

# Maryland Department of State Police



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**About the cover photo:**

On August 7, 2019, troopers from the La Plata barrack participated in National Night Out, promoting positive police-community partnerships.

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The Maryland Department of State Police is proud to present our 2019 Annual Report. The report is an overview of the wide range of public safety 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. The mission of each agency and the goal of every employee is to impact crime and improve public safety for the people of Maryland.

Our priority is to have a statewide focus on crime and traffic issues that will ultimately impact the individual safety of each citizen of our state. We are uniquely positioned to coordinate investigations related to inter-jurisdictional and cross-border crime involving criminals who hope to exploit geographical boundaries to further their criminal enterprises. Our traffic enforcement efforts are aimed at making our highways safe for those who live, work or travel in Maryland.

We provide a full range of law enforcement services that are focused on safeguarding lives and property. Our traffic and criminal enforcement efforts are conducted in coordination with and in support of local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. Each specialized unit within our Department provides unique resources and experienced personnel in both sworn and civilian ranks.

This report contains information and outcomes. It is impossible to convey the commitment to duty and dedication to public service that created those outcomes. The men and women of the Maryland Department of State Police are the people behind the numbers and they work each day with a commitment to service that is second to none.

The trust of the citizens we serve is something we highly value. We endeavor each day to be men and women who are honest, courageous and compassionate. We hope our core values of integrity, fairness and service will be evident in our actions and will uphold the reputation of excellence in law enforcement service we have enjoyed for 98 years.

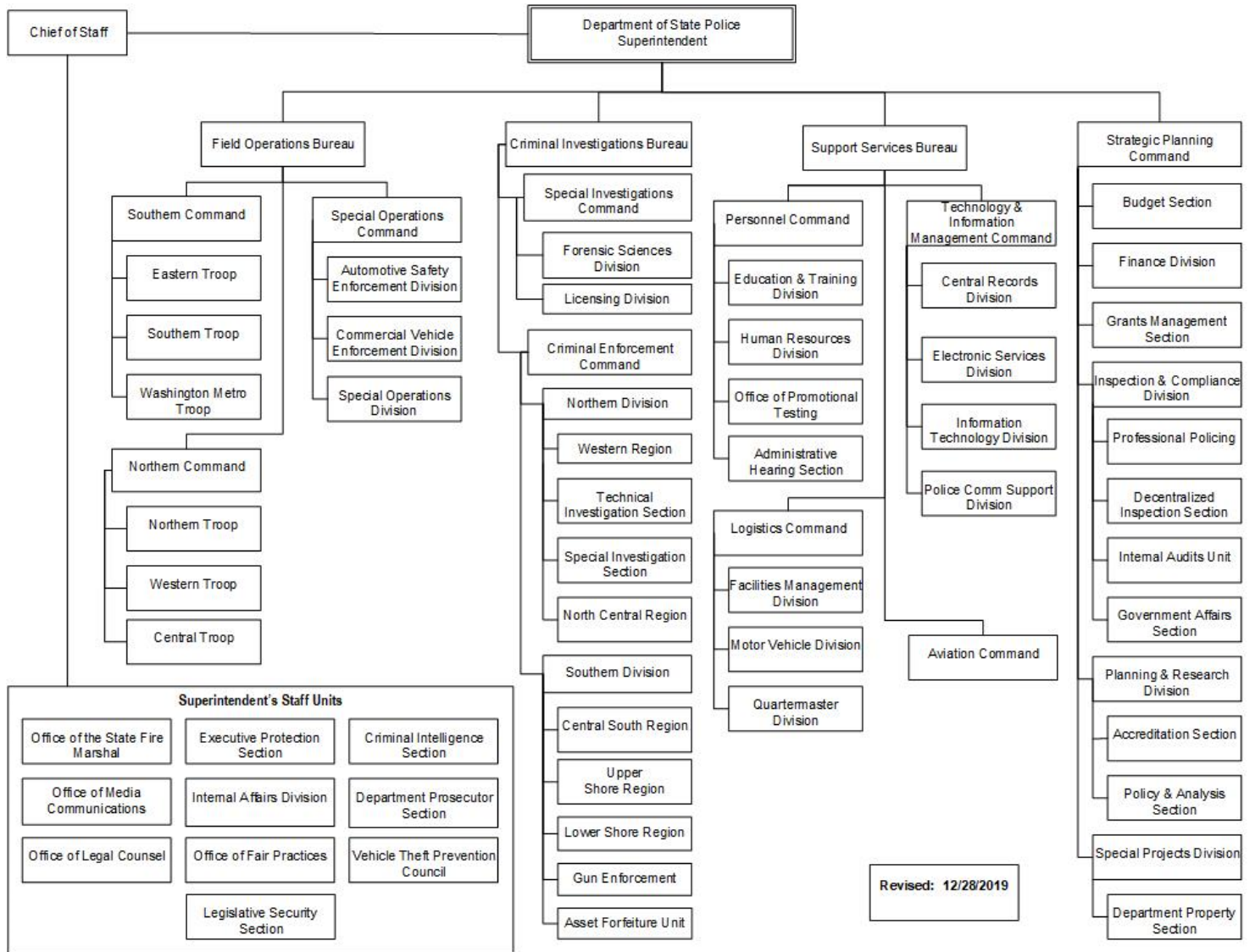
Thank you for taking the time to review this annual report. I hope you find this informative as you learn more about the outstanding work of the men and women of the Maryland Department of State Police.

Be safe!

Sincerely,

Woodrow W. Jones III  
Superintendent

*"Maryland's Finest"*





Calls for Service	13,752
Investigations	1,373
Arrests	324
Narcan Deployments	3
Guns Seized	139
Traffic Stops	14,576
DUI Arrests	75
Crashes Investigated	406

*Served by the Cumberland Barrack*

- In March, the Allegany County Narcotics Task Force, comprised of MSP troopers and allied agencies, began an investigation into the distribution and sale of crack cocaine. In November, a search and seizure warrant was served at the suspect's residence. The suspect was in possession of firearms and ammunition, 303 grams of cocaine, scales, drug packaging material, cell phones and currency, including currency pre-recorded during a previous controlled buy. The suspect was arrested and charged accordingly.
- In May, the Heroin Investigative Unit identified and arrested the leader of a drug trafficking organization distributing fentanyl, heroin and cocaine. Working in conjunction with allied agencies, the case resulted in an indictment of the suspect on 109 drug-related offenses, including drug kingpin. An additional 17 co-conspirators were also indicted.
- In August, a trooper conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle and developed probable cause. A subsequent search of the suspect's vehicle revealed three pounds of marijuana, a handgun with an extended magazine, drug paraphernalia and digital scales. The suspect was charged with possession with intent to distribute (PWID) controlled dangerous substances (CDS) as well as firearms violations.
- In November, after an investigation into the distribution and sale of cocaine, members of the Allegany County Narcotics Task Force served a search and seizure warrant in Cumberland. During the search, investigators located cocaine with a street value of over \$30,000, currency, drug packaging material, two handguns and a semi-automatic rifle. A suspect was arrested and charged accordingly.
- In December, a check on a disabled vehicle led to a criminal arrest. A trooper checking on the driver of a disabled vehicle in LaVale learned the driver was wanted on an active criminal arrest warrant. A subsequent search of the driver and the vehicle revealed almost 350 grams of crystal methamphetamine, heroin, prescription drugs and currency. The driver was arrested and charged accordingly.



