Northeast Region.
- The Office of the State Fire Marshal Major Incident Response team collaborated with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the Baltimore City Fire Department and the Baltimore Police Department on a week-long investigation of a 94,000 square foot commercial structure fire which occurred in September 2017. The fire resulted in a total loss of the warehouse space, which was approximately 90% of the structure.
- In 2017, the OSFM conducted 708 fire and 211 explosive investigations and closed a total of 78 criminal cases by arrest. In addition, the OSFM completed 1,379 pre-construction plan reviews, evaluating building and systems designs for compliance with the State Fire Prevention Code. Also, the OSFM completed 12,343 building inspections, verifying field conditions are consistent with approved designs and maintaining required safety standards.
- The OSFM K-9s participated in regional demonstrations at local schools, National Night Out events, police and fire open houses and fire prevention events.

# Vehicle Theft Prevention Council



## Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- The Vehicle Theft Prevention Council (VTPC) continued its leadership role to assist in the prevention and deterrence of vehicle theft and related crimes. Since the Council's inception in 1994, vehicle theft in Maryland has decreased 64 percent.
- The Council awarded 20 grants to a variety of organizations encompassing public awareness and prevention, law enforcement, prosecution and juvenile intervention for a total of \$1,852,500. These grants were focused on the Baltimore/Washington Metropolitan area where 93% of all vehicle thefts occur.
- The Council continues to promote awareness of the prevention of vehicle theft by working with WBAL-TV to run public service announcements, created by college students, each year.
- With the increase of carjacking incidents, VTPC funded a Carjacking Unit in Baltimore County at the end of 2017, which will focus on the reduction of those incidents.
- The Council continues to support and administer the "Watch Your Car Program," which is a Vehicle Theft Prevention Program. The program is voluntary and allows police to stop vehicles displaying the special "Watch Your Car" decals between the hours of 1:00 AM and 5:00 AM. The Council also continues to partner with the MD/DC Anti-Car Theft Committee (ACT). ACT is the Council's private sector partner and provides vehicle theft prevention services which supplement the Council's public awareness efforts.
- Based upon funding levels, the Council has been successful in providing planning and fiscal resources to State and local jurisdictions, as well as community organizations, whose efforts have impacted vehicle theft rates. The Council's goal is not only to continue to decrease the vehicle theft rate but also to continue to manage the problem in the future. The Council continues to research and implement new strategies that best address the prevention, education, deterrence and awareness of vehicle theft and related crimes around the State.

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