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The Maryland Department of State Police is proud to present our 2020 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.

Like everyone, the Maryland Department of State Police was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic during this past year. We had additional responsibilities, new procedures and enhanced precautions as we fulfilled our duties. The women and men of this Department responded with their usual dedication to duty and continued strong traffic and criminal enforcement efforts throughout the year, despite dramatic changes caused by the pandemic.

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. Each day, we aspire 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 99 years.

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

Be safe!

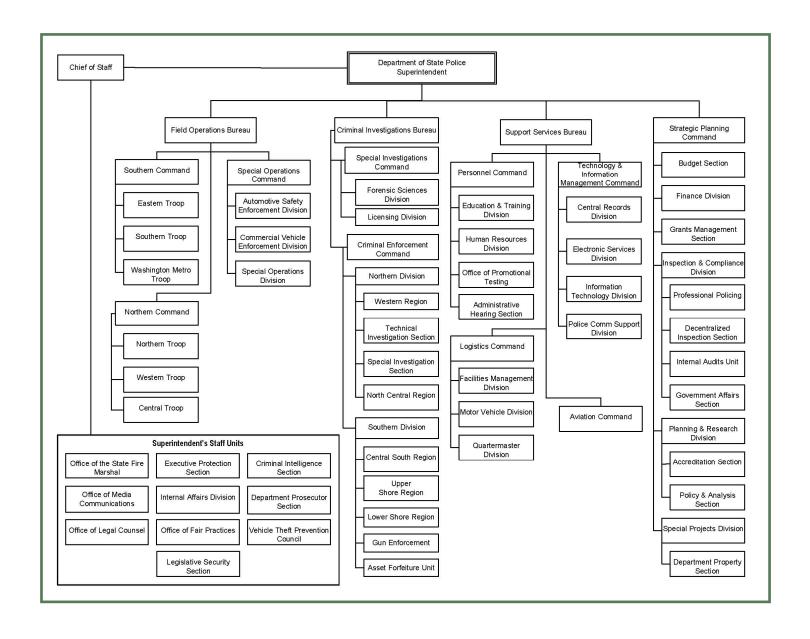
Sincerely,

Woodrow W. Jones III

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"Maryland's Finest"

Organizational Chart





The MSP Cumberland Explorers and troopers from the Cumberland Barrack handed out goodies for their annual Not So Scary Halloween event.



Served by the Cumberland Barrack

Calls for Service	14,419
Investigations	1,115
Arrests	210
Narcan Deployments	0
Guns Seized	30
Traffic Stops	10,504
DUI Arrests	59
Crashes Investigated	305

- In February, after a month-long investigation into the distribution of methamphetamine, troopers and allied agencies served two search and seizure warrants in Frostburg and Westernport. Investigators seized methamphetamines and cocaine, drug-packaging materials, two firearms with ammunition, two explosive devices and currency. A suspect was arrested and charged accordingly.
- In May, Cumberland Barrack troopers assisted the Allegany County Narcotics Task Force (ACNTF), comprised of MSP troopers and allied agencies, in a large scale county-wide operation serving search and seizure warrants involving Bloods gang members. Heroin, cocaine, firearms, four vehicles and currency were seized. Four arrests were made, and 16 other suspects were identified and indicted.
- In July, the culmination of a year-long investigative effort led to the arrest and indictment of a drug kingpin and 20 associates involved in a drug trafficking organization. MSP investigators and allied agencies served several search warrants in Cumberland, Frostburg and Mineral County, West Virginia. The following were recovered: 13 firearms, over 1,200 grams of fentanyl with a street value of more than \$192,000, more than 99 grams of heroin with a street value of almost \$16,000 and more than 475 grams of cocaine with a street value of over \$47,500.
- In August, after an extensive investigation, the ACNTF arrested a suspect for narcotics-related offenses as well as attempted murder. The service of search warrants revealed a stolen firearm, crack cocaine, marijuana and currency.



TFC Lowe and the Annapolis Barrack "Cover[ed] the Cruiser" for the Special Olympics Torch Run.



Served by the Annapolis and Glen Burnie Barracks

Calls for Service	18,067
Investigations	2,498
Arrests	783
Narcan Deployments	4
Guns Seized	110
Traffic Stops	32,323
DUI Arrests	424
Crashes Investigated	1,340

- In May, an Annapolis trooper conducted a traffic stop and arrested two MS-13 gang members for possession of firearms. Upon
 interviewing the suspects, information was obtained regarding a recent murder in Montgomery County, in which the suspects were MS-13
 gang members. Additional investigation led to the arrest of five suspects for the gang-related homicide.
- In May, F/Sgt Moriarty initiated a traffic stop for a vehicle with an expired temporary registration. After observing criminal indicators, a K-9 scan was conducted with a positive alert. A probable cause search located heroin and paraphernalia. All three vehicle occupants were charged accordingly.
- In August, the Maryland State Apprehension Team (MSAT), comprised of MSP troopers and allied agencies, was contacted by law enforcement agencies in reference to a fugitive wanted for attempted second-degree murder for a shooting in Glen Burnie. In September, the suspect's residence was identified, and a search warrant was obtained. MSAT and allied agencies served the search warrant and arrested the suspect. A search of the residence revealed two handguns, one of which was believed to have been involved with the shooting, and crack cocaine.
- In November, MSAT was contacted by allied agencies in reference to a fugitive wanted for attempted first-degree murder. Subsequent
 investigation led to the suspect's location and arrest at a motel in Linthicum Heights.



Governor Larry Hogan spent time with the Special Operations Division.



Served by Specialized Units



A trooper assisted members of the National Guard during their food distribution operations.

- In February, while conducting drug interdiction efforts, investigators intercepted a suspicious parcel that contained more than four pounds of cocaine. A controlled delivery to an address in Baltimore City led to the arrest of one suspect, and the investigation led to the seizure of an additional eight pounds of cocaine.
- In February, after an investigation into a Bloods gang associate selling narcotics in Brooklyn, Strategic Operations Group investigators served a search warrant on the suspect's residence. Fentanyl, crack cocaine, drug-packaging materials and paraphernalia were recovered. In addition, while being interviewed by investigators, the suspect provided critical information regarding an open murder investigation in South Baltimore.
- In June, Strategic Operations Group investigators served a search and seizure warrant for a drug investigation. Search of the residence
 resulted in the recovery of a handgun and ammunition, marijuana, ecstasy, currency and drug-packaging materials, including capsules,
 containers and digital scales.
- In July, after a 14-month-long investigation into a drug trafficking organization, investigators served several search and seizure warrants at residences throughout Baltimore City. As a result of these investigative efforts, 19 suspects were indicted. The following were seized: 8,960 grams of fentanyl, 287 grams of heroin, 301 grams of cocaine, 1,484 grams of marijuana, five handguns (including one stolen and one used in a homicide), five vehicles and \$25,881 in currency.



