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

The Department of State Police is proud to present to you, and the citizens of Maryland, the Department of State Police 2004 Annual Report. The report reflects the diversity of accomplishments and the numerous tasks completed by the State Police during calendar year 2004.

Millions of people have been positively impacted by the service of the Department of State Police. Everyday in Maryland lives are saved, crimes are prevented, highways are made safer and criminals are brought to justice through the commitment and dedication of the men and women of the Department of State Police.

The Department of State Police will continue its commitment to excellence and maintain its leadership of the law enforcement community. The cornerstones of integrity, fairness, and service that are the core of our Values Statement will be the principles that guide us in serving the citizens of Maryland.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Hutchins
Secretary

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Dedicated to the memory of



TFC Anthony Jones

April 6, 1954 to May 9, 2004

and to all of those who went before,
and to any who may follow.



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MARYLAND STATE POLICE

Mission

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

Goals

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

Vision

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





Executive Summary

The history of the Department of State Police is one of pride, integrity and unequalled law enforcement service. This history is built upon the dedication of men and women who, over the decades, committed themselves to a life of public service as Maryland State Troopers. Troopers have always answered the call for service, no matter how distant, how difficult, or how dangerous. Their actions have been supported by committed civilian employees with a sincere desire to serve.

One cannot reflect on the Department's history without remembering those called upon to make the supreme sacrifice. The fallen heroes of the Department of State Police are eternal examples of the highest standards of law enforcement. In May, the Department suffered the tragic line of duty death of Trooper First Class Anthony Jones. TFC Jones was struck and killed by an impaired driver while assisting another trooper at an accident scene. He was the 39th State Trooper to give his or her life while serving the citizens of Maryland, and their example and sacrifice will always be remembered.

The State of Maryland, and particularly the Department of State Police, has always been in the forefront of law enforcement, partly due to its geographic location. Being in such close proximity to the nation's Capitol has kept the Department under the critical microscope of the law enforcement community. Ongoing scrutiny by area law enforcement agencies and by the judicial system has at times been demoralizing, but in the end it has always proved to strengthen the fiber of the Department.

The members of the Department of State Police are committed to supporting the Ehrlich-Steele Administration pillar of public safety. This involves providing quality traffic and criminal enforcement services across Maryland. In 2004, troopers, who comprise about 11 percent of Maryland law enforcement officers, issued 36 percent of all traffic citations; made almost one-third of all driving under the influence arrests; investigated 47 percent of collisions involving fatalities, and 21 percent of all motor vehicle collisions. Interdiction efforts were expanded as more troopers received special training to identify and apprehend criminals on the highways. In 2004, 238 investigations processed \$7.5 million dollars in currency seizures, and filed for forfeiture on real property appraised in excess of \$1.4 million dollars. Troopers arrested more than 20,000 criminals.

The Maryland State Police, the main component of the Department, manages more than 670,000 square feet of infrastructure distributed over 63 locations. There is a motor vehicle fleet of more than 1,650 vehicles, 12 helicopters, 2 fixed-wing aircraft, 12 motorcycles, 41 K-9 patrol dogs, and 23,000 items of inventoried property valued at \$100 million.

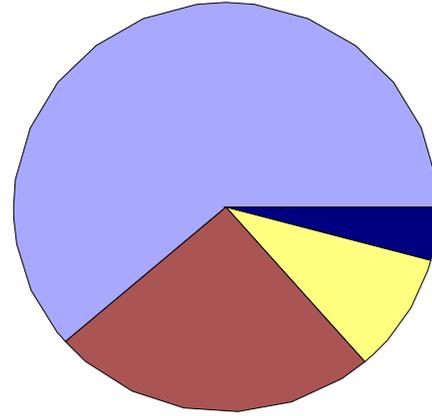
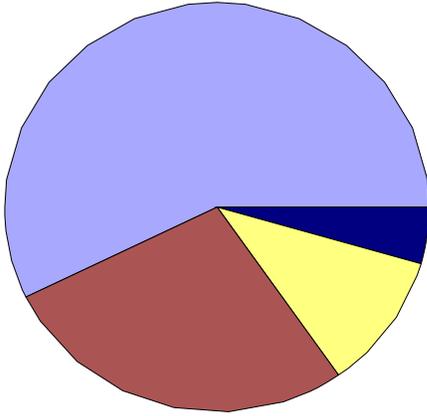
The roles and responsibilities of the Department of State Police are expanding to meet the State's needs and the new challenges facing law enforcement in today's world. Regardless of those changes, the Department's mission remains the same: a commitment to enforcing the traffic and criminal laws, managing traffic incidents, providing for the homeland security and assisting local law enforcement. The dedicated employees of the Department of State Police are working hard every hour of every day to help keep Maryland safe for all of its citizens and visitors.



Fiscal Data

Expenditures FY 2004

Appropriations FY 2005



	Object(s)	Expenditures FY 2004	Appropriations FY 2005
Salaries & Wages (includes benefits)	01	157,670,417	157,917,067
Grants (primarily pass through funding)	12	76,147,172	64,268,227
Supplies & Equipment (includes Motor Vehicle Operation & Maintenance, Supplies & Materials, Equipment - Replace-	07 09 10 11	29,408,043	23,677,283
Services & Fees (includes Technical & Special Fees, Communications, Travel, Fuel & Utilities, Contractual Services,	02,03 04,06 08,13	12,020,085	10,642,267
Totals		\$275,245,717	\$256,504,844



Office of the Secretary

The Maryland State Police, the main component of the Department of State Police, is primarily administered by three bureaus under the direction of the Secretary. These bureaus are Field Operations, Homeland Security and Investigation, and Support Services. Sharing operational and managerial duties, and reporting to the Secretary, are the Offices of Strategic Planning, Media Communications and Marketing, and the Chief of Staff. The Office of the State Fire Marshall is also part of the Department.