Calls for Service	16,319
Investigations	2,813
Arrests	916
Narcan Deployments	3
Guns Seized	60
Traffic Stops	37,812
DUI Arrests	473
Crashes Investigated	1,637

*Served by the Annapolis and Glen Burnie Barracks*

- In February, TFC Allen stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation and discovered the vehicle was stolen. Two suspects fled on foot but were apprehended by troopers and allied agencies.
- In March, troopers conducted a proactive online investigation and detected child pornography files from a suspect in Annapolis. In April, the MSP Computer Crimes Unit along with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) served a search and seizure warrant at an address in Annapolis. A suspect inside the residence confessed to downloading child pornography on his laptop. In May, an arrest warrant was issued, and the suspect turned himself in at the Annapolis Barrack.
- In April, TFC Milich stopped a vehicle for speeding and reckless driving. The driver first eluded TFC Milich for approximately three miles. Upon stopping, the suspect driver refused to comply with orders to remain inside the vehicle and advanced toward TFC Milich. After taking the suspect into custody, a search of the vehicle resulted in the recovery of cocaine, marijuana and several open containers of alcohol. The suspect was subsequently charged with DUI, possession of cocaine and marijuana as well as fleeing and eluding police.
- In August, Trooper Iman was dispatched to a two vehicle collision in Glen Burnie. The driver of one vehicle was initially unresponsive. After Trooper Iman administered Narcan, the driver became alert. A probable cause search of the vehicle revealed marijuana, ten capsules containing heroin and a loaded handgun plus ammunition. The driver was arrested for DUI and possession of CDS as well as a loaded firearm and a dangerous concealed weapon.



*Served by Specialized Units*

- In March, investigators assisted the United States Marshals Service with a fugitive investigation. A search and seizure warrant served at an address in Northwest Baltimore City yielded heroin/fentanyl and cocaine, in quantities consistent with possession with intent to distribute (PWID), along with processing materials and currency. A subsequent search of two related vehicles revealed heroin/fentanyl and a firearm. A search warrant for an address associated with one of the suspects revealed additional evidence of drug processing, packaging and sales, plus additional amounts of heroin and fentanyl. One suspect was arrested in possession of heroin and crack cocaine plus currency, and pled guilty to possession of a firearm with a nexus to a drug trafficking crime, PWID fentanyl and PWID cocaine. An additional suspect pled guilty to a drug felony.
- In June, members of the Gang Enforcement Unit (GEU) began an investigation into a drug trafficking organization (DTO). The DTO operated mainly in Baltimore City, but also operated in several other Maryland Counties. After almost two months of extensive surveillance and investigation, the GEU served a search and seizure warrant in Essex. Service of the warrant resulted in the seizure of 22 pounds of heroin, valued at over \$1 million.
- In August, after a several month long investigation with federal partners, the GEU arrested a Bloods leader without incident. The GEU authored two search and seizure warrants for addresses associated with the gang leader, recovering evidence linking him to crimes, including a .45 caliber pistol used in a Baltimore City homicide. Upon an interview by Baltimore Police Department detectives, the Bloods leader admitted to involvement in at least one homicide.
- In September, the Aviation Command began conducting aerial patrol checks in Baltimore City. The Aviation Command completed 146 of these proactive crime deterrent missions.
- In October, the Maryland State Apprehension Team (MSAT) assisted the Baltimore County Police Department with the apprehension of a suspect. The suspect was wanted for several counts of felony and misdemeanor assault and firearms violations and was also a suspect in a Baltimore City homicide. The subsequent search and seizure warrant served at the suspect's residence revealed 3.3 pounds of heroin, 2.2 pounds of cocaine, nearly \$49,000 in currency and three vehicles.
- In 2019, the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division (CVED) assigned troopers to cover 801 patrol shifts in Baltimore City. The Division performed 3,169 inspections, placed 1,688 drivers and vehicles out of service and apprehended 13 wanted persons.



Calls for Service	16,572*
Investigations	5,249
Arrests	1,292
Narcan Deployments	7
Guns Seized	86
Traffic Stops	34,006
DUI Arrests	783
Crashes Investigated	3,400

*Served by the Golden Ring and JFK Memorial Barracks*

- In February, Homicide Unit personnel assisted the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) with a triple homicide investigation. The suspects, from Baltimore County, allegedly committed the triple murder during a home invasion/drug robbery in Los Angeles. MSP Homicide Unit personnel assisted with arresting the suspects, obtaining and serving search warrants and interviewing family members and acquaintances.
- In August, troopers and allied agencies, including Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), began an investigation into a DTO. Two parcels coming from Argentina were intercepted, each containing several ounces of cocaine. A controlled delivery of one of the parcels in Owings Mills resulted in the arrest of the suspected leader of the DTO. A search and seizure warrant resulted in the seizure of additional cocaine, 94 grams of heroin, a handgun and currency.
- In September, troopers and allied agencies, including HSI, began an investigation after a parcel, being sent from Guatemala to an address in Cockeysville, was intercepted and found to contain approximately 1,200 grams of heroin. A controlled delivery was conducted, resulting in the arrest of one suspect.
- In December, TFC McWilliams rescued a driver from a vehicle on fire. Troopers were dispatched to a single vehicle collision, in which a tractor-trailer had traveled down an embankment and was fully engulfed in flames. The driver was pulled from the truck by TFC McWilliams and transported for further medical care.

\* = Calls for Service are for Golden Ring Barrack; does not include JFK Memorial Highway Barrack, which had 14,201 calls for service



Calls for Service	12,606
Investigations	1,849
Arrests	704
Narcan Deployments	8
Guns Seized	63
Traffic Stops	21,301
DUI Arrests	220
Crashes Investigated	223

Served by the Prince Frederick Barrack

- In January, investigators were contacted for assistance in a theft scheme case. Allegedly, a local tax preparer was stealing a portion of prepared tax returns. Investigators and allied agencies interviewed victims of the suspect and obtained copies of tax returns covering several years. The suspect was indicted and sentenced to 36 months in prison and fined \$26,000 in restitution to the victims and the State of Maryland.
- In May, troopers responded to a domestic related call for service in Port Republic. Two victims stated the suspect had been arguing with them, pointed a handgun at both victims and then fired numerous shots into the air. The suspect was placed under arrest for First Degree Assault and Reckless Endangerment. In addition, the suspect was in possession of Oxycodone pills and was charged accordingly. Ten firearms were recovered on the scene, including the gun used in the assault, which was seized as evidence. An Extreme Risk Protective Order (ERPO) was served on the suspect.
- In June, Trooper Woolman and Trooper Kelly responded to a fast food restaurant in Prince Frederick for a report of an argument involving two people, with one person injured. Upon arrival, a victim was found bleeding heavily from a stab wound in the abdomen. A knife was subsequently located in the suspect's possession and the suspect was charged with attempted murder.
- Throughout 2019, a multi-jurisdictional investigation was conducted regarding a complex drug trafficking organization which supplied fentanyl related to a fatal overdose. Working jointly with federal partners from Homeland Security Investigations, troopers used law enforcement techniques including surveillance, interviews and investigation in order to secure a federal indictment for the supplier of the fatal fentanyl. The suspect was arrested and charged accordingly.



Calls for Service	11,232*
Investigations	1,361
Arrests	126
Narcan Deployments	7
Guns Seized	4
Traffic Stops	11,513
DUI Arrests	200
Crashes Investigated	274

Served by the Easton Barrack

- In January, Homicide Unit personnel investigated a murder in Federalsburg. Investigators served four search warrants, conducted 21 interviews and arrested one suspect for the murder. The suspect pled guilty and was sentenced to 40 years in prison.
- In April, investigators received a cybertip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) tracing child pornography to a suspect in Ridgely. Investigators served a search and seizure warrant for the suspect's residence and electronic devices. The search identified child pornography on the suspect's phone and identified a minor victim who the suspect had solicited for sexual acts and pornographic photographs. The minor victim confirmed these allegations. The suspect was charged with numerous crimes including possession of child pornography and sexual solicitation of a minor.
- In October, Easton Barrack troopers were contacted by a business owner regarding a theft scheme in excess of \$250,000. Investigators learned the business owner worked with an independent contractor, the suspect, who received commission for sales he brokered for the company. The business owner provided receipts for 175 identical fraudulent transactions submitted by the suspect, which resulted in the suspect receiving \$257,000 in commission. Investigators issued subpoenas for financial records of the suspect and the suspect was charged accordingly.
- In December, the Caroline County Drug Task Force, comprised of MSP troopers and allied agencies, served a search warrant in Federalsburg. A search of the residence yielded over 570 individual wax folds containing heroin/fentanyl. In addition, marijuana and currency were located. A suspect was arrested and admitted to distributing heroin.