MSP troopers from the Golden Ring Barrack participated in the Polar Bear Plunge to support the Special Olympics athletes throughout Maryland.



Served by the Golden Ring and JFK Memorial Barracks

Calls for Service	15,973*
Investigations	4,334
Arrests	955
Narcan Deployments	10
Guns Seized	73
Traffic Stops	28,360
DUI Arrests	453
Crashes Investigated	3,100

- In May, Strategic Operations Group investigators identified a Baltimore street gang member, who was selling narcotics in Baltimore City and Baltimore County. Their investigation led to the service of a search and seizure warrant in Pikesville and the recovery of a loaded handgun, ammunition, fentanyl, heroin and crack cocaine.
- In August, investigators initiated a freight investigation of a shipment sent to an address in Baltimore County. The shipment was found to contain 115 pounds of marijuana. A controlled delivery led to the arrest of one suspect and the seizure of prescription pills and currency. In addition, the investigation led to the seizure of an additional three freight shipments containing approximately 360 pounds of marijuana.
- In August, while a tow truck operator was loading a disabled vehicle onto a tow truck, another vehicle struck the disabled vehicle, trapping the tow truck operator between the disabled vehicle and the tow bed. Cpl. Iman was on scene and responded to the location of the trapped tow truck operator. With the assistance of a good Samaritan, Cpl. Iman located a three-ton jack on the tow truck and was able to lift the disabled vehicle off of the tow truck operator and pull him to safety. The tow truck operator survived due to Cpl. Iman's response.
- In December, the Golden Ring Barrack received a call regarding rioting by residents of the Chesapeake Treatment Center, a court-ordered treatment/detention facility for juvenile and young adult criminal and sex offenders. Upon the arrival of troopers, the residents were actively damaging the facility and had escaped up to the roof. Troopers and allied agencies set up a perimeter around the facility in order to contain the residents and protect the staff. Within two hours, troopers made entry into the facility and were able to secure all residents. Seven adult offenders were arrested and charged. Six juveniles were relocated to the Charles Hickey School and charged.



Cpl. Ruth celebrated Law Enforcement Day with students at Plum Point Elementary School.



Served by the Prince Frederick Barrack

Calls for Service	15,461
Investigations	1,663
Arrests	547
Narcan Deployments	9
Guns Seized	65
Traffic Stops	17,382
DUI Arrests	247
Crashes Investigated	198

- In April, the Homicide Unit investigated a murder in Calvert County. The investigation led to the arrest of a suspect, who was charged with first-degree murder and rape. The suspect pled guilty and received two life sentences, plus five years.
- In June, a 71-year-old victim was found deceased in her Prince Frederick home with evidence of an assault. Investigators identified a
 suspect and issued a lookout for the victim's vehicle, which was missing from her home. The victim's vehicle was located and stopped. The
 suspect, who was driving the victim's vehicle, was arrested and charged with first and second-degree murder, home invasion, first and
 second-degree assault, burglary and theft.
- In August, investigation began into a drug trafficking organization operating in Calvert County and the surrounding area. Prince Frederick
 Barrack troopers made a directed traffic stop of the main suspect of the investigation, which resulted in the seizure of cocaine, crack
 cocaine, liquid PCP, the vehicle, several cell phones, digital scales and currency. Upon further investigation, troopers and allied agencies
 served search and seizure warrants on two residences in Lothian. Several items of controlled dangerous substance (CDS) paraphernalia
 were located.
- In December, a victim reported a domestic assault in Huntingtown. An investigation revealed the suspect had choked the victim. The victim had signs of injury to her neck and her hand. TFC Costello obtained an arrest warrant for first-degree assault and additional offenses, and he located the suspect at his residence. The suspect was arrested and charged accordingly.



Troopers from the Easton Barrack showed their support for Heroes Haven and American Legion Post 218 to benefit wounded soldiers.



Served by the Easton Barrack

Calls for Service	10,413*
Investigations	1,165
Arrests	279
Narcan Deployments	3
Guns Seized	35
Traffic Stops	7,586
DUI Arrests	147
Crashes Investigated	241

- In May, troopers were dispatched to an address in Federalsburg for a report of a suspect threatening victims with a gun. Upon arrival, troopers determined the suspect began threatening victims and shooting in their direction after an argument. The suspect was arrested and charged with numerous crimes, including first-degree assault and reckless endangerment.
- In July, Homicide Unit personnel investigated a murder in Denton. Investigators served four search warrants, conducted 27 interviews and seized one handgun. Investigators obtained an arrest warrant for the suspect, and the suspect was arrested by U.S. Marshals in New Jersey. The suspect was extradited to Maryland and charged with first-degree murder.
- In September, the Caroline County Drug Task Force, comprised of MSP troopers and allied agencies, served numerous search warrants for an investigation into the importation and trafficking of large amounts of cocaine and marijuana. The investigation, which began in 2019, spanned multiple counties on the Eastern Shore. Three suspects were formally indicted, and the Task Force seized three firearms, 20,129 grams of marijuana, cocaine and crack cocaine, two vehicles and \$42,000 in currency.
- In October, after serving a search warrant at a suspect's residence in Denton, investigators arrested and charged the suspect with
 possession and distribution of child pornography. The investigation had stemmed from information that the suspect possessed and
 distributed child pornography via various social media outlets.



Westminster Barrack's Lt. Bosley gave an update regarding the developing COVID-19 pandemic.



Served by the Westminster Barrack

Calls for Service	16,796
Investigations	2,193
Arrests	463
Narcan Deployments	5
Guns Seized	67
Traffic Stops	17,216
DUI Arrests	199
Crashes Investigated	773

- In March, the Homicide Unit investigated the disappearance of a Westminster resident. Subsequent investigation revealed the victim was
 murdered in Jefferson County, West Virginia. During the course of the investigation, it was learned that two witnesses were also murdered.
 A joint investigation with the FBI, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and MSP Homicide led to the arrest of numerous suspects and coconspirators.
- In April, investigators received a first-degree assault case involving a shooting in Westminster. After interviews, search warrants and a forensic analysis, a suspect was identified and arrested for first-degree assault and firearms violations.
- In April, the MSP Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force received a cybertip involving online distribution of child pornography. An investigation led to the identification of two suspects and their residence in Hampstead. In May, troopers and allied agencies served a search warrant at the identified residence. A preliminary forensic review of the suspects' electronic devices revealed multiple child pornography files. The suspects were arrested and charged with possession and distribution of child pornography.
- In August, TFC Cerreto saved an infant's life in Taneytown. A driver noticed her six-week-old infant passenger was not breathing and pulled off the road. TFC Cerreto observed that the driver was in distress and offered to assist. Certified in infant CPR, TFC Cerreto was able to revive the infant, saving the infant's life.