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

The **Executive Protection Section** continued to provide protection for the Governor in 2004, and limited security for the First Family, Lieutenant Governor, Comptroller of the Treasury, Treasurer, and the Attorney General. Troopers provided security or protective assistance for assigned protectees in seven other countries, as well as 51 cities and states. Additionally, the section handled the visits of 51 Governors, three Lieutenant Governors, four First Ladies, and the Deputy Prime Minister of Israel. These VIP assignments required more than 1,300 hours in addition to the normal operational mandates.

The **Legislative Security Section** (LSS) is charged with ensuring the safety and security of all members of the General Assembly, and of standing committees of the Senate and House while in session. It also provides security to statutory and joint Senate and House committees when they are meeting year round. In the weeks prior to the start of the session in 2004, section personnel provided lectures and instructions to new staff members, interns, and pages, on such subjects as personal safety habits, emergency procedures, parking regulations, and the roles of the various police departments in Annapolis. LSS is continuing to work closely with the Department of General Services Police, and the Executive Protection Division, to enhance existing security procedures for the Annapolis Legislative complex.

Concerns and complaints dealing with employee conflict, poor performance, discrimination, harassment, and other issues are handled by the **Fair Practices Section**. It also administers the Chaplain's Program, which consists of 39 volunteers assigned to various locations throughout the State. During 2004, the chaplains donated more than 2,700 hours of their time counseling Department personnel in matters ranging from community relations to death notifications.

The **Labor Relations Section** is responsible for ensuring the appropriate application of the State's Collective Bargaining Law. To achieve this, the section schedules, facilitates, and publishes minutes of monthly labor management committee meetings. Also, the program manager acts as the Department's representative during statewide negotiations, and is responsible for training, provision compliance, and interpretation of ratified agreements.



Staff in the **Internal Affairs Section** (IAS) investigate allegations or complaints of serious misconduct against members of the Department. In 2004, the policies and procedures for dealing with racial profiling allegations were reviewed with the Consent Decree Coordinator, and instruction was provided to the Department. IAS also conducted 16 investigations for allied police departments, and installed new software to modernize its record keeping.

The **Legal Counsel Section** provides representation to the Department of State Police, and its personnel, in all civil actions filed in State and federal courts. Other work handled by the section included the initiation of forfeiture cases; provision of legal advice to Department personnel and to the Maryland Emergency Management Agency; reviewed contracts, agreements and memoranda of understanding entered into by the MSP; Drug Enforcement Agency forfeiture agreements; COMAR regulations; and answered citizen inquiries. In 2004 the section handled: 24 citizen inquiries, 17 grants, 100 legal sufficiencies, 62 litigation cases, 55 agreements, 65 informal opinions, 58 Public Information Act requests, and 87 subpoenas.

The primary mission of the **Office of Media Communications and Marketing** is to provide prompt, factual, and accurate information about Maryland State Police incidents, issues, and initiatives to media, government officials, and the public. Once again, during 2003, thousands of telephone, email, and written inquiries were responded to, and dozens of on-scene incidents were attended to support the Department's operations and handle media questions. Special Olympics Maryland and personnel in the office worked closely to coordinate the three annual winter fund-raising events. The Polar Bear Plunge, the Deep Creek Dunk, and the Shiver in the River raised more than \$575,000 for special athletes. A new venture for the Office was "Trooper Magazine," a 30 minute public awareness television program. This program has won the "Telly" award, given by, and voted upon, by those within the industry. It signifies creativity in the visual arts.



"Telly" Award presented to the Office of Media Communications & Marketing in July 2004.





Office of Strategic Planning

The **Planning and Research Division (PRD)** develops and assists in the strategic planning for Department-wide and division/unit specific activities. PRD coordinates the activities of the following sections:

The Management Analysis Section (MAS) issued four manual revisions, which included 36 sections in the Administrative Manual and 14 sections in the Patrol Manual. MAS' contributions to pre and post aspects of the May 2004 Senior Staff Offsite Retreat included gathering data, drafting and editing documents, and computer graphic presentation. The section also continued administering the creation, revision, and issuance of MSP forms, coordinating the annual Department firearms inventory, managing the records retention and disposal schedules, and writing the Department of State Police Annual Report. An additional assignment was maintaining and publishing the Managing for Results report.

A total of 32 Superintendent's special orders, 16 general orders, and four memorandums were processed and issued. These covered such topics as Communicating with Deaf Individuals, Terrorism Threat Level Response, Continuity of Operations Planning for State Agencies, Collection of DNA Samples, Enforcement of Federal Immigration Laws, Emergency Event Management, Interaction on Federal Issues, Communication with Individuals with Limited English Proficiency, and Retention of Post Conviction DNA Evidence. Twenty-two forms were revised.

The Handgun Roster Board, part of MAS, met six times in 2004. Board members approved 59 petitions and fulfilled their legislative mandate by compiling and submitting the Third Annual Report of the Maryland Handgun Roster Board on the Status of Personalized Handgun Technology.

Undertakings involving the Maryland General Assembly are managed by the Government Affairs Section. In the 2004 Session, there were 1,548 House bills and 934 Senate bills introduced, with the Department tracking 489 of them. Out of the 2,478 bills introduced, 707 passed.