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





Calls for Service	14,993
Investigations	2,788
Arrests	668
Narcan Deployments	2
Guns Seized	73
Traffic Stops	17,902
DUI Arrests	273
Crashes Investigated	998

*Served by the Westminster Barrack*

- During 2019, the Carroll County Drug Task Force, comprised of MSP troopers and allied agencies, began an investigation into an alleged drug dealer. Through investigative efforts, task force members identified several sources of supply operating in multiple locations in the state, including Baltimore City. In June, detectives served a search and seizure warrant in Baltimore City. Search of the residence resulted in the seizure of 2,186 grams of cocaine, 36 grams of heroin, currency and two firearms. A suspect was arrested and later indicted by a Federal Grand Jury.
- In February, troopers from the Carroll County Drug Task Force began an inter-jurisdictional investigation with the Howard County Police Department regarding a marijuana distributor operating in multiple jurisdictions. Investigators determined the suspect owned a residence in Westminster where controlled dangerous substances and weapons were stored. A search warrant served on the residence revealed 58 pounds of marijuana and three firearms with hundreds of rounds of ammunition. The suspect was arrested and charged accordingly.
- In February, following a lookout issued for a suspect in two Carroll County robberies, the suspect was arrested by the West Manheim Township Police Department in Pennsylvania. MSP troopers were notified of the arrest and assisted in the search of the suspect's vehicle. Evidence was located in the vehicle linking the suspect to robberies investigated by the MSP. A subsequent search warrant, served at the suspect's residence, yielded clothing associated with multiple robberies.
- In October, the Westminster Barrack received a call regarding an intoxicated driver. The caller stated he was driving behind the suspect, his wife, who he believed was DUI. A lookout was broadcasted, but before troopers could locate the vehicle, the caller and the suspect had driven to their residence in Sykesville. Soon thereafter, TFC Pettis met the caller in the residence's driveway, and the couple's daughter advised that the suspect had locked herself in a bedroom, possibly with a firearm in her possession. In response, TFC Pettis entered the residence and was able to communicate with the suspect, eventually persuading her into coming out of the bedroom and surrendering the firearm. The suspect was taken by ambulance for an Emergency Petition and an Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) was issued.



Calls for Service	14,589*
Investigations	4,030
Arrests	2,161
Narcan Deployments	23
Guns Seized	157
Traffic Stops	26,585
DUI Arrests	375
Crashes Investigated	995

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

- In January, during a traffic stop in Elkton, troopers detected indicators of criminal activity. A positive K-9 scan of the vehicle led to the discovery of 109 grams of heroin, four bags of cocaine, one bag of crystal methamphetamine, two containers of marijuana and currency. Both suspects in the vehicle were arrested and charged accordingly. A search of one suspect's Perryville residence revealed additional narcotics and weapons, and additional charges were filed.
- In June, Pro Active Criminal Enforcement (PACE) troopers conducted a traffic stop for a vehicle following another vehicle too closely. A positive alert from a K-9 scan led to a search of the vehicle, revealing more than four pounds of fentanyl and nearly \$48,000 in currency.
- In August, the Cecil County Drug Task Force, comprised of MSP troopers and allied agencies, began an investigation into the sale of crystal methamphetamine. An undercover investigator made multiple purchases of crystal methamphetamine from a suspect, totaling 145 grams. The suspect was identified, and subsequent search warrants were served, resulting in the seizure of 61 grams of crystal methamphetamine and 14 grams of heroin/fentanyl. The suspect was charged accordingly, and this case was adopted by the U.S. Attorney's Office in Baltimore for federal prosecution.
- In December, PACE troopers conducted a traffic stop on a speeding vehicle. A positive scan from a K-9 led to a search of the vehicle, revealing 2.4 pounds of cocaine.

\* = Calls for Service are for North East Barrack; does not include JFK Memorial Highway Barrack, which had 14,201 calls for service



Calls for Service	6,222
Investigations	1,729
Arrests	712
Narcan Deployments	2
Guns Seized	18
Traffic Stops	17,848
DUI Arrests	361
Crashes Investigated	1,104

*Served by the La Plata Barrack*

- In April, MSP and allied agencies served a search and seizure warrant in Waldorf in reference to an online child exploitation investigation. Troopers interviewed the suspect, who admitted to downloading child pornography. On-scene forensic examinations on the suspect's devices located child pornography on the suspect's computer. The suspect was arrested and charged with seven counts of distribution of child pornography and three counts of possession of child pornography.
- In June, the Maryland State Apprehension Team (MSAT) was requested by the La Plata Barrack to locate a fugitive wanted for negligent manslaughter by motor vehicle, impaired driving, assault and related offenses. Investigators discovered an active social media account being used by the suspect and traced the IP address to a residence in Richmond, Virginia. During the surveillance operation at the residence, investigators contacted the U.S. Marshal's Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) - Richmond office and briefed them on the investigation. Upon the suspect's arrival to the residence, investigators from CARFTF responded to the residence and gave verbal commands for the suspect to surrender. The suspect surrendered and was arrested without incident.
- In August, investigators received an arrest warrant for a suspect wanted by the La Plata Barrack for attempted first degree homicide. Investigators identified the vehicle the suspect was driving and located a vehicle matching that description in a shopping center in Oxon Hill. Investigators identified the suspect as the driver of the vehicle and followed the vehicle. When the suspect driver attempted to park the vehicle in Southeast D.C., investigators conducted a vehicle block and gave verbal commands. The five occupants of the vehicle complied with the verbal commands given, and the suspect was arrested without incident. It was determined that two of the passengers had active warrants, and those two passengers were also arrested without incident.

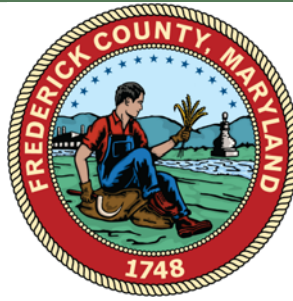


Calls for Service	11,232*
Investigations	1,075
Arrests	217
Narcan Deployments	0
Guns Seized	33
Traffic Stops	11,155
DUI Arrests	168
Crashes Investigated	232

*Served by the Easton Barrack*

- In January, investigators were contacted after an Easton Barrack trooper was shot at during a vehicle pursuit in Hurlock. Investigators obtained an arrest warrant and requested the Maryland State Apprehension Team (MSAT) to assist with locating the suspect. The suspect was tracked to Virginia and arrested by MSAT without incident. The suspect had the handgun used in the shooting and ammunition in his possession at the time of his arrest, and subsequently confessed to the shooting. The suspect was charged with attempted murder, as well as handgun and assault related charges.
- In February, MSP and allied agencies completed a cross-border investigation into a drug trafficking organization responsible for distributing large quantities of heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine and marijuana throughout the Eastern Shore of Maryland, Delaware and Virginia. The investigation concluded with the service of numerous search and seizure warrants in Maryland, Delaware, Virginia and New York. Thirteen suspects were indicted and arrested. Items recovered during the course of this investigation included 5,191 grams of heroin/fentanyl, 1,150 grams of cocaine, 309 grams of crack cocaine, 453 grams of methamphetamine, 74 pounds of marijuana, five regulated firearms— two of which were reported stolen, \$97,900 in currency and five vehicles with an estimated value of \$140,000. The drugs recovered during this investigation had a total street value of approximately \$1 million.
- In the spring, Homicide Unit personnel developed an informant with ties to a person of interest developed during the investigation of a 2001 murder of a correctional officer in Vienna. Throughout the summer, investigators used the confidential informant to obtain many hours of recorded conversations, during which the suspect divulged various details of the 2001 murder. By September, investigators had corroborated sufficient evidence to charge the suspect with the 2001 murder. The arrest closed a nineteen-year-old cold case and also resulted in the recovery of 24 firearms.
- In September, members of the Dorchester County Narcotics Task Force, comprised of MSP troopers and allied agencies, served a search and seizure warrant at an address in Cambridge. A search of the residence revealed 198 grams of powdered cocaine, 13 grams of crack cocaine, 190 pills, digital scales, cell phones and currency. Two suspects located inside of the residence were charged with possession with intent to distribute (PWID) cocaine, possession of cocaine and possession of paraphernalia.