Cpl. Boyce and TFC Gustaitis of the North East Barrack helped reunite "Bruiser" with his owners after being struck by a car.

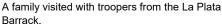


Served by the North East and JFK Memorial Highway Barracks

Calls for Service	15,079*
Investigations	3,511
Arrests	1,366
Narcan Deployments	20
Guns Seized	80
Traffic Stops	19,489
DUI Arrests	240
Crashes Investigated	871

- In January, Pro-Active Criminal Enforcement (PACE) Team troopers initiated a traffic stop on I-95 for speeding. Indicators of criminal
 activity were observed, and a K-9 scan was conducted, with a positive alert. A probable cause search revealed numerous heat-sealed
 bags of marijuana, with a combined total weight of 141 pounds and a street value of more than \$211,500. The suspects were arrested and
 charged accordingly.
- In June, a trooper stopped a vehicle for speeding on I-95. Based on indications of criminal activity, a K-9 scan was conducted, with a positive alert. A search of the vehicle revealed hidden compartments containing more than 1,100 grams of fentanyl, with a street value of \$150,000, and heroin. The suspect was arrested and charged accordingly.
- In November, a suspect was located, arrested and charged for a murder that occurred in Perryville. The victim had evidence of trauma to her upper body and was pronounced deceased at the suspect's residence. Investigators obtained search warrants, processed the scene for evidence and recovered items that may have been used in the victim's assault.
- In November, investigators responded to a reported first-degree assault in North East. Upon arrival, investigators learned the victim was stabbed several times and transported to a local hospital. Investigators were able to identify, arrest and charge the suspect with attempted murder.







Served by the La Plata Barrack

Calls for Service	8,159
Investigations	1,429
Arrests	423
Narcan Deployments	2
Guns Seized	33
Traffic Stops	12,141
DUI Arrests	203
Crashes Investigated	991

- In February, the Maryland State Apprehension Team (MSAT), comprised of MSP troopers and allied agencies, was contacted for assistance in locating a fugitive wanted through the La Plata Barrack for vehicular homicide/manslaughter. The fugitive was involved in a vehicle collision, in which a pedestrian was struck and killed, and the fugitive had fled the scene of the accident. Investigators tracked the fugitive's cell phone to Georgia and forwarded the case information to the Georgia/South Regional Fugitive Task Force for service. In October, Georgia investigators located a vehicle that belonged to the fugitive's girlfriend in Smyrna, Georgia and took the fugitive into custody.
- In August, during Tropical Storm Isaias, La Plata Barrack troopers and allied agencies completed a water rescue after two vehicles were swept off of MD-381 near the Charles County-Prince George's County line. Drivers of both vehicles were rescued, with one driver being transported by ambulance for further treatment.
- In October, MSAT and Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) investigators were assigned an arrest warrant from the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) for a case that originated in Charles County, with a fugitive wanted for felony first-degree malicious burning and second-degree arson. Investigators identified an address for the fugitive's girlfriend in Washington, D.C. Task Force members and allied agencies located and apprehended the fugitive at the residence.
- In November, TFC Hussey initiated a traffic stop for speeding in Waldorf and detected the odor of marijuana. A probable cause search revealed a handgun and marijuana. The recovered handgun was test fired and the cartridge casings were forwarded to the Forensic Sciences Laboratory, where they were entered into the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN). This resulted in nine NIBIN leads in 2019 in Washington, D.C. The firearm was used in five assault cases, one property damage case and three gunshot detection cases.



Troopers from the Easton Barrack showed their support to members of the National Guard during their food distribution and logistics operations.



Served by the Easton Barrack

Calls for Service	10,413*
Investigations	1,076
Arrests	276
Narcan Deployments	2
Guns Seized	18
Traffic Stops	9,572
DUI Arrests	137
Crashes Investigated	200

- In March, members of the Dorchester County Narcotics Task Force (DCNTF), comprised of MSP troopers and allied agencies, were alerted of a suspicious parcel originating in Puerto Rico with a destination to Cambridge. DCNTF investigators and allied agencies identified a primary suspect related to numerous suspicious parcels delivered in Cambridge. Upon delivery, the suspect retrieved the parcel from the residence and left the area in his vehicle. The Pro-Active Criminal Enforcement (PACE) Team and allied agencies initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle. A K-9 scan was conducted with a positive alert. A search of the vehicle resulted in the seizure of approximately 1,000 grams of cocaine, a hydraulic kilogram press, a digital scale and a cell phone. The suspect was arrested and charged accordingly.
- In May, troopers and allied agencies arrested and charged a suspect for the murder of a victim found deceased in a wooded area in Dorchester County. An arrest warrant had been issued for the suspect after an investigation by the Homicide Unit.
- In May, the Homicide Unit investigated the murder of a victim in Cambridge, who was found in the woods with multiple gunshot wounds.
 Investigators served four search warrants and conducted 33 interviews. Two suspects were arrested and charged with first-degree murder.
- In November, troopers were dispatched to a road rage incident and armed robbery in Vienna. The suspects' vehicle was located, and a
 positive identification was made by the victim. The suspects were arrested and charged with first-degree assault and controlled dangerous
 substances (CDS) violations.



The MSP Frederick Barrack and the Frederick County Health Department teamed up to help citizens with the proper disposal of medications.



Served by the Frederick Barrack

Calls for Service	23,847
Investigations	2,902
Arrests	391
Narcan Deployments	4
Guns Seized	147
Traffic Stops	16,559
DUI Arrests	189
Crashes Investigated	1,463

- In January, troopers conducted an interdiction stop. A probable cause search revealed cocaine, marijuana, a loaded handgun and currency. The three suspects were charged accordingly.
- In February, after extensive interviews, search warrants and consultation with Child Protective Services, three staff members were arrested at the Jefferson School and Residential Treatment Center in Frederick. Eleven claims of child abuse and sexual offenses had been made, and investigators had conducted an investigation into allegations of sexual misconduct by staff members.
- In May, troopers conducted an interdiction stop and recovered heroin, crack cocaine, methadone, a digital scale and a handgun. The suspect was charged with two counts of possession with intent to distribute (PWID) and four firearms charges.
- In August, a Frederick trooper conducted an interdiction stop and observed criminal indicators. A K-9 scan was conducted with a positive alert, and 126 capsules of heroin/fentanyl were recovered. PWID charges were placed.



McHenry Barrack troopers and other Garrett County law enforcement officers delivered packages for the annual "Police Providing Presents."



Served by the McHenry Barrack

Calls for Service	13,305
Investigations	805
Arrests	257
Narcan Deployments	1
Guns Seized	69
Traffic Stops	12,118
DUI Arrests	63
Crashes Investigated	257

- In March, troopers and allied agencies conducted a joint crime suppression initiative. Four search and seizure warrants were served, and eleven firearms and methamphetamines were seized. In addition, 24 suspects were apprehended for firearms violations, illegal narcotics and outstanding warrants.
- In March, the McHenry Barrack was notified that a bomb threat was posted on social media for Northern High School. Troopers applied for a subpoena to determine the origin of the message and were able to locate the residence of origin. A suspect was interviewed, confessed to making the bomb threat and was charged accordingly.
- In September, McHenry Barrack troopers responded to a restaurant in Grantsville for the report of an assault, as well as the kidnapping of the assault victim's nine-month-old daughter. Information obtained as a result of an issued Amber Alert led to the recovery of the unharmed infant in Pennsylvania. Further investigation led to the location and arrest of the suspect.
- In December, a victim reported a road rage incident, in which the suspect pointed a handgun at the victim. The suspect's vehicle was located, the suspect was detained, and a handgun was located in the vehicle. The suspect was arrested and charged with first-degree assault and multiple handgun violations.



Lt. Mullin delivered donations collected during the Bel Air Barrack Food Drive to the Mason Dixon Community Services Center.



Served by the Bel Air and JFK Memorial Highway Barracks

Calls for Service	9,872*
Investigations	3,220
Arrests	781
Narcan Deployments	3
Guns Seized	50
Traffic Stops	34,093
DUI Arrests	313
Crashes Investigated	1,702

- In July, Strike Force Seven investigators conducted marijuana eradication enforcement in Harford County. An investigator located an active outdoor marijuana grow operation in Bel Air. Surveillance confirmed both the outdoor grow and an active indoor grow operation. A search and seizure warrant was authored, signed and served. Search of the property resulted in the recovery of 41 live marijuana plants, crack cocaine, prescription pills, paraphernalia and a firearm.
- In September, after an investigation into a first-degree assault involving a road rage incident, the suspect was located operating her vehicle. A felony stop was conducted, and the suspect was apprehended and charged accordingly.
- In September, TFC Mott responded to a head-on collision in Bel Air and found one of the drivers partially ejected through the windshield and bleeding severely from her neck. TFC Mott applied a bandage and direct pressure to reduce the bleeding. The driver was subsequently flown to the University of Maryland's R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center by MSP Aviation. A trauma surgeon credited TFC Mott with saving the patient's life.
- In November, a road rage incident in Joppa led to a suspect's arrest. The suspect had pointed a handgun at the victim and her passenger. The suspect was located and charged accordingly. In addition, a search and seizure warrant at the suspect's residence led to the seizure of 10 additional firearms, as another occupant in the residence was prohibited from possession of firearms.



Lt. Carpenter and F/Sgt. Novack of the Waterloo Barrack helped a Boy Scout with a school project on becoming a police officer.



Served by the Waterloo Barrack

Calls for Service	10,282
Investigations	1,144
Arrests	298
Narcan Deployments	6
Guns Seized	9
Traffic Stops	15,491
DUI Arrests	163
Crashes Investigated	736

- In January, investigators responded to a reported theft of a state vehicle in Howard County. Using various investigative techniques, including the use of crime scene technicians, investigators identified and arrested the suspect.
- In May, troopers observed heroin/fentanyl in plain view inside a vehicle during a patrol check of the I-95 Welcome Center. A probable cause search revealed a loaded handgun, which was seized. Two suspects were arrested and charged for the handgun and drug offenses. Further investigation revealed that one suspect had provided a false name to avoid capture for an attempted murder in New York. The handgun seized was also the weapon used during the commission of that crime. Troopers coordinated with federal, state and local authorities to ensure the evidence gathered was used for prosecution in both New York and Maryland.
- In June, the Waterloo Barrack received a call advising a suspect brandished a weapon at a victim and her passenger while traveling on I-70. A lookout for the suspect's vehicle was broadcasted, and a trooper located the vehicle and initiated a traffic stop. A probable cause search of the vehicle revealed a handgun. The driver was arrested and charged for first-degree assault.
- In June, a traffic stop was initiated on a vehicle on I-70 and numerous criminal indicators were observed. A K-9 scan yielded a positive alert, and a search of the vehicle revealed 206 capsules of heroin/fentanyl. Two occupants were arrested and charged accordingly.



A stunning sunrise at the Georgetown Yacht basin was captured by TFC Foley of the Centreville Barrack.



Served by the Centreville Barrack

Calls for Service	8,525*
Investigations	443
Arrests	82
Narcan Deployments	0
Guns Seized	21
Traffic Stops	2,943
DUI Arrests	27
Crashes Investigated	148

- In March, troopers arrested and charged a suspect with sexual offenses involving a Kent County teenager. The alleged offenses occurred in February while the suspect was working as a teacher at the Kent County Alternative School Program.
- In March, a long-term, multi-jurisdictional investigation into the importation and distribution of narcotics by a high ranking member of the Black Guerilla Family prison gang was concluded. The investigation led to the seizure of more than three pounds of fentanyl, 1,085 grams of quinine, 2,113 grams of cutting agent, 101 grams of cocaine, 30 grams of heroin, 815 grams of marijuana, seven firearms, nine vehicles, \$137,745 in currency, two kilogram presses, digital scales and gel capsules. Approximately 30 search warrants were served in Kent County, Baltimore City and Philadelphia, PA. Twenty-six suspects were arrested for involvement in the drug trafficking organization. In addition, a stolen vehicle was recovered and a suspect wanted for murder in Delaware was arrested.
- In July, TFC Thomas initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle for speeding and observed numerous criminal indicators. During a probable cause search, a loaded firearm, crack cocaine, marijuana and currency were seized. Both the driver and the passenger were charged accordingly.
- In December, members of the Kent County Narcotics Task Force, comprised of MSP troopers and allied agencies, concluded a several-month investigation into the distribution of controlled dangerous substances (CDS). Investigators served search and seizure warrants, which led to the seizure of cocaine, Oxycodone pills, marijuana, Suboxone strips, digital scales, paraphernalia indicative of a long-term drug distribution operation, a vehicle and currency. Three suspects were arrested and charged accordingly.



Troopers from the Rockville Barrack were recognized by MADD Maryland for their efforts in removing impaired drivers from roads.