The Departmental bills that passed were: House Bill 97 - Changed the reporting date with regards to the administration of the School Bus Safety Fund; House Bill 855 - Requires drivers with a CDL to get a fingerprint background check before they can be given a hazardous material endorsement; and House Bill 649 - Allows the State Fire Marshal, and Deputy State Fire Marshals to apply for and execute criminal search warrants.

More than \$89 million in grant funds was managed by the Grants Management Section in 2004. Largest among the grants was \$11 million from the U.S. Department of Justice, some of which was used in the establishment of the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center. Other grants managed by the section include the programs on School Bus Safety Enforcement, Impaired Driving Enforcement, Aggressive Driving Enforcement, as well as those on the improvement of MSP technology, DNA casework backlog reduction, Smart Car technology, crime lab improvement, and the State Aid for Police Protection (SAPP) Fund. More than \$61 million was distributed by SAPP to support local law enforcement agencies; none of it is retained by the MSP for its own use.

**Grants Administered by the Maryland State Police****

	<u>Expenditures</u> <u>FY 2004</u>	<u>Appropriations</u> <u>FY2005</u>
State Aid for Police Protection (SAPP-see below)	61,072,410	62,429,383
Baltimore City Foot Patrol Aid	2,800,000	*
Baltimore City Community Policing	2,000,000	*
Prince George's County		
Drug Enforcement Aid	1,662,500	*
Body Armor for Local		
Law Enforcement	50,000	*
Baltimore City Violent Crime Grant	2,500,000	*
Prince George's County		
Violent Crime Grant	2,500,000	*
Vehicle Theft Prevention Program	757,278	1,288,844
Crime Gun Prevention Grants	992,193	*
School Bus Grants	457,330	550,000
DNA Grant	15,895	3,289,329
Patriot Grant	1,338,957	4,612,243
IWIF Safety Incentive Program	609	
Totals	<u>76,147,172</u>	<u>72,169,799</u>

* Grants handled by GOCCP in FY05

** Source: MSP Budget & Finance Division

SAPP - Revenues received by County forces and incorporated towns:

Allegany	879,385	869,144
Anne Arundel	6,364,743	6,466,078
Baltimore	9,518,911	9,561,850
Calvert	694,478	732,607
Caroline	316,562	318,670
Carroll	1,471,092	1,531,288
Cecil	865,031	881,688
Charles	1,088,541	1,156,272
Dorchester	357,438	352,096
Frederick	2,020,577	2,124,337
Garrett	240,925	240,513
Harford	2,106,968	2,159,085
Howard	2,872,055	2,934,486
Kent	196,189	196,885
Montgomery	14,132,511	14,511,118
Prince George's	13,228,525	13,581,910
Queen Anne's	373,245	389,443
St. Mary's	769,003	793,943
Somerset	231,384	239,699
Talbot	392,330	392,484
Washington	1,356,460	1,367,041
Wicomico	922,064	921,266
Worcester	649,957	654,672
Baltimore City	<u>24,036</u>	<u>52,808</u>
TOTALS	61,072,410	62,429,383



In 2004 the Capital Projects Section:

- Completed procurement and began construction of the new Forensic Sciences Laboratory, which is scheduled for completion in September 2005. A long-term lease agreement with the Baltimore County Police Department provides two acres at the same location for a new precinct, and in exchange the County will monitor the Lab's security system during off-hours.
- Completed procurement and began construction of a replacement barrack in Easton. The project is being built on the existing site and was under roof by year's end.
- Prepared and submitted the Headquarters Master Facility Program.
- Selected design consultants and initiated work on a new facility in Hagerstown. This will include an expanded regional forensic science laboratory, regional Fire Marshal offices, and a classroom.

The Finance Section, in **Budget and Finance Division**, processed approximately 3,000 invoices per month to the Comptroller of Maryland in the Accounts Payable Unit; processed all payroll functions for about 2,300 sworn and civilian employees in the Payroll Unit; monitored the \$61.1 million State Aid for Police Protection Fund; billed for overtime reimbursement projects, and kept track of the capital inventory, worth about \$195.7 million (including helicopters and buildings which were not included in previous years) in the General Assignment Unit.

Preparing, administering, and managing the Department's \$291.5 million operating budget is the responsibility of the Budget Section. Included is the monitoring and auditing of State and federal grants, preparation and presentation of fiscal impact statements on pending legislation before the General Assembly, and ensuring the fiscal accountability and integrity of the Department of State Police in all matters.