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



Calls for Service	23,414
Investigations	3,609
Arrests	610
Narcan Deployments	1
Guns Seized	88
Traffic Stops	24,421
DUI Arrests	224
Crashes Investigated	1,798

*Served by the Frederick Barrack*

- In January, a traffic stop led to the arrest of three men charged with smuggling nearly five pounds of cocaine. A positive K-9 scan led to the discovery of the cocaine, nearly \$160,000 in currency and a firearm. The suspects were charged accordingly.
- In February, during a traffic stop for an equipment violation, the odor of marijuana was detected and a search of the vehicle was conducted. The search revealed cocaine, marijuana, a .22 caliber revolver, a semi-automatic handgun and \$14,000 in currency. The two vehicle occupants were arrested and charged accordingly. The same two suspects were later identified as murder suspects in a recent homicide. Both suspects were tried and ultimately convicted of the murder.
- In June, a joint investigation by the MSP and the Frederick County Child Protective Services led to the arrest of three staff members at the Jefferson School. The investigation revealed that the three staff members sexually assaulted two female students on numerous occasions, both on and off the school premises. A grand jury indicted all three suspects.
- In June, an off-duty trooper received a license plate reader alert for a stolen vehicle. A high-risk traffic stop was performed, yielding the arrest of several occupants who had conducted a home invasion in Cumberland the prior day.
- In November, Cpl. Wagoner rescued a passenger from a burning vehicle. Cpl. Wagoner arrived on the scene of a single vehicle collision where the vehicle was overturned and burning. Cpl. Wagoner extinguished flames on the burning passenger and removed them from the burning vehicle. Trooper 3 medevaced the passenger to Shock Trauma, where medical treatment was provided.



Calls for Service	10,898
Investigations	826
Arrests	245
Narcan Deployments	2
Guns Seized	59
Traffic Stops	14,368
DUI Arrests	50
Crashes Investigated	292

*Served by the McHenry Barrack*

- In January, troopers assisting the Garrett County Task Force, comprised of MSP troopers and allied agencies, made a traffic stop on a vehicle in Grantsville. The subsequent investigation revealed 14 pounds of marijuana and numerous outstanding warrants on the suspects.
- In January, members of the Maryland State Apprehension Team (MSAT) and the U.S. Marshal's Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) responded to several locations in Pennsylvania in the attempt to locate a suspect wanted for robbing two banks in Garrett County in December 2018, as well as additional crimes in other states. Through investigative leads and techniques, investigators ultimately located the suspect in San Bernardino, California in February. MSAT investigators responded to California to coordinate the apprehension of the suspect, who later confessed to the two Garrett County bank robberies as well as two additional bank robberies in Ohio. The FBI will be following up on the bank robberies for possible federal prosecution.
- In March, a confidential informant contacted the Garrett County Narcotics Task Force (GCNTF) in reference to an illegal handgun transaction. An undercover operation was conducted by members of the MSP and the GCNTF to purchase the handgun from the suspect. The suspect was subsequently arrested and charged with multiple felony handgun violations. The suspect was ultimately convicted and sentenced to seven years incarceration.
- In May, an arrest warrant was issued for a suspect in Oakland who was distributing child pornography via an online network. Investigators served a search and seizure warrant at the suspect's residence and conducted several interviews. Digital forensic lab personnel were able to identify the suspect, who was arrested and charged accordingly.



Calls for Service	9,740*
Investigations	3,584
Arrests	953
Narcan Deployments	5
Guns Seized	41
Traffic Stops	40,969
DUI Arrests	394
Crashes Investigated	1,934

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

- In January, TFC LeCompte of the Bel Air Barrack, assigned to the Harford County Child Advocacy Center (CAC), received an abuse referral. TFC LeCompte used interview techniques that resulted in the disclosure of sexual abuse by the suspect. The suspect confessed and was taken into custody.
- In July, while conducting drug interdiction efforts, investigators intercepted two parcels destined for Bel Air. The parcels were later found to contain 4,899 grams of marijuana, with an estimated street value of \$22,000. A controlled delivery was conducted, resulting in the arrest of a suspected Bloods gang member. A search and seizure warrant served at the residence resulted in the seizure of an additional 5,551 grams of marijuana, two handguns— one of which was confirmed stolen, currency, digital scales and other items indicative of distributing controlled dangerous substances (CDS).
- In October, Trooper Warren of the JFK Memorial Highway Barrack initiated a traffic stop for speeding. Upon contact with the driver, Trooper Warren detected the odor of marijuana. During a probable cause search of the vehicle, 5.8 pounds of marijuana were revealed. The driver was arrested and charged accordingly.
- In November, Trooper Mott of the Bel Air Barrack initiated a traffic stop for traffic violations. A K-9 scan was conducted with a positive alert. Search of the vehicle revealed 22 pounds of heroin/fentanyl and \$80,000 in currency. The driver was also found to have a federal warrant for drug charges. The driver was arrested and charged accordingly.



Calls for Service	11,999
Investigations	1,628
Arrests	435
Narcan Deployments	5
Guns Seized	40
Traffic Stops	23,753
DUI Arrests	260
Crashes Investigated	994

*Served by the Waterloo Barrack*

- In January, Howard County Police requested assistance from the Waterloo Barrack for an ongoing vehicle pursuit in Columbia. The vehicle being pursued was involved in an armed robbery with shots fired. Troopers were dispatched to the location and joined in the pursuit. The suspect subsequently crashed the vehicle and fled on foot. A Waterloo trooper spotted the suspect hiding between vehicles in a parking lot and coordinated with Howard County officers to arrest the suspect without incident.
- In May, troopers were dispatched to northbound Interstate 95 near Route 175 for a reported road rage incident. The victim captured video of the incident on her cell phone, culminating with the suspect pointing a handgun at her. In the video, the registration plates of the suspect's vehicle were clearly visible. Detectives responded to an address in Baltimore City to locate the suspect and her vehicle. A consent search resulted in the seizure of a loaded handgun consistent with the video. A Grand Jury indicted the suspect on five charges. In addition, the passenger in the suspect's vehicle who provided the handgun was indicted on four charges.
- In August, a driver reported a road rage incident, in which the suspect pointed a handgun at her. Investigation revealed the suspect vehicle was registered in Sykesville to a suspect who also has a handgun registered to him. The suspect and his passenger were both charged with first degree assault and subsequently incarcerated.
- In October, a suspect was arrested based on evidence revealed during forensic examination of the suspect's electronic devices. Troopers conducting an online investigation of a pornography file sharing network traced an IP address to Columbia. A search warrant served in May 2018 led to the suspect's confession to downloading child pornography and the seizure of electronic devices for forensic evaluation.

\* = Calls for Service are for Bel Air Barrack; does not include JFK Memorial Highway Barrack, which had 14,201 calls for service



Calls for Service	10,179*
Investigations	436
Arrests	90
Narcan Deployments	0
Guns Seized	2
Traffic Stops	3,052
DUI Arrests	28
Crashes Investigated	127

*Served by the Centreville Barrack*

- In March, investigators discovered a suspect was distributing cocaine and heroin/fentanyl in Chestertown. Investigators learned the suspect was conducting the distribution operation out of a local hotel. Investigators authored several search and seizure warrants and ultimately located the suspect at a hotel in possession of heroin/fentanyl, crack, powder cocaine, a vehicle and currency. The suspect was sentenced to 20 years incarceration. A second suspect involved in the distribution was also arrested and charged with controlled dangerous substances (CDS) offenses.
- In May, investigators identified several suspects and a residence in Chestertown where suspects were distributing heroin/fentanyl gel capsules suspected to be related to multiple overdoses. Investigators obtained and served a search warrant for the residence. Five suspects were arrested and charged with CDS distribution. Additionally, heroin/fentanyl gel capsules, powder and crack cocaine and currency were recovered.
- In July, members of the Kent County Narcotics Task Force, comprised of MSP troopers and allied agencies, initiated an investigation in Chestertown into the distribution of heroin/fentanyl suspected to be related to overdoses. Through investigative techniques, Task Force members were able to identify the source of supply and served several search and seizure warrants, ultimately seizing heroin/fentanyl gel capsules, cocaine, currency and a vehicle from a suspect. The suspect was charged accordingly.
- In August, investigators responded for a reported sexual assault of a minor by a family member. Due to the relationship between the victim and the suspect, investigators completed a plan for the victim's safety. The investigation resulted in the suspect being charged with third and fourth degree sex offenses, and the suspect confessed to the crimes.
- In August, Centreville Barrack troopers conducted a sobriety checkpoint in response to the increased traffic flow in the Rock Hall area. Two hundred twenty five vehicle contacts were made, with one DUI arrest, resulting in zero DUI crashes on a weekend historically known for impairment related collisions.



Calls for Service	8,377
Investigations	2,103
Arrests	710
Narcan Deployments	1
Guns Seized	34
Traffic Stops	27,358
DUI Arrests	449
Crashes Investigated	2,010

*Served by the Rockville Barrack*

- In January, investigators began a multi-jurisdictional investigation into a complex drug trafficking organization operating in Montgomery County and affecting Prince George's and other surrounding counties. Investigators collaborated with federal partners from the Drug Enforcement Administration, using surveillance and investigative techniques to purchase controlled dangerous substances (CDS). The case resulted in the seizure of 65 grams of methamphetamine, one kilogram of gamma hydroxybutyric (GHB), eight prescription pills, currency and a vehicle. The suspect was arrested and charged accordingly.
- In April, investigators from the Maryland Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, comprised of MSP troopers and allied agencies, served a search and seizure warrant at an address in Gaithersburg in reference to an online child exploitation investigation. The suspect was identified and interviewed, and electronic devices were forensically analyzed. The suspect was arrested and charged with seven counts of possession of child pornography and two counts of distribution of child pornography.
- In October, TFC Potvin initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle. During the stop, TFC Potvin was able to positively identify the driver as a murder suspect who was wanted by the United States Marshals Office for first degree murder. The suspect was taken into custody without incident.
- In November, the Rockville Barrack was notified of a suspect at the White Oak Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) who threatened to return with rifles. An investigation revealed another incident at a local gun shop involving the same suspect threatening to return with an assault rifle and commit homicide. Investigators were able to locate and arrest the suspect for threats of mass violence. Investigators also assisted in obtaining an Extreme Risk Protective Order (ERPO).

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



Calls for Service	24,925
Investigations	3,563
Arrests	1,532
Narcan Deployments	3
Guns Seized	81
Traffic Stops	52,105
DUI Arrests	944
Crashes Investigated	4,699

Served by the College Park and Forestville Barracks

- In January, Trooper Cunningham helped deliver a baby along the Washington Beltway. Trooper Cunningham was on the scene of a collision in College Park when another vehicle arrived at the location with a female passenger in active labor. Trooper Cunningham called for EMS assistance, but before medical crews arrived, he helped deliver a baby boy.
- In January, evidence revealed during an examination of a suspect's electronic devices led to the issuance of an arrest warrant and the arrest of a suspect. The MSP Computer Crimes Unit had received a report of child pornography uploaded at a residence in Accokeek in September 2018. A search and seizure warrant served in November 2018 led to the suspect's confession to uploading pornography and the seizure of electronic devices for forensic evaluation.
- In February, investigators responded to a credit union in Capitol Heights where a banking fraud suspect was detained by security. Investigators interviewed the suspect and seized currency and a cell phone. The investigation revealed the suspect deposited over \$40,000 in fraudulent checks and withdrew more than \$22,000 in cash. The suspect pled guilty to two counts each of forgery, possessing and using false documents and theft greater than \$1,500.
- In September, troopers on the Washington Metro Troop Criminal Enforcement Team conducted a traffic stop in Oxon Hill. Numerous criminal indicators were observed, and a K-9 scan of the vehicle was performed. A positive alert led to the discovery of 590 grams of heroin, which subsequent lab testing revealed to be 92% fentanyl. The case was adopted by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).



Calls for Service	10,179*
Investigations	1,802
Arrests	509
Narcan Deployments	5
Guns Seized	18
Traffic Stops	16,322
DUI Arrests	212
Crashes Investigated	576

Served by the Centreville Barrack

- In April, Trooper Bertrand's actions saved a driver's life. Trooper Bertrand responded to a single vehicle crash at the southbound Route 301 rest area. Upon arrival, Trooper Bertrand found the 85-year-old driver had been partially ejected from his vehicle and was bleeding heavily. Trooper Bertrand applied a tourniquet to the driver's arm and was able to stop the bleeding. When EMS personnel arrived, they credited Trooper Bertrand with saving the driver's life.
- In April, an accidental overdose of a three-year-old child was investigated. The child was limp and lethargic upon arrival at the local emergency room and was not initially expected to live. Hospital staff contacted the Centreville Barrack, and investigators learned the child may have taken his mother's prescribed methadone. The child was seen carrying the methadone several hours prior to arrival at the hospital and it was later discovered that the child was non-responsive. The child ultimately made a full recovery, and the parents were charged with neglect of a minor, reckless endangerment and child abuse second degree. Both parents pled guilty to the charges.
- In November, the sexual assault of a minor was investigated. Investigation revealed the victim was sexually assaulted on several occasions over a six month period at the suspect's residence. The suspect was a close family friend, who often allowed the child to stay at their residence. Investigators conducted controlled phone calls and served search and seizure warrants for the suspect's residence and cell phone prior to arresting the suspect. The suspect was charged with four counts of second degree rape and pled guilty.
- In November, the Centreville Barrack received a report of a road rage incident on Route 50. It was reported that a vehicle's driver intentionally changed lanes and struck the victim's vehicle. The suspect, who was the victim's son, was located at an address in Baltimore County and taken into custody. Trooper Bertrand assisted the victim in obtaining a protective order against the suspect.

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



Calls for Service	7,859
Investigations	1,337
Arrests	562
Narcotics Deployments	3
Guns Seized	47
Traffic Stops	17,716
DUI Arrests	123
Crashes Investigated	179

Served by the Princess Anne Barrack

- In January, troopers conducted a traffic stop and detected the odor of marijuana. A probable cause search of the vehicle and its occupants revealed 58 grams of cocaine, 46 grams of marijuana, various pills and two loaded handguns. Both occupants of the vehicle were placed under arrest for possession with intent to distribute (PWID) controlled dangerous substances (CDS) and possession of firearms by prohibited persons.
- In April, Cpl. Bramble responded to a hospital in Salisbury for a reported gunshot victim. The victim was assaulted and shot by a known suspect at his residence in Eden. The victim was presented with a photo lineup and was able to identify the suspect. The suspect was arrested and found guilty of first and second degree assault, robbery and use of a deadly weapon in the commission of a crime.
- In June, the barrack received a call for an armed robbery at a retail store in Westover. A suspect wearing a ski mask entered the store, displayed a handgun and stole currency. The suspect fled on foot and then into a vehicle driven by a second suspect. The vehicle was located nearby and the second suspect, the driver, was identified and arrested. The vehicle's owner was also arrested and charged with harboring a fugitive. DNA from the ski mask and additional investigation led to the arrest of the first suspect.
- In October, members of the Somerset County Narcotics Task Force, comprised of MSP troopers and allied agencies, received information that a suspect would be restocking his supply of cocaine in New Jersey. MSP and allied agencies maintained surveillance on the suspect throughout the supply trip, and when the suspect reached Delmar, Pro Active Criminal Enforcement (PACE) troopers conducted a traffic stop on the suspect. A K-9 scan provided a positive alert, and a search revealed two kilograms of cocaine. The suspect was arrested, and search warrants on three Princess Anne residences of interest were authored and served. Items located in the residences included 388 ecstasy pills, a handgun and ammunition, a set of digital scales and over \$16,000 in currency. Another suspect, who was present during the serving of the search warrants, was also arrested.



Calls for Service	13,120
Investigations	1,908
Arrests	1,083
Narcotics Deployments	22
Guns Seized	75
Traffic Stops	26,890
DUI Arrests	341
Crashes Investigated	358

Served by the Leonardtown Barrack

- In January, an arrest warrant was issued and a suspect was arrested based on evidence revealed during forensic examination of the suspect's electronic devices. The MSP Computer Crimes Unit had received a cybertip regarding child pornography distribution at a residence in California, Maryland in July 2018. A search and seizure warrant served in September 2018 led to the confession by a suspect to viewing child pornography and the seizure of electronic devices for forensic evaluation.
- In April, troopers responded to a reported burglary in progress in Great Mills. One suspect was located inside the residence, while a second suspect was located in an adjoining townhome. Both suspects were arrested and charged accordingly. In addition, the two residents of the adjoining townhome were also arrested, charged with harboring a fugitive and additional charges.
- In September, troopers responded to Great Mills for a shooting. Upon arrival, a victim with two gunshot wounds was located. A possible suspect was identified and ballistic evidence was collected from the scene. Investigators learned the same suspect was part of an illegal firearms investigation by the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). The suspect participated in the sale of an illegal firearm and was arrested. During the arrest, several weapons were seized, including a handgun found to match the ballistics recovered from the shooting scene, which led to the suspect's indictment.
- In December, troopers responded to a local hospital for the report of a gunshot wound. Investigation revealed that two suspects were involved in a domestic incident in St. Inigoes. A struggle over a firearm ensued, and one suspect was shot in the leg. A search of a suspect's vehicle was conducted and revealed cocaine, Suboxone, additional pills and ammunition. Both suspects were ultimately arrested and charged with first and second degree assault, possession with intent to distribute (PWID) controlled dangerous substances (CDS) and firearms charges.



Calls for Service	11,232*
Investigations	1,014
Arrests	136
Narcan Deployments	0
Guns Seized	39
Traffic Stops	10,251
DUI Arrests	135
Crashes Investigated	229

Served by the Easton Barrack

- In January, investigators responded to a convenience store in Trappe for an armed robbery. Investigators obtained information on a potential suspect's vehicle, which was located by troopers and ultimately stopped. The suspect was located in the vehicle and arrested. A subsequent search revealed currency, including a \$2 bill matching the serial number of a bill placed for possible identification purposes in the event of a robbery. The suspect was charged with robbery and related charges.
- In February, members of the Talbot County Drug Task Force, comprised of MSP troopers and allied agencies, conducted a controlled delivery of 1,349 grams of cocaine in Easton. Following the controlled delivery, a search warrant was served at the residence, which resulted in the arrest of the suspect and the recovery of heroin, Suboxone and evidence of distribution.
- In August, investigators responded to an armed robbery at a convenience store in Trappe, where it was reported that the suspect displayed a large butcher's style knife. A K-9 track indicated the suspect fled to an awaiting vehicle. This incident was later linked to several other robberies recently committed in the area. Investigators were able to identify two suspects. Sufficient evidence was developed to charge one suspect with armed robberies in both Talbot and Queen Anne's Counties and the second suspect with robberies occurring in Talbot County.
- In November, the Talbot County Drug Task Force began an investigation into a suspect distributing Suboxone. Four undercover investigators conducted a total of seven hand to hand transactions from the suspect. An arrest warrant for the suspect as well as a search warrant for the suspect's residence were issued. The suspect was arrested during an additional undercover buy, and search of the suspect's residence revealed additional Suboxone strips and evidence of distribution. The suspect was charged accordingly.



Calls for Service	12,674
Investigations	2,223
Arrests	484
Narcan Deployments	4
Guns Seized	68
Traffic Stops	19,416
DUI Arrests	259
Crashes Investigated	958

Served by the Hagerstown Barrack

- In January, M/Tpr Thompson conducted a traffic stop and observed several criminal indicators. A probable cause search of the vehicle revealed a total of 10,230 packs of untaxed cigarettes purchased in Virginia.
- In May, a Pro Active Criminal Enforcement (PACE) trooper conducted a traffic stop for a vehicle following another vehicle too closely. A K-9 scan yielded a positive alert. A subsequent search of the vehicle revealed three kilograms of cocaine, 153 grams of fentanyl and marijuana.
- In May, troopers responded to a home invasion in Williamsport. The victim reported a suspect, her ex-boyfriend, broke into the home and raped her at gunpoint. It was also reported that during the rape, a second suspect held the victim's mother at knifepoint. The suspects were later located and interviewed by Criminal Enforcement Division (CED) investigators. Both suspects confessed to entering the home and possessing weapons. They were arrested and charged with home invasion, first and second degree assault and additional charges. The first suspect was also charged with rape.
- In December, PACE troopers conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle following another vehicle too closely. A K-9 scan yielded a positive alert. A subsequent search of the vehicle revealed 22 pounds of marijuana.

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





Calls for Service	8,906
Investigations	2,375
Arrests	955
Narcans Deployments	3
Guns Seized	102
Traffic Stops	22,736
DUI Arrests	419
Crashes Investigated	570

*Served by the Salisbury Barrack*

- In April, Trooper Arment was dispatched to a burglary in Eden. Using investigative techniques, Trooper Arment identified and located two suspects at an address in Salisbury. Search warrants were obtained and controlled dangerous substances (CDS), stolen firearms and the victims' property were recovered. One of the suspects confessed to 12 additional burglaries.
- In July, Trooper Ramsay conducted a traffic stop in which the driver fled on foot. After detecting the odor of marijuana, a probable cause search revealed two improvised explosive devices (IEDs) in the vehicle. The Fire Marshal's Office was notified and assisted with the investigation. The suspect was arrested, and this case is being further investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).
- In September, troopers were dispatched to a residence in Salisbury for a report of a stolen handgun. The victim revealed a box in her son's bedroom containing wax folds with trace amounts of heroin. Her son, the suspect, was on scene and was arrested for possession of CDS. Troopers noted that an armed carjacking had occurred earlier that day in very close proximity to the residence. Upon interrogation, the suspect confessed to the armed carjacking.
- In October, Homicide Unit personnel investigated a murder in Salisbury. Investigators served ten search warrants and conducted 44 interviews, resulting in the arrest of a suspect and the recovery of the murder weapon.
- In November, troopers were dispatched for a stabbing incident in Salisbury. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of a suspect for attempted first and second degree murder, armed robbery, theft and reckless endangerment.



Calls for Service	10,053
Investigations	1,592
Arrests	603
Narcans Deployments	1
Guns Seized	36
Traffic Stops	23,642
DUI Arrests	409
Crashes Investigated	435

*Served by the Berlin Barrack*

- In March, the Worcester Bureau of Investigation, comprised of MSP troopers and allied agencies, was contacted by the Worcester County Sheriff's Office regarding threats of a school shooting at Snow Hill Middle School. Investigators learned a total of eight students made contact with the school administration regarding concerns they had with two students, one of whom had made references to a previous school shooting at Columbine. Further investigation resulted in the two students being arrested for threat of arson and conspiracy to commit threat of arson.
- In May, Homicide Unit personnel investigated a murder in Berlin. Investigators served seven search warrants and conducted 41 interviews, which led to the identification and arrest of a suspect. The suspect pled guilty.
- In December, Pro Active Criminal Enforcement (PACE) troopers stopped a vehicle for speeding and detected suspicious activity. A positive alert from a K-9 scan led to the discovery of 3.5 pounds of cocaine. The cocaine was being smuggled from New York City.
- In December, Homicide Unit personnel investigated a murder in West Ocean City. Investigators served multiple search warrants and conducted multiple interviews, which led to the identification and arrest of a suspect.

# Forensic Sciences Division



## Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In April, Maryland's DNA database, housed at the Forensic Sciences Division (FSD), reached a milestone of 7,000 "hits." A "hit," or positive comparison, occurs when DNA obtained from a crime scene is matched with a known offender's sample or DNA from another crime scene. Maryland's DNA database is an invaluable tool to law enforcement in the ongoing effort to reduce crime, apprehend criminals and exonerate the innocent.
- In May, the Crime Scene Unit responded to a homicide in Dorchester County. Analysis of a handprint and DNA swabs led to the identification of two suspects who were charged with the murder.
- In May, a Washington County suspect was convicted and sentenced for sexually assaulting a minor. DNA results had shown the suspect's DNA on the minor.
- In July, evidence was submitted to FSD's Trace Evidence Section for fire debris analysis. An examiner detected gasoline on three of the items submitted, and as a result, a suspect was charged with arson and attempted first-degree murder.
- In August, the Crime Scene Unit responded to the La Plata Barrack to process a vehicle involved in a fatal hit and run accident. A bloodstain found on the exterior of the vehicle was linked to the victim.
- In September, a routine search of the State of Maryland DNA Database resulted in a match between a convicted offender and evidence related to a 2019 Anne Arundel County Police Department burglary case. The case evidence helped identify the suspect involved in over 50 commercial burglaries spanning multiple counties, resulting in investigators solving numerous cases.
- In 2019, the FSD Chemistry Manager collaborated on a scientific paper focusing on a new drug testing method which can reduce the risk of accidental exposure for police, first responders and forensic chemists. A swiping technique correctly predicted the contents of packages of controlled dangerous substances (CDS) 92% of the time, providing more timely information for investigations, increased safety measures and optimized workflow.

# Aviation Command



## Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In April, Trooper 7 responded to a request for assistance with the evacuation of a medical patient from a cargo ship on the Chesapeake Bay. An aerial hoist was performed and the patient was transported for appropriate medical care.
- In June, Trooper 3 responded to a request for assistance with an injured hiker in a remote location at Patapsco State Park. In conjunction with allied agencies, the patient was medevaced to a trauma center for treatment.
- In July, Trooper 5 responded to Swallow Falls State Park in Garrett County for an injured hiker. The patient was successfully hoisted from the remote area with the assistance of allied agencies and flown to a hospital for further care.
- In July, Trooper 2 rescued an injured boater near Flat Island in Anne Arundel County. With the assistance of allied agencies, the patient was hoisted into the aircraft and transported to a trauma center.
- In October, Trooper 6 hoisted a patient who was suffering from a medical emergency off of a cruise ship on the Chesapeake Bay. The patient was medevaced to a hospital for further care.
- In November, Trooper 7 responded to a search and rescue mission, locating a person who had fallen into a body of water in Charles County. The person was recovered and transported to an area hospital for further evaluation.
- In November, Trooper 3 performed an aerial hoist for a hiker who had suffered a leg injury in a remote location in Allegany County. The patient was transported to a hospital for further care.

# Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division



## Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- During 2019, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division (CVED) personnel weighed approximately 1.3 million commercial motor vehicles, conducted 76,937 roadside inspections and issued 34,159 citations. In addition, 13,346 unsafe commercial motor vehicles and 4,725 unsafe or unqualified drivers were placed out of service.
- In 2019, the Crash Team responded to 327 incidents, including 196 fatal collisions, 76 life threatening injury collisions, 36 personal injury collisions, 11 cases for allied police departments, seven crime scenes and one property damage collision. Crash Team members were the lead investigators on 158 of the above incident responses, an increase of 20 incidents versus 2018.
- In 2019, the Motor Carrier Safety Program (MCSP) completed its 52nd year of operation in Maryland. Four state agencies, along with the MSP, participate in the Program with the assistance of 26 allied law enforcement agencies. MSP is the lead law enforcement agency in the Program and is tasked with training and certifying all allied officers associated with the program.
- In 2019, Administrative Officer Kirkwood won the Maryland Inspectors Competition and went on to compete at the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance North American Inspectors Competition. AO Kirkwood surpassed international competitors to earn first place in the Standard Level V Passenger Carrier Vehicle Inspection category. This honor serves as a testament to the capabilities of CVED's core instructors.

# Licensing Division



## Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In October, the Maryland Wear and Carry Permit application process transitioned from paper applications to the online Licensing Portal. In addition to designing, documenting and testing the online application process, Licensing Division personnel conducted training in the new process for firearms dealers and instructors throughout the state. The goal of the automated Wear and Carry Permit application process is to increase the ease and efficiency of the application process, while ensuring those prohibited by law are not approved.
- During 2019, the Licensing Division witnessed a 26% increase in applications related to Wear and Carry Permits.
- In 2019, "LiveHelp," which assists dealers and applicants in solving any transfer, purchase or documentation difficulties with the online Licensing Portal, answered 3,860 requests for assistance.
- In 2019, the Firearms Registration Unit (FRU) processed 53,726 regulated firearm transactions, an average of 1,033 per week, while continuing to meet the seven day legislative mandated processing time frame.
- In 2019, the Handgun Qualification License (HQL) Unit processed 20,083 applications, an average of 386 per week. The HQL Unit processes applications on an average of 10-11 days, which is nearly 20 days ahead of the legislative mandate of 30 days.

# Personnel Command



## Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In 2019, the Recruitment and Selection Unit (RSU), with support from more than 150 supplemental recruiters, conducted 241 recruiting events. The RSU has consistently focused on increasing its recruiting efforts toward individuals that are underrepresented in the Department's workforce, with initiatives to recruit African American, female and military candidates.
- In 2019, the Civilian Recruitment Unit filled 119 permanent positions, 29 contractual positions and 41 temporary positions.
- In 2019, the Education and Training Division (ETD) graduated three academy classes, with 124 new troopers joining the ranks of Maryland's Finest. Academy Class 148 graduated 36 troopers in March 2019, Class 149 graduated 39 troopers in July 2019 and Class 150 graduated 49 troopers in December 2019.
- In 2019, the ETD facilitated the training of 3,649 citizens in Maryland through 73 Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) presentations.