Served by the Rockville Barrack

Calls for Service	8,003
Investigations	1,720
Arrests	536
Narcan Deployments	1
Guns Seized	29
Traffic Stops	27,492
DUI Arrests	308
Crashes Investigated	1,569

- In April, troopers were on the scene of a motor vehicle collision on I-495, when a trooper's marked patrol car was struck by another vehicle. The driver of the striking vehicle fled the scene, but troopers broadcasted a lookout for the vehicle. The unoccupied vehicle was later located and seized. A search warrant was authored and served on the vehicle. With the assistance of the Crime Scene Unit, several items of evidence, including dental impressions from a "grill," were recovered to link the suspect to the vehicle. An arrest warrant was obtained, and the suspect was arrested and charged accordingly.
- In June, TFC Riba-Tankari initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle with expired registration tags and detected the odor of marijuana. A probable cause search revealed 2.3 pounds of marijuana, eleven capsules of THC and four cell phones. The suspect was charged accordingly.
- In July, a suspect fired shots at another vehicle on I-495 in Silver Spring. The suspect was apprehended and charged with first and second-degree assault and reckless endangerment.
- In July, a victim advised a suspect in another vehicle shot at him after a traffic altercation. Investigators were able to obtain information on the vehicle and its registered owner, and a witness positively identified the suspect. The suspect was charged with first-degree assault.



Troopers from the College Park Barrack awarded children with Slurpee drink coupons for the 25th anniversary of 7-Eleven's "Operation Chill."



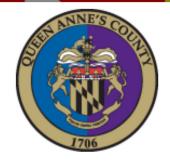
Served by the College Park and Forestville Barracks

Calls for Service	31,007
Investigations	3,516
Arrests	1,821
Narcan Deployments	3
Guns Seized	117
Traffic Stops	47,996
DUI Arrests	1,181
Crashes Investigated	4,094

- In March, the MSP Computer Crimes Unit received a cybertip involving the distribution of child pornography online. An investigation led to the identification of a suspect and his residence in Fort Washington. In September, troopers and allied agencies served a search warrant at the identified residence. A preliminary forensic review of the suspect's electronic devices revealed multiple child pornography files. The suspect was arrested and charged with possession and distribution of child pornography.
- In April, the Forestville Barrack received a call regarding a hit and run accident. Shortly after the hit and run incident, the suspect's vehicle was stopped for an equipment violation not far from the crash scene, and probable cause was present for a vehicle search. A rifle and crack cocaine were seized. In addition, the suspect admitted to firing the rifle at another vehicle in Brandywine. The suspect was charged with several criminal and traffic charges, including first-degree assault, weapons violations, drug violations and DUI.
- In July, investigators were contacted by the Forestville Barrack regarding a shooting that occurred on a state highway. It was learned that the victim was operating her vehicle on the roadway, when the suspect pulled alongside and shot a handgun at her vehicle. Investigators collected enough evidence to support the issuance of an arrest warrant for attempted first-degree murder. The Maryland State Apprehension Team (MSAT), comprised of MSP and allied agencies, located and arrested the suspect in Washington, D.C.
- In August, a suspect was arrested in connection with an assault reported by a victim. The suspect was charged with attempted second-degree rape, three counts of second-degree assault and false imprisonment.



Sgt. Connolly and K-9 Akita from the Centreville Barrack visited children at the Eastern Shore Early Development Center at Chesapeake College.



Served by the Centreville Barrack

Calls for Service	8,525*
Investigations	1,789
Arrests	485
Narcan Deployments	3
Guns Seized	35
Traffic Stops	14,925
DUI Arrests	167
Crashes Investigated	518

- In February, members of the Queen Anne's County Drug Task Force (QACDTF), comprised of MSP troopers and allied agencies, identified a drug trafficking organization (DTO) distributing cocaine and opioid pills in Queen Anne's County. The investigation into the DTO led to the service of multiple search and seizure warrants, the arrest of members of the DTO in Queen Anne's County and the arrest of suppliers of opioid pills operating out of Cecil County. In addition, the identification of a distributor of cocaine operating in Delaware was referred for investigation to the Delaware State Police.
- In April, a suspect was charged with first and second-degree assault, fleeing and eluding police, reckless driving and additional charges. A trooper had stopped a vehicle in Chestertown and observed controlled dangerous substances (CDS). When confronted about the CDS, the suspect accelerated away, dragging the trooper alongside the vehicle until the trooper became dislodged from the vehicle. A lookout for the vehicle was broadcasted, and the vehicle was located by an allied agency.
- In June, members of the QACDTF began an investigation into a fatal opioid overdose in Queenstown. In order to identify the street-level
 drug dealer who provided the deceased with the fatal dose of opioids, investigators conducted interviews with witnesses and issued
 multiple subpoenas and search warrants for video surveillance, social media sites and phone records. An interview with the alleged streetlevel drug dealer led to the identification of the alleged mid-level dealer. Both alleged drug dealers were arrested and charged with
 distribution of heroin/fentanyl, reckless endangerment and manslaughter.
- In September, investigators arrested a suspect in Centreville and charged him with sexual abuse of a minor, third and fourth-degree sex offenses and second-degree assault. The investigation stemmed from allegations of sexual abuse that were reported by a victim in 2019, but occurred in the early 2000s.



Troopers from the Princess Anne Barrack welcomed home Tpr. Graham King from his post-trauma rehabilitation.



Served by the Princess Anne Barrack

Calls for Service	8,156
Investigations	1,234
Arrests	362
Narcan Deployments	4
Guns Seized	51
Traffic Stops	11,680
DUI Arrests	76
Crashes Investigated	147

- In January, a suspect was arrested and charged with 27 counts of theft, fraud, forgery and related charges. A victim had reported the thefts in December 2019. Investigators developed evidence that the suspect made unauthorized purchases and ATM withdrawals and cashed fraudulent checks, totaling more than \$20,000.
- In April, investigators assumed a first-degree child abuse case. A one-year-old victim was hospitalized, and a suspect was identified. A search and seizure warrant was issued for the suspect's residence. Multiple witnesses were interviewed, and the suspect subsequently gave a full confession. The suspect was arrested and charged with first-degree child abuse. The suspect's other children were removed from his custody by the State.
- In October, a suspect was identified, arrested and charged in connection to a murder, as well as an attempted murder in Marion. Investigators served three search warrants, seized one firearm and conducted ten interviews. The suspect was charged with first-degree murder, attempted first-degree murder, two counts each of first and second-degree assault, home invasion and one count of using a firearm in the commission of a felony.
- In December, troopers were dispatched to Crisfield for a report of a domestic assault. After an argument, the suspect struck the victim, then began choking her. The victim managed to flee the scene and reported the incident. Troopers located, arrested and charged the suspect with first-degree assault and additional charges.



Troopers from the Leonardtown Barrack assisted children and families in need during the holiday season by collecting toys and hygiene kits.