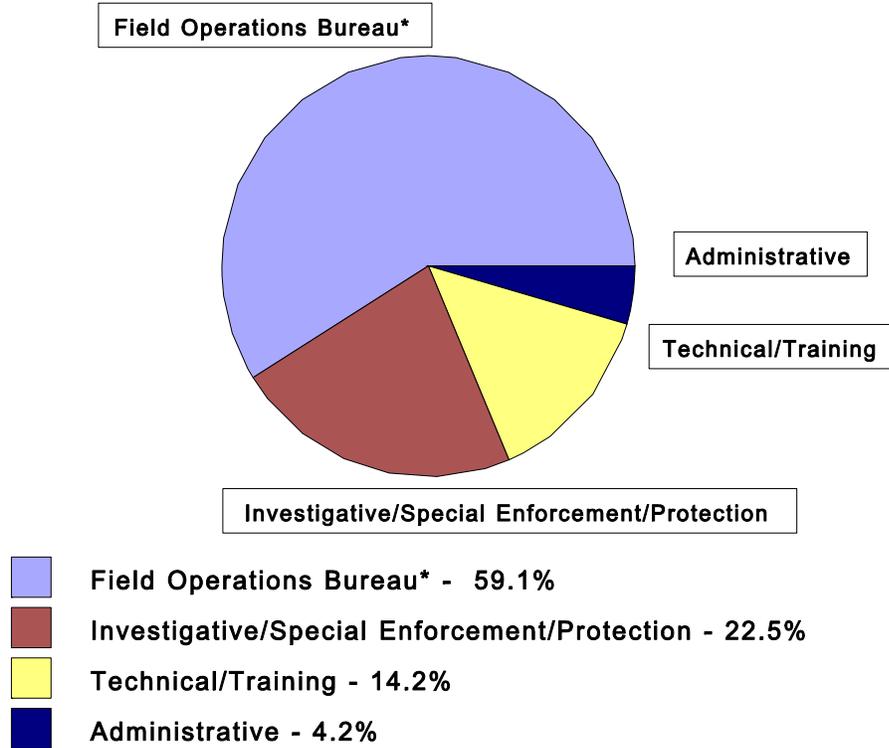
The **Staff Inspection Section** (SIS) ensures that all segments of the State Police operate within established policies and procedures. By conducting formal audits, SIS verifies the Department's efficiency and effectiveness. During 2004, 93 projects were opened. These included an audit of the Department of General Services identification card process, which ultimately led to sweeping changes in the current system used to identify individuals entering secure areas in State buildings in Baltimore and Annapolis.

A **Professional Policing Division** was created in the latter part of 2004 to oversee and coordinate the Department's obligations as called for in the consent decree against racial profiling. The division is also tasked with ensuring that the policies and practices of the MSP are commensurate with the changing needs of the citizens of Maryland.





Sworn Personnel 2004 Percent Distribution



Year	2000**	2001**	2002**	2003**	2004***
Authorized Strength	1630	1627	1623	1624	1593
Actual Strength	1613	1549	1607	1550	1529
Functional Groupings					
Field Operations Bureau*	1006	959	972	981	904
Investigative/Special Enforcement/Protection	317	349	374	374	344
Technical/Training	210	161	190	138	217
Administrative	80	80	71	57	64

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

** July

*** December 29,2004



Field Operations Bureau

The Field Operations Bureau (FOB) manages the troopers and actions in the 23 barracks throughout the State. Also part of FOB are the Special Operations Command, Transportation Safety Command, and Aviation Command.

Trooper of the Year for 2003, awarded in 2004, was TFC Jeffrey B. Ferreira, of the Prince Frederick Barrack. He was recognized for his outstanding production, and for his community involvement.

Eastern Command

The barracks in the **Northern Troop**, are Bel Air (Harford Co.), North East (Cecil Co.), and Westminster (Carroll Co.). Counties patrolled by these barracks cover 1,260 square miles of land (12.8%), and the population is around 496,000 (8.9%). Bordering the states of Delaware and Pennsylvania, the largely suburban or rural areas are experiencing considerable growth as more people relocate to these counties. All of the barracks provide full policing services.

Bel Air Barrack

Troopers in the county share concurrent jurisdiction, and 911 calls, with the Sheriff's Office. Barrack personnel made 868 adult criminal arrests, 235 juvenile criminal arrests, seized 18 guns, and closed 141 domestic violence cases. The Criminal Investigation Section, which closed 80.6% of cases, made 113 criminal apprehensions, placed 462 charges, and served 34 search warrants. Notable cases included a hostage incident in January which ended with the safe release of the hostages and arrest of the suspect, death threats against several public officials in which the suspect was arrested and convicted, and the investigation and successful prosecution of a child sexual abuse case.

In 2004, troopers issued 10,741 citations, 11,419 warnings (a 12% increase), arrested 344 DUI's, and handled 1,452 collisions, eight of which involved fatalities. None of the fatal accidents were alcohol related, a 400% decrease from 2003. The K-9 unit completed 5,325 building checks, 149 patrol checks, 678 back-up calls, 43 crowd control assignments, and 915 miscellaneous calls. Barrack personnel also handled 78 administrative investigations, and participated in eight field trips with the MSPAL Center, which had 365 children registered for the summer program.

North East Barrack

During the year, troopers made 81 arrests relating to 294 reported burglaries, and 13 arrests for 22 robberies (a closure rate of 59%). July saw numerous reported thefts from vehicles, and burglaries during the nighttime. A joint task force with the Sheriff's Office resulted in saturation patrols and surveillance at multiple locations. Several suspects were arrested and are awaiting trial. Two armed robberies late in the year were both successfully investigated and resulted in the arrest of different suspects.

May saw the dedication of the new barrack, and it was attended by the Governor, as well as the Colonel and many former Barrack "F" commanders. The barrack enacted several initiatives to confront traffic safety issues throughout Cecil County. These included speed enforcement activities, sobriety checkpoints and DUI saturation patrols, and were operated in partnership with the Delaware State Police, Cecil County Sheriff's Office, the Maryland Transportation Authority, Perryville and Elkton Police Departments, and other State and local agencies.



Westminster Barrack

Troopers, the primary law enforcement in the county, patrol 560 miles of State highway and 972 miles of county road. The projected growth for the local population is around 3% per year. During November, troopers investigated a case of malicious destruction of property at an elementary school, where damages exceeded \$60,000, worked countless hours and made five arrests. Two armed robberies were successfully concluded with the quick apprehension of the suspects, and the recovery of money and weapons.

Although reported offenses were down last year, the CID and the Child Abuse/Sexual Assault Unit had busy years. Between them, more than 700 cases were initiated. Noteworthy cases include a home invasion/theft/shooting, a bad check case which involved numerous fraudulent identities and counterfeited/forged documents, sending child pornography on the internet, and the sexual abuse of two children by their father. Suspects have been arrested in all cases. Barrack personnel also maintained an active Explorer Post, hosted a Camp Cops, and expanded the role of troopers assigned to the DARE program to further assist the youth of Carroll County.



Trooper Caitlyn McElhenny (above) and Trooper Jon Hill (below) working with students in Carroll County.





Eastern Troop barracks are located in Berlin (Worcester Co.), Centreville (Queen Anne's Co.), Easton (Talbot Co.), Princess Anne (Somerset Co.), and Salisbury (Wicomico Co.). The counties these barracks are in, and the additional counties they patrol, cover 3,015 square miles of land (30.6%) and have a population around 328,000 (5.9%). Presently, the region is largely rural, but it is experiencing visible growth in its population, as well as construction.

Centreville Barrack

Troopers at the barrack provide law enforcement services in both Kent and Queen Anne's counties. A major criminal case handled by the barrack involved the homicide of a 14 year old in September. Multiple burglaries that had occurred throughout Kent County in the first part of the year were solved when the County Narcotics Task Force raided a residence and found some of the stolen property. Several individuals were arrested, and as a result barrack investigators were able to close numerous burglary cases and recover property.

Both MSP and local county grant funding was used in order to combat aggressive driving and DUI. These grants produced 1,813 citations, 862 warnings, 23 CDS arrests, 12 other criminal arrests, 48 DUI arrests, and 13 civil citations. Two 'alcohol sting' operations were conducted using underage cadets to make the purchases. At the conclusion, three businesses were charged with selling alcohol to minors.

Princess Anne Barrack

The barrack is the primary responding police agency in the county, and enjoys close partnerships with the Somerset County Sheriff's Department and the local police departments in Princess Anne and Crisfield, as well as other State and federal agencies. A unique jurisdiction is held covering Smith Island, which is accessible only by air or water. Troopers responded to six calls for service there, and arrested four residents on minor charges.

A rash of burglaries in early May were resolved when the pursuit of a stolen vehicle led to the discovery of property from the burglaries. As a result of the investigators efforts, 21 individual criminal cases were solved, and three additional persons were arrested. At an armed robbery in October, over \$7,000 in currency and property was stolen from the two female victims. Working from limited information, the investigator was able to identify, and arrest, four suspects. Full confessions were obtained from all of them.

Berlin Barrack

In July and August, for the fourth consecutive year, troopers worked in conjunction with the Ocean City P.D. and the State Highway Administration, in implementing "Operation Pedestrian." The initiative was developed to help reduce the significant number of pedestrian involved traffic collisions the resort town experiences. Targeting pedestrian violations, and those motor vehicle violations that endanger pedestrians, a total of 220 citations and 616 warnings were issued. Additionally, six DUI arrests and one CDS arrest were made.

Other annual events that barrack personnel work at are the Delmarva Bike Week, which attracts around 100,000 biking enthusiasts in September, and the Spring Hot Rod Show in May. These create significant amounts of traffic safety and enforcement concerns, but cooperative work between various MSP entities and local agencies allowed these events to be safe and successful. Overall, troopers wrote 14,113 citations in 2004, a 9% increase from 2003.



Salisbury Barrack

Throughout 2004 Maryland's transportation and criminal laws were aggressively enforced. Troopers made 420 arrests for DUI, a 5% increase over 2003, and 217 CDS arrests for an increase of nearly 35%. They also issued 19,343 citations, which was an increase of 16.5%. Motor vehicle collisions decreased slightly, by 2.5%, but fatal collisions decreased from 14 down to 8, nearly 43%. The holiday robbery suppression initiatives were successful in that no robberies occurred during the holiday season.

A homicide investigation in June led to the arrest of two suspects, one of whom is now serving 30 years. In the fall, a "peeping tom" was identified and arrested before his actions could become bolder. After an exhaustive investigation, a teacher who had engaged in sexual intercourse with students was convicted, in November, of child sexual abuse, and sentenced to five years.

Easton Barrack

Easton is the only barrack in the State to handle three counties and operate as full service. It also covers the largest geographical area in the State. Construction on a new barrack was begun, and it is expected to be completed in July 2005. One event that crossed several counties was a carjacking and kidnapping in late December. The victim was eventually released and the suspect taken into custody.

Another carjacking ended more tragically, with the deaths of two people. After crashing the first vehicle, the suspect took another and crashed that as well. Now in custody, the suspect has been charged with carjacking, homicide, and kidnapping. A few of the other criminal cases successfully investigated by barrack personnel include embezzlement and theft at a commercial company, burglary and theft of handguns at a residence, and two cases involving child sex offenses.

Barracks in the **Southern Troop** are in Annapolis and Glen Burnie (Anne Arundel Co.), LaPlata (Charles Co.), Leonardtown (St. Mary's Co.), and Prince Frederick (Calvert Co.). These counties cover 1,456 square miles of land (14.8%), and have a population around 823,000 (14.8%). Bordered by the Chesapeake Bay and the Potomac River, the diverse contents of this territory include the State capital, extensive farmland, a nuclear power station, a busy naval air station, and 'bedroom communities' for Washington, D.C.

Glen Burnie Barrack

The primary responsibility of the barrack is enforcing traffic and criminal laws on I-95, I-695, I-97, and Routes 10, 32, 100, and 295. Traffic citations increased to 18,457 and fatal accidents were down 37% to 8. Troopers handle all crimes occurring at the Baltimore City Juvenile Justice Center and the Waxter's Children's Center, and acts as the central repository for initial criminal investigation reports for escapees from the Baltimore City and Anne Arundel County State correction facilities. In 2004, the barrack handled 212 escapee reports.