# Technology and Information Management Command



## Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In 2019, the use of Regional Automated Property Information Database (RAPID) resulted in 1,054 arrests and the recovery of nearly \$3.3 million in stolen property.
- During 2019, the RAPID team conducted 26 training sessions and trained 443 new users, bringing the total to 6,032 users.
- The Electronic Services Division (ESD) completed the transitioning of the McHenry Barrack's radio communications onto the statewide 700 MHz radio system, bringing the total to 16 barracks.
- The ESD deployed new in-car cameras to an additional six barracks, bringing the total to 16 barracks. The Department now has 286 patrol vehicles with an in-car camera system installed.
- Within the Information Technology Division (ITD), the network and field support team worked diligently over several weeks to create a Wide Area Network (WAN) connection from the Maryland State Police Headquarters to the Education and Training Division located in Sykesville. This connection allows for a higher bandwidth rate which provides better functionality for end users.

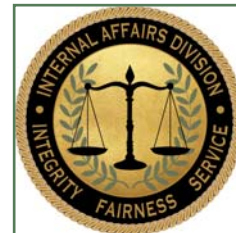
# Logistics Command



## Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In 2019, Logistics Command managed a \$1.2 million annual facilities operations and staffing resource budget.
- Logistics Command managed \$2.6 million in Department of General Services capital construction projects. Notable projects included breaking ground on the Cumberland Barrack replacement, the Annapolis Barrack renovation and beginning design bids for the Berlin Barrack replacement.
- Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) procured, outfitted and deployed 237 new vehicles in 2019.
- Quartermaster Division (QMD) personnel processed 1,227 purchase orders, totaling \$30.6 million in procurements for the Department. The Division made 6,578 corporate credit card purchases, totaling \$4.2 million.
- QMD Director Alex Reid initiated a cloud-based, Division-wide procurement workflow tool called Monday.com. This innovation provided additional transparency to the procurement process and allowed for the ability to generate real-time performance metrics.
- In 2019, the Department's Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) participation was 15%. In addition, Small Business Reserves procurement was 20.5% and Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprises participation was 0.2%.
- In 2019, a \$2.8 million contract was awarded to Bode Technology to provide DNA testing.
- In 2019, a \$2.5 million contract was awarded to National Medical Services for Seized Drug and Toxicology Analysis.
- In 2019, a \$1.3 million contract was awarded to LB & B for Forensic Sciences Division (FSD) building maintenance.

# Internal Affairs Division



## Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- The Internal Affairs Division (IAD) is responsible for investigating allegations of misconduct against troopers. The IAD maintains the integrity of the Agency by thoroughly investigating complaints.
- The IAD uses BlueTeam software coupled with IAPro software for direct data entry, which promotes seamless statistical analysis and expedites the investigative process. Troopers enter information in cases involving use of force, vehicle pursuits and firearm discharges. Supervisors enter data related to complaints from internal or external sources, and IAD maintains a link through the Department's website for the public to express their concerns regarding interactions with MSP personnel.
- During 2019, troopers responded to 272,630 calls for service, stopped 519,370 vehicles and made 16,027 arrests. The IAD oversaw the investigation of 330 cases in 2019. Of those 330 cases, 149 cases were sustained and 153 were nonsustained/unfounded, with the remaining pending adjudication.

# Office of the State Fire Marshal



## Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In 2019, the State of Maryland saw a 5.6% reduction in fire deaths, which is a direct correlation of community outreach efforts and the installation of 10 year sealed battery smoke alarms and residential sprinklers. As in years past, the number of lives saved from sprinklers and smoke alarms continues to outweigh the number of fire deaths.
- In May, fire investigators with the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) were requested on the scene of a house fire in Harford County. Investigators secured the scene, collected evidence and authored search and seizure warrants. Additional assistance was requested from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Baltimore Field Division and the ATF Fire Research Lab. It was determined three occupants of the house were deceased and two others were injured. After extensive investigation, the fire was ruled as arson and a suspect was identified, arrested and charged with the murders and arson crimes.
- In 2019, the OSFM investigated 768 incidents, of which 598 were fire related, 132 were explosive related and 38 were miscellaneous cases. Investigators closed 54 criminal cases by arrest with 64 suspects being arrested. In addition, the OSFM completed 1,763 pre-construction plan reviews, evaluating building and systems designs for compliance with the State Fire Prevention Code. Also, the OSFM completed 11,142 building inspections, verifying field conditions are consistent with approved designs and required safety standards are maintained.

# Vehicle Theft Prevention Council



## Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- During 2019, Maryland's Vehicle Theft Prevention Council (VTPC) continued its leadership role in assisting with the prevention and deterrence of vehicle theft and related crimes.
- In October, the VTPC celebrated its 25th anniversary. Since the VTPC's inception in 1994, the overall vehicle theft rates in Maryland have been reduced by over 68%.
- The Council awarded 20 grants and nearly \$1.9 million to organizations promoting public awareness and prevention, law enforcement, prosecution and juvenile intervention. These grants were focused in the Baltimore/Washington metropolitan area where 93% of all vehicle thefts occur in Maryland.
- The Council continues to partner with the Maryland/District of Columbia Anti-Car Theft Committee (ACT). The ACT is the Council's private sector partner and provides vehicle theft prevention services which supplement the Council's public awareness efforts.
- The Council continues to promote awareness of the prevention of vehicle theft and related crimes by running public service announcements each year. Created by college students, these announcements remind citizens to lock their car and take the keys/key FOBs, hide their valuables and not leave their vehicles running unattended.
- In Fiscal Year 2019, the Council provided \$350,000 in funding to the Baltimore County Police Department/Regional Auto Theft Team for ongoing efforts to reduce carjacking.
- Based upon funding levels, the Council has been successful in providing planning and fiscal resources to state and local agencies, as well as community organizations, whose efforts have positively 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 which best address the prevention, education, deterrence and awareness of vehicle theft and related crimes around the State.



# Community Service Events



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## Champions On Patrol, hosting Special Olympians

- Participating Barracks: Annapolis, Glen Burnie, Leonardtown, Prince Frederick, Rockville

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## Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) trainings

- Participating Barracks: Leonardtown, Rockville

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## Clothing Drives

- Participating Barracks: JFK Memorial Highway, Leonardtown, North East, Salisbury

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## Cops On Rooftops / Cops On Top, raising money for Special Olympics

- Participating Barracks: North East, Westminster

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## Deep Creek Dunk, raising money for Special Olympics

- Participating Barrack: McHenry

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## Food Drives

- Participating Barracks: North East, Princess Anne

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## Holiday Food Distribution

- Participating Barracks: Bel Air, JFK Memorial Highway, Leonardtown, Princess Anne

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## Holiday Toy Distribution

- Participating Barracks: Bel Air, Berlin, Easton, Frederick, JFK Memorial Highway, Leonardtown, Princess Anne
- **Toys For Tots:** Glen Burnie, Hagerstown, North East, Prince Frederick



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## Law Enforcement Torch Run, raising money for Special Olympics

- Participating Barracks: Annapolis, Berlin, Centreville, College Park, Golden Ring, La Plata, Leonardtown, North East, Waterloo, Westminster

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## National Read Across America Day

- Participating Barrack: Centreville

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## National Night Out

- Participating Barracks: Annapolis, Bel Air, Berlin, Centreville, College Park, Cumberland, Easton, Forestville, Frederick, Glen Burnie, Golden Ring, Hagerstown, JFK Memorial Highway, La Plata, Leonardtown, McHenry, North East, Prince Frederick, Princess Anne, Rockville, Salisbury, Waterloo, Westminster

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## Polar Bear Plunge, raising money for Special Olympics

- Department-Wide Participation

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## Shop With A Cop

- Participating Barracks: Annapolis, Bel Air, Berlin, Centreville (Shop With A Hero), College Park, Cumberland, Easton, Forestville, Frederick, Hagerstown, La Plata, Leonardtown, McHenry (Police Providing Presents), North East, Prince Frederick, Rockville, Westminster

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## Wreaths Across America

- Participating Barrack: Salisbury

*Maryland State Police...It's more than a career, it's a calling.*



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

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

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