Served by the Leonardtown Barrack

Calls for Service	16,764
Investigations	1,817
Arrests	773
Narcan Deployments	19
Guns Seized	74
Traffic Stops	22,354
DUI Arrests	234
Crashes Investigated	260

- In January and February, as part of a multi-unit operation, troopers targeted criminal activity and drug use in Lexington Park. The operation resulted in five drug-related arrests, the recovery of two handguns and the service of three arrest warrants.
- In April, troopers investigated a reported theft and fraud case at a car dealership in Lexington Park. After taking delivery of a vehicle, the suspect contacted the dealership about purchasing another vehicle. The dealership's manager was suspicious, and it was discovered that the suspect's license was fraudulent and the first vehicle was registered in a name other than the suspect's. Investigators arranged for an undercover officer to deliver the requested second vehicle. Upon arrival at the planned delivery location, troopers arrested two suspects. A search incident to arrest revealed several credit cards in different names and fraudulent licenses. Both suspects were charged accordingly.
- In August, troopers arrested and charged a suspect in connection to a murder in Lexington Park. Troopers and allied agencies had performed evidence collection and scene processing, conducted 45 interviews and served 18 search warrants during the investigation of the murder, which led to the identification of the suspect. The suspect was charged with first and second-degree murder.
- In August, troopers responded to the report of a shooting in Lexington Park and located a victim with gunshot wounds, who ultimately
 succumbed to his injuries. Two suspects were arrested in connection with this homicide.



Sgt. Hurt of the Easton Barrack spoke with a disabled citizen about her efforts to "Back the Blue in Maryland."



Served by the Easton Barrack

Calls for Service	10,413*
Investigations	1,097
Arrests	305
Narcan Deployments	2
Guns Seized	8
Traffic Stops	9,645
DUI Arrests	164
Crashes Investigated	224

- In January, the Talbot County Drug Task Force, comprised of MSP troopers and allied agencies, conducted a controlled delivery of a parcel containing 16,620 grams of marijuana to a residence in Talbot County. A subsequent search warrant for the residence was served, which resulted in the arrest of the suspect and the seizure of additional marijuana, THC edibles, currency and evidence of distribution.
- In January, Easton Barrack troopers responded to a residence in Trappe for the report of a home invasion and a stolen vehicle. The two
 suspects, who were identified by the victim, abandoned the stolen vehicle less than two miles from the residence. After the stolen vehicle
 was located by an allied agency, a K-9 track was conducted near the vehicle, which led to another residence. The identified suspects were
 located at that residence and charged accordingly.
- In July, the culmination of a 10-month investigation into a drug trafficking organization (DTO) operating in Talbot County led to the service of 14 search warrants throughout Talbot, Dorchester and Wicomico Counties. This investigation led to the seizure of 856 grams of powdered cocaine, crack cocaine, heroin, marijuana, Suboxone, three firearms, five vehicles and \$71,873 in currency. Three suspects, who were deemed the leaders of this DTO, were indicted federally. Sixteen other suspects were indicted locally.
- In August and September, investigators were contacted by the Talbot County Department of Social Services regarding a child, who had been physically abused. Following a forensic interview with the child, the physical abuse was attributed to the child's mother's boyfriend. The suspect was tracked, located and subsequently arrested by the Maryland State Apprehension Team (MSAT), comprised of MSP and allied agencies. During an interview with the suspect, he provided evidence that further implicated him in the abuse. In addition, a search warrant was served on the suspect's phone, which provided location information and other content that disputed the suspect's alibi.



Children met their "Secret Santa State Troopers" during the Hagerstown Barrack's annual "Shop with a Trooper" event.

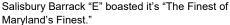


Served by the Hagerstown Barrack

Calls for Service	12,329
Investigations	1,824
Arrests	349
Narcan Deployments	9
Guns Seized	25
Traffic Stops	11,452
DUI Arrests	123
Crashes Investigated	878

- In January, two troopers were credited with saving the life of a victim in cardiac arrest in Hagerstown. TFC Bennett-Pincus was first on the scene at the dispatched cardiac arrest and performed CPR on the victim; Sgt. Shaffer assisted. The victim was transported for further treatment.
- In July, Strategic Operations Group investigators stopped a vehicle in Hagerstown and found probable cause for search. The search
 revealed heroin, crack cocaine, powder cocaine, marijuana, a loaded handgun and currency. The suspect was charged with drug
 trafficking and firearms violations.
- In August, Pro-Active Criminal Enforcement (PACE) Team troopers initiated a traffic stop on I-81 for a vehicle following another vehicle too closely. Indicators of criminal activity were observed, and a K-9 scan was conducted, with a positive alert. A search revealed two kilograms of fentanyl, one kilogram of carfentanil and \$46,000 in currency. The suspects were arrested and charged accordingly.
- In October, TFC Doyle was dispatched for a road rage incident and found two vehicles engaging with each other on I-70. Upon stopping one of the vehicles, TFC Doyle received an admission from the driver that he had a gun in the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed three handguns and one rifle, as well as ammunition, which were seized from the driver, who was displaying erratic and aggressive







Served by the Salisbury Barrack

Calls for Service	13,376
Investigations	2,319
Arrests	866
Narcan Deployments	3
Guns Seized	49
Traffic Stops	21,230
DUI Arrests	304
Crashes Investigated	562

- In January and February, members of the Wicomico County Narcotics Task Force (WINTF), comprised of MSP troopers and allied agencies, conducted an investigation into a drug trafficking organization. At the conclusion of the investigation, WINTF seized 2,187 grams of cocaine, 357 grams of fentanyl, six firearms and \$91,000 in currency, resulting in eight felony arrests in two counties.
- In April and May, troopers arrested four suspects in connection to a murder in Salisbury. Investigators developed information through statements from witnesses, forensics, video surveillance and evidence recovered from search warrants, which led to the identification of the suspects.
- In September, troopers arrested and charged a suspect in connection to the murder of her husband. Salisbury Barrack troopers had been dispatched to a residence in Sharptown for a reported shooting. A victim was pronounced deceased at the scene due to gunshot wounds. Troopers observed a handgun in plain view. Further investigation led to the arrest of the suspect, the victim's wife. The suspect was charged with first-degree murder, first-degree assault and use of a handgun in the commission of a felony.
- In October, after receiving a report from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children regarding possession and distribution of child pornography, investigators served a search warrant for a suspect's residence in Salisbury. The suspect was arrested and charged with two counts each of possession and distribution of child pornography, as well as two counts each of sexual abuse of a minor and contributing to the condition of a child.



Troopers from the Berlin Barrack surprised one of their youngest supporters with a birthday visit he will never forget.



Served by the Berlin Barrack

Calls for Service	13,013
Investigations	1,776
Arrests	743
Narcan Deployments	1
Guns Seized	18
Traffic Stops	20,675
DUI Arrests	427
Crashes Investigated	408

- In June, TFC Lane responded to a reported road rage incident in West Ocean City, in which a suspect pointed a handgun at a victim. The suspect's vehicle was located, and TFC Lane detected signs of alcohol impairment upon contact with the suspect. In addition, the suspect admitted there was a handgun in the vehicle. During his investigation, TFC Lane determined the suspect was impaired by alcohol, and the suspect confessed to brandishing the handgun. The suspect was arrested for first-degree assault, firearms violations and a DUI.
- In August, troopers arrested and charged a suspect in connection to a murder in Pocomoke, after an investigation by troopers and allied agencies. The victim had been shot multiple times and was declared deceased during transport to a hospital. The suspect was charged with first and second-degree murder, first and second-degree assault, reckless endangerment, use of a firearm in the commission of a felony and illegal possession of a weapon.
- In December, the Worcester Bureau of Investigation, comprised of MSP troopers and allied agencies, was contacted in reference to a shooting in Pocomoke. Numerous witnesses, including the victim, were interviewed, scene processing was completed and an arrest warrant was subsequently obtained for the suspect. The Maryland State Apprehension Team (MSAT) was contacted and located the suspect within 24 hours of the incident. The suspect was interviewed and confessed to shooting the victim. In addition, the firearm used was recovered after a residential search warrant was completed in Virginia.
- In December, Trooper Zaykoski stopped a vehicle for speeding in Berlin and detected the odor of marijuana. A probable cause search yielded over 100 heroin wax folds consistent with distribution, 60 Oxycodone pills, ecstasy, marijuana and currency. The suspect was charged accordingly.

Forensic Sciences Division

The MSP Forensic Sciences Lab consists of many units, including Photography, Latent Prints, Firearms, Chemistry and more. Dedicated scientists unravel the mysteries of crime scene evidence across Maryland.



- In January, the Toxicology Unit reported the presence of cocaine and a sedative in blood taken from an impaired driver. Investigators had also submitted multiple exhibits to the Controlled Dangerous Substances (CDS) Unit for analysis, and one item tested positive for a Schedule IV CDS used as sleep disorder medication. Due to the combined results from both Units, a Carroll County grand jury indicted the suspect with second-degree assault, causing a life-threatening injury because of negligent driving while impaired by drugs and a CDS, driving while impaired by drugs and a CDS and possession of a CDS.
- In April, the Forensic Research Award Committee of the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors awarded the 2020 Research Innovation Award to the Forensic Sciences Division (FSD) Chemistry Section Manager for the work she has done to address the many safety, technical and workflow issues that have arisen from the influx of opioids in CDS laboratories.
- In July, Maryland's DNA Database, housed at the FSD, reached a milestone of 8,000 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. The Database was established in 1994 and has had 1,000 hits since April 2019. 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 July, the FSD Director and Chemistry Section Manager, along with two scientists from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), were selected by NIST to receive a 2020 Collaboration and Teamwork Accolade. The award recognized the leveraging of expertise from NIST and FSD in a strategic partnership that has advanced measurement capabilities and developed the necessary controlled substance metrology for understanding the impact of drug background in forensic laboratories.

Aviation Command



Trooper 7 sat perfectly under a rainbow, as captured by the crew.

- In January, a 10-year-old child was hoisted to safety, after falling and sustaining injuries near the peak of Sugarloaf Mountain in Frederick County. Trooper 3 encountered treacherous and remote conditions with high winds but was able to perform an aerial hoist operation approximately 85 feet above the rocky embankment. The child was medevaced for further treatment.
- In February, a mother and her newborn premature infant were flown by Trooper 5 from a remote region in Garrett County to a medical facility for further treatment. The infant had been born ten weeks early and was in need of medical attention. Despite challenging weather conditions and poor flight visibility, the crew used their aircraft's advanced avionics to successfully medevac the mother and infant.
- In March, Aviation Command marked the 50th anniversary of the first civilian medevac mission flown in Maryland. During those 50 years, the Aviation Command has completed more than 180,000 missions and transported over 150,000 patients.
- In April, Trooper 3 was dispatched to Chimney Rock in Thurmont to assist with the extrication of an injured victim, who had fallen
 approximately 30 feet. Hovering 100 feet above the victim, an aerial hoist was performed. The victim was medevaced for further
 treatment.
- In June, Trooper 3 was dispatched to Liberty Dam in Carroll County to assist a victim seen in the water at the base of the dam. An aerial hoist was performed from 160 feet above the victim, who was medevaced for further treatment.
- In September, Trooper 5 was dispatched to Green Ridge State Forest in Oldtown to assist an injured victim on a remote hiking trail. Hovering 200 feet above the victim, an aerial hoist was performed and the victim was medevaced for further treatment.

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division

The CVED encourages and promotes a safe driving environment through education and safety inspections while enforcing state and federal laws.



- Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division (CVED) personnel weighed approximately 1.03 million commercial motor vehicles, conducted 54,047 roadside inspections and issued 23,345 citations. In addition, 8,983 unsafe commercial motor vehicles and 3,148 unsafe or unqualified drivers were placed out of service.
- The Motor Carrier Safety Program (MCSP) completed its 53rd year of operation in Maryland. Four state agencies, along with the MSP, participate in the program with the assistance of 27 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.
- The Crash Team responded to 345 incidents, including 175 fatal collisions, 87 life threatening injury collisions, 53 personal injury
 collisions, 16 cases for allied police departments, 10 crime scenes, one property damage collision and three departmental
 collisions. Crash Team members were the lead investigators on 147 of the above incident responses.
- The CVED completely overhauled its Post Crash Program, last revised nearly 15 years ago. As a result of the streamlined process and refined reporting criteria, incident to completion times for final report approval decreased by 61%.

Licensing Division

The Licensing Division administers the provisions of the Annotated Code of Maryland and COMAR related to the licensing and registration of firearms, handgun permits, security guards and agencies and other licensing functions, as defined by statute or regulation.



- The Firearms Registration Unit (FRU) processed 104,412 regulated firearm transactions, an average of 2,008 per week, while
 continuing to meet the seven day legislative mandated processing time frame. This represents a 94% increase in transactions from
 2019.
- The Handgun Qualification License (HQL) Unit processed 66,526 applications, an average of 1,279 per week. This represents an increase of 231% in applications from 2019. The HQL Unit processes applications in 14-15 days on average. This is nearly 15 days ahead of the legislative mandate of 30 days.
- The Licensing Division witnessed a 118% increase in applications from 2019 related to Wear and Carry Permits, totaling 11,512 applications.
- "LiveHelp," which assists applicants with online submissions on the Licensing Portal, answered 8,441 requests for assistance.
- In June, after a state data system failure, employees at the Licensing Division manned continuous operations for 24-hours-a-day for four days in order to complete background checks on individuals who had applied to purchase regulated firearms. Licensing Division employees completed more than 2,000 background investigations during that period, in an effort to ensure that no regulated firearms were released to any prohibited persons.

Personnel Command

Graduates of the Maryland State Police 151st Trooper Candidate Class took an oath to serve and protect the people of Maryland as they officially became state troopers in 2020.



- The Recruitment and Selection Unit (RSU), with support from more than 150 supplemental recruiters, conducted 42 recruiting events. Nineteen additional planned events were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The RSU successfully sat the 151st academy class, selecting 33 trooper candidates with a total class diversity of 30%. The RSU has consistently focused on increasing its recruiting efforts toward individuals who are underrepresented in the Department's workforce, with initiatives to recruit African American, female and military candidates.
- The COVID-19 pandemic affected the Civilian Recruitment Unit (CRU). Recruitment activities were drastically restricted, and a hiring
 freeze completely halted recruitment efforts for several months. Despite these setbacks, the CRU filled 66 permanent positions, 4
 contractual positions and 8 temporary positions.
- The Education and Training Division (ETD) developed a plan to provide virtual training to trooper candidates while meeting training commission requirements and graduated Class 151 at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Technology and Information Management Command

Police Communications Operators act as liaisons between the public and the Department, performing the essential duty of answering emergency calls.



- In August, migration of the fleet management system to the RMS system was completed. All historical vehicle and crash data was
 imported into the new system, consolidating information into one database.
- In October, the Information and Technology Division (ITD) assisted with the relocation of the Criminal Enforcement Division (CED)
 headquarters to a new facility in Hanover. The team worked diligently over several months planning for the relocation and assisting
 with IT infrastructure setup.
- The Electronic Services Division (ESD) deployed new in-car cameras to an additional 116 vehicles, bringing the total to 22 barracks and 403 patrol vehicles having in-car camera systems.
- The use of the Regional Automated Property Information Database (RAPID) resulted in 482 arrests and the recovery of nearly \$2.3 million in stolen property.
- The RAPID team conducted 14 training sessions and trained 248 new users, bringing the overall total to approximately 6,386 users.

Logistics Command

The Logistics Command is held responsible for the procurement, maintenance, and distribution of the Department's vehicles, goods and services, as well as management of all building facilities, to ensure operational readiness.



- The Quartermaster Division (QMD) procured and distributed over 300,000 pieces of various COVID-related personal protective
 equipment (PPE) through eight targeted wave distributions to MSP locations. Many of these supplies were extremely difficult to
 procure in a timely manner, but QMD used significant resources to locate and secure these vital items on behalf of the MSP.
- QMD personnel processed 783 purchase orders, totaling \$44.1 million in procurements for the Department. The Division made 5,433 corporate credit card purchases, totaling \$5.3 million.
- The Department's Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) participation was 24% of total procurement. In addition, Small Business
 Reserves procurement was 16% and Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprises participation was 0.2%.
- The Facilities Management Division (FMD) completed 936 requests for service and repairs. In addition, FMD worked with their partners at the Department of General Services to identify and fund 22 improvement projects at an estimated value of \$4.6 million.
- The Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) procured 110, outfitted 45 and deployed 80 new vehicles.
- The following contracts were awarded: An \$11.7 million contract for the CAD/RMS system renewal, a \$1.2 million contract for Cannabis Drug Testing Equipment and a \$1.3 million contract for Network Equipment Upgrades.

Internal Affairs Division

The IAD consists of nine full-time investigators who are geographically assigned to local barracks statewide.



- The Internal Affairs Division (IAD) is responsible for investigating allegations of misconduct against troopers. The IAD maintains the integrity of the Department 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.
- Troopers responded to 296,505 calls for service, stopped 425,656 vehicles and made 13,353 arrests. The IAD oversaw the investigation of 344 cases, which represents the total number of external/citizen and internal complaints filed. Of those 344 cases, 123 cases were sustained and 155 were non-sustained/unfounded, with the remaining pending adjudication.

Office of the State Fire Marshal

The responsibilities of the OSFM are currently handled with a staff of over 50 field personnel, plus administrative staff.



- In August, the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) assisted in determining the origin of a building explosion in Baltimore City that left two deceased and seven critically injured victims. The cause of the explosion was a gas leak, which resulted from a contractor working on a gas-fired appliance in the basement.
- In September, Senior Deputy State Fire Marshal Childress saved a man's life in Queen Anne's County. Senior Deputy State Fire
 Marshal Childress used his agency issued tourniquet to stop the bleeding from the man's arm and also treated the man's chest
 wound until paramedics arrived to provide further treatment. Senior Deputy State Fire Marshal Childress was credited with providing
 life-saving measures and mitigating the man's injuries.
- The State of Maryland saw a 23% 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.
- The OSFM investigated 756 incidents, of which 590 were fire-related, 125 were explosive-related and 41 were miscellaneous cases. Investigators closed 35 criminal cases by arrest with 81 suspects being arrested. In addition, the OSFM completed 1,570 preconstruction plan reviews, evaluating building and systems designs for compliance with the State Fire Prevention Code. Also, the OSFM completed 7,156 building inspections that were initiated to verify that field conditions are consistent with approved designs and required safety standards are maintained.

Vehicle Theft Prevention Council

In Maryland, a car is stolen every 40 minutes.



- The Vehicle Theft Prevention Council (VTPC) continued its leadership role in assisting with the prevention and deterrence of vehicle theft and related crimes. Since the VTPC's inception in 1994, the overall vehicle theft rate in Maryland has been reduced by 71%.
- The Council awarded 20 grants and nearly \$1.9 million to organizations promoting public awareness and prevention, law enforcement, prosecution and juvenile intervention initiatives. 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 (ACT) Committee. The ACT Committee is the
 Council's private sector partner and provides vehicle theft prevention services that supplement the Council's public awareness
 efforts.
- The Council continues to promote vehicle theft prevention awareness by running public service announcements. Created by college students, these announcements remind citizens to lock their cars and take the keys/key FOBs, hide their valuables and not leave their vehicles running unattended.
- In addition, the Council continues to provide additional funding to the Baltimore County Police Department/Regional Auto Theft Team for ongoing efforts to reduce carjackings. Baltimore County has seen a 34% decrease in carjackings since additional funding was provided by the VTPC.
- Based upon funding levels, the Council has been successful in providing planning and fiscal resources to state and local agencies, as well as to 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 that best address the prevention, education, deterrence and awareness of vehicle theft and related crimes around the State.



Community Service Events



MSP Polar Bear Plunge Benefiting the Special Olympics Maryland



Holiday Toy Drives / Toys for Tots Benefiting local families in need

Explorer Program

Not So Scary Halloween Benefiting children in the community



Law Enforcement Torch Run

Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE)

#SleevesUpMD Blood Drive

Benefiting the American Red Cross



Heroes Haven Supporting wounded soldiers

Benefiting the Special Olympics Maryland

Clothing Drives / Shoe Drives Benefiting local families in need



Law Enforcement Charity Basketball

Operation Chill



Food Drives Benefiting local families in need

Adopt a Family Benefiting local families in need



Shop with a Cop / Police Providing Presents Benefiting local families in need

Deep Creek Dunk Benefiting the Special Olympics Maryland

Year of the Woman Supporting young women in high school

Note that many community service events were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

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

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