One of the notable cases of last year involved assisting Baltimore City and Baltimore County Police with the pursuit of a stolen truck tractor. It was successfully stopped before entering the National Security Agency (NSA) complex, but not before hitting three cars and injuring a trooper. As a result of the incident several members of the barrack received commendations from the NSA. Other cases successfully resolved with arrests include an attempted homicide, felony theft, arson and weapon violation, and a kidnapping/rape/carjacking.



Prince Frederick Barrack

The MSP and the Calvert County Sheriff's Office share concurrent jurisdiction in a county that has been identified since 1990 as one of the fastest growing in the State. Troopers responded to 26,399 calls for service (15.6% increase from 2003), issued 11,389 citations (11.4% increase) and 14, 271 warnings (9.2% increase), investigated approximately 425 motor vehicle accidents (19% increase), and arrested 372 DUI violators (2% increase). Barrack personnel are very active in the community, and in 2004 worked at the 8th consecutive Junior Police Academy, held a week-long Camp C.O.P.S., hosted the 10th consecutive Open House, and participated in the 11th annual National Night Out.

In May 2004, the Calvert Investigative Team was formed, comprised of the MSP, and the Sheriff's and State's Attorney offices from the county. By years end, 566 cases had been investigated, and 182 were closed by arrest, 122 administratively closed, and 37 were unfounded. Troopers investigated over 1,285 criminal incidents and had an overall closure rate of 69%. In January, two "sniper-like" shootings occurred, and an intense investigation led to the arrest of a juvenile.

Leonardtown Barrack

The Bureau of Criminal Investigation is a joint enterprise between the MSP and the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office. Criminal investigators closed 386 of the 716 cases, and wrote 83 search and seizure warrants. The 484 cases pertaining to controlled dangerous substance violations resulted in the arrest of 211 people. Investigators executed 72 search and seizure warrants, and 51 people were indicted for CDS violations.

A burglary that involved 27 stolen guns was closed within four days with the arrest of the seven identified suspects, and the recovery of 20 guns. During the summer and fall numerous separate reports were received of commercial burglaries, in which the combined loss exceeded \$250,000. After a suspect was identified and search warrants were served, several thousand dollars of stolen property was recovered. Ten commercial burglaries were closed with this apprehension.

LaPlata Barrack

There has been a noticeable population growth over the last five years, and troopers responded to 27,022 calls for service, an increase of 60% over 2003. There were 907 collisions investigated, a 4% decrease, and 653 incidents of accidents that did not need a report. Fatal collisions also decreased from 22 to 15 (32%). Commitment to traffic enforcement resulted in the issuance of 16,743 citations, 7,406 warnings, and 318 arrests for DUI.

There was an 89% closure rate for 215 criminal incidents investigated by barrack personnel. Collectively, troopers made 397 arrests, with 112 from CDS violations, a 21% increase. In July, a stolen vehicle was recovered after it crashed and killed two people. The occupants of the stolen vehicle were later determined to involved in two burglaries.





Annapolis Barrack

Troopers from the barrack arrested two people for impersonating police officers. In one instance, the suspect “backed up” a trooper on a traffic stop, and in the other the person was the subject of a traffic stop. Both incidents occurred in February. At a stop in June, the two occupants of a vehicle were found to have open warrants, guns, and cocaine. Approximately 50% of the barracks arrests for CDS occur on routes MD 97 or US 50.

Enforcement of DUI violations was increased, and between them, the four top producers at the barrack made 183 arrests. Barrack personnel are routinely tasked with crowd control measures associated with demonstrations at the State Capitol. Assisted by other State Police and allied personnel, security and oversight were provided for more than 30 demonstration or rallies. There is also close interaction with officials from the United States Naval Academy for support, escorts, and security.

MSP Statewide Traffic Arrest Summary 2004

Violation	Amount
55 Speed	91,549
65 Speed	48,759
Other Speed	46,886
Right-of-Way	6,904
Suspended/Revoked License	10,125
DUI	8,199
Seat Belt	45,346
Child Restraint	2,247
Other	140,755



The **Western Troop** barracks are Cumberland (Allegany Co.), Frederick (Frederick Co.), Hagerstown (Washington Co.), and McHenry (Garrett Co.). These busy, full service barracks, patrol counties covering 2,203 square miles of land (22.4%) and serve a population of around 459,800 (8.3%). Growing residential communities in certain areas and seasonal events at other locations add to the population, and amount of traffic, thereby adding to the calls for service that troopers respond to.

Frederick Barrack

Troopers assigned here patrol nearly 1,100 miles of roadway, covering all Maryland, United States, and Interstate routes. Incidents that occurred on these roads include a fatal motorcycle accident involving stunts in September, and an overturned commercial truck full of frozen turkeys in October. Quick action by a duty officer and a PCO, through negotiation with the company owner, enabled the cargo to be donated to a local rescue mission. Personnel work closely with the Sheriff's Office, with whom they share the recently built Frederick County Law Enforcement Center. The barrack is also responsible for providing security, in conjunction with the U.S. Secret Service, for the President, his family, and members of the Cabinet when they stay at Camp David.

During February, investigators were able to recover \$75,000 worth of stolen computers, taken from Wells Fargo Securities, and arrested one of the company's employees. In March, an ATV theft ring was broken with the arrest of six people. Other cases from 2004 include the arrest of a subject who had been identifying himself as an MSP trooper, the recovery of pirated CDs and DVDs, and the arrest of four juveniles following the attempted arson of new homes under construction.

McHenry Barrack

Troopers share the responsibility for the 700 miles of county roads and 200 miles of highway with the Garrett County Sheriff's Office. Tourism, such a vital part of county life, swells the traffic and population, with an influx of visitors ranging from 10,000 to 65,000; the resident population has risen 6% since 1990. Despite these increases, traffic collisions requiring an investigation have decreased 15% from last year, and fatal accidents have gone down 67%. One accident that almost added to this statistic occurred in October, when a trooper pulled the driver of an overturned gasoline tanker out of the vehicle just before it exploded.

Two investigators are assigned to the Garret Bureau of Investigation, and one of their noteworthy cases include the arrest of a suspect in a homicide, who was already wanted for armed robbery and home invasions. Also recovered at that time was a loaded handgun, and almost \$6,000 cash. A case started in May, was eventually closed with a guilty plea to manufacturing methamphetamine. The barrack Uniformed Section increased the number of CDS arrests by 17.4% from 2003, and the number of arrests of juvenile offenders by 60%. The Town Patrol Program obligated 1,482 hours of troopers time to municipalities without a police department, and resulted in 683 citations, 787 warnings, and 25 criminal arrests.





Cumberland Barrack

Once again, the most significant problem in Allegany County continues to be CDS activity and its associated crimes. Troopers at the barrack, which serves as the primary law enforcement agency in the county, arrested 201 persons for CDS crimes in 2004, a 50% increase over 2003. The number of criminal investigations also increased (up 5%), as did the number of criminal arrests (up 29%). The Warrant/Fugitive trooper served more than 260 warrants for the barrack, and nearly 100 for the C3I, the Combined County Criminal Investigation Unit.

Traffic enforcement was also a priority in 2004. Troopers issued 26,474 citations, warnings, and repair orders, and increase of 484 over 2003. There were also 294 DUI arrests, compared to 280 in 2003. Total number of accidents investigated were 538, a 10% increase from 2003. Personnel still found time to maintain an active Explorer Post and honor nearly all requests for speakers at public functions.

Hagerstown Barrack

Troopers at the barrack have seen a drastic increase in traffic, and congestion, over the last few years, as Washington County has begun to mirror other counties and become more of a 'bedroom community' for those traveling to work elsewhere. In 2004, the uniformed patrol force issued 15,012 citations, 8,134 warnings, 615 SEROs, and made 422 DUI arrests. There were 1,025 accident reports completed, and 918 accidents were responded to that did not require a report.

A multi-jurisdictional investigation with the Pennsylvania State Police, Virginia State Police, and the Washington County Sheriff's Office (with whom the MSP have concurrent jurisdiction), led to charges being filed against five subjects for a number of daytime burglaries. Other notable criminal cases include the arrest of a suspect for several armed robberies, the seizure of 40 firearms and CDS from a convicted felon, and a multi-jurisdictional drug investigation which led to 12 arrests and the seizure of 580 grams of cocaine and two handguns.



Trooper working laser to apprehend speeders.



Barracks in the **Baltimore/Washington Metro Troop** are College Park and Forestville (Prince George's Co.), Golden Ring (Baltimore Co.), JFK Highway (Cecil Co.), Rockville (Montgomery Co.), and Waterloo (Howard Co.). Primarily traffic orientated, these barracks are in counties that cover 1,831 square miles of land (18.6%), and have a staggering 49.7% of the population (2,773,000). These figures do not include either Cecil or Harford counties, through which JFK Highway Barrack also patrols on I-95. Collectively, these barracks cover some of the most congested roads in the Nation.

Waterloo Barrack

Troopers at the barrack are responsible for patrolling the county, as outlined in a Memorandum of Understanding dating to 1999. On January 13, 2004, barrack personnel responded to I-95 at I-895, where a tanker truck had fallen onto the highway. Significant assistance was provided to the Maryland Transportation Authority in the investigation of this crash which claimed four lives. A case in which twelve vehicles were damaged in March and April when projectiles were thrown onto I-95 was closed with the arrest of three juveniles who were charged with multiple reckless endangerment charges.

A road rage complaint on I-70 in June, led to the arrest of two suspects for impersonating a police officer and for handgun violations. In late September, a complaint was received of a vehicle stopped on northbound I-95. The driver claimed to have a bomb in the car, which was later proved to be false. At an end of the year awards ceremony, the Howard County Mothers Against Drunk Driving presented the barrack with a plaque to recognize its monthly high performance for DUI apprehensions.

JFK Highway Barrack

The MSP provides police services along a 48.6 mile stretch of I-95 through Baltimore, Harford, and Cecil counties. A selection of incidents throughout the year recovered \$636,548 in U.S. currency, 44.7 pounds of marijuana, 2,341 grams of cocaine, 11 guns, 111.5 grams of heroin, and 763 rounds of ammunition. On just one stop more than \$271,000 was seized. Another traffic stop netted 29.3 pounds of marijuana; three other stops resulted in seizures of at least four pounds of marijuana.



Firearms seized by the JFK Highway Barrack.

In August, a suspected homicide that occurred on the highway was proven to be an elaborate suicide. The gun used was recovered from the river below the Tydings Bridge with the assistance of the MSP Dive Team. A malicious destruction of property case involving Maryland Transportation Authority property was resolved after a search and seizure warrant on a suspect's residence turned up approximately 2,000 cans of spray paint, and hours of video tape footage showing the suspect's vandalism activities.



Graffiti on an overpass (above) and property seized (below) from the malicious destruction of property case on I-95.





Golden Ring Barrack

The barrack is tasked with the largest highway patrol area in the State and also handles the most accidents in the State. Criminal investigations handled during the year include a large counterfeiting operation that made Maryland driver's licenses (suspect arrested), a police impersonator (suspect arrested), and a credit card fraud involving stolen property worth in excess of \$50,000. More victims to the fraud have been identified, and one suspect has been arrested.

There were two cases of attempted murder involving troopers in 2004. In one instance a trooper was dragged by a suspect in a carjacked vehicle, and in the other a trooper was carried on the running board of an SUV at speeds in excess of 80mph before jumping off. Suspects were apprehended in both cases. Troopers handled 312 administrative investigations, 50 trooper applicant investigations, and are responsible for answering calls at the Spring Grove Hospital Center, Rosewood Hospital Center, and responded to more than 350 assaults at the Charles Hickey School.

College Park Barrack

The barrack patrols I-95, I-495, US Rt 1, and I-50 in the northwest portion of Prince George's County. Congestion on I-95 and I-495 is consistent, particularly during high commute times. Driver inattention continues to be the major cause of accidents, and failure to use seatbelts was a contributing factor in several personal injury and fatal crashes. There were 12 fatal accidents, three more than in 2003.

The most significant event was the tragic death of TFC Anthony Jones on May 9, 2004. TFC Jones was assisting another trooper at an accident scene by removing debris from the road when he was struck and killed by a drunk driver. He left a wife, two children, and a community that had come to know him as a trooper committed to helping his neighborhood and the State.

Forestville Barrack

Traffic accidents are a problem in the barrack's area of responsibility, and in 2004 there were 24 fatal accidents with 28 victims. One happened in September when a three person fatality started with a taxicab veering across the median to avoid striking a disabled vehicle in the road. Another, in November, occurred when tractor trailer driver fell asleep behind the wheel, drifted off the highway and crashed, causing the fuel tanks to rupture and explode.

Troopers at the barrack made the most juvenile arrests in the State (288) and conducted 183 administrative investigations. A trooper leads the State in traffic enforcement with 3,576 citations, 520 warnings, 49 safety equipment repair orders and 72 DUIs. Personnel at the barrack also saved the lives of a woman who had set herself on fire, and a man who tried to jump from a bridge. In November, troopers assisted in quelling a riot at the Cheltenham Youth Facility.

Rockville Barrack

Troopers patrol approximately 120 miles of interstate highways, ramps, and connections, which includes I-270 from the Frederick County line, and I-495 from Virginia to the Prince George's County line, two of the major commuter arteries in the National Capital Region. In 2004, troopers made over 19,000 traffic stops, resulting in over 20,500 traffic citations, as well as 350 DUI and 89 CDS arrests. Several large scale DUI sobriety checkpoints were worked alongside Montgomery County P.D., with whom troopers enjoy a cooperative professional relationship.

There was an approximate 40% increase in criminal arrests last year. One of them was in November, when the occupants of a vehicle traveling on I-270 reported being shot at. The victims provided the tag number of the suspect's vehicle, and followed it until the trooper could effect a felony traffic stop. In December, random license checks led to the recovery of a stolen vehicle and the apprehension of two people wanted in other states. On a third occasion, also in December, responding to a disabled vehicle led to another arrest when four weapons were found in the vehicle.



Transportation Safety Command

The **Automotive Safety Enforcement Division (ASED)** is responsible for the State's vehicle safety inspection program, and is the central repository and clearinghouse for Safety Equipment Repair Orders (SERO) issued by all law enforcement agencies in Maryland. Over 111,000 SEROs were issued in 2004, and MSP personnel wrote more than 21% of them. Eight classes, with approximately 455 attendees, on the issuance of SERO and vehicle equipment safety, were provided to allied law enforcement agencies.

During the year, ASED conducted 13,012 checks of vehicle inspection stations, a 15.1% increase over 2003. The number of vehicles that failed the initial safety inspection was 73%, which clearly demonstrates the need for safety inspections to ensure only safe vehicles are used on the highways. The ASED Investigative Unit conducted 85 investigations, 40 more than in 2003. Cases involved the issuance of a certificate without inspecting the vehicle, which led to the revocation of the station's inspection license, and mechanics who conducted inspections and kept the money that resulted in felony theft charges.

Division personnel put in approximately 2,200 hours at ASED HQ at the MVA complex in Glen Burnie, and about 2,000 hours at 13 MVA Branch Offices. Duties at these locations include verifying SERO violations, certifying tint violations, and any police related requests such as disorderly individuals and general law enforcement inquiries. ASED, which took over management of the salvage vehicle inspection program in October 2003, conducted 5,413 salvage inspections in 2004.

The **Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division (CVED)** is organized into task specific units and three geographic regions in addition to the headquarters near BWI Airport. It operates nine weigh and inspection facilities, and works in partnership with federal, State, and local agencies in the following major programs:

- Size, Weight, and Load - Weighed nearly 1 million commercial vehicles, conducted over 75,000 roadside inspections, assessed fines in excess of \$8.5 million.
- Motor Carrier Safety - Completed its nineteenth year of operation.
- Post Crash Investigation - Conducted 80 investigations in 2004, which included 28 fatal and 49 personal injury collisions. A review of all crashes indicated the commercial vehicle operator was at fault 60% of the time. However, this number dropped to 43% in fatal crashes.
- Preventive Maintenance - Vehicles of 10,000 gross vehicle weight and used in a commercial enterprise must be inspected every 25,000 miles or once a year; 1,633 audits were conducted, 488 citations issued.
- Compliance Review - Completed 69 in-depth audits at the business' of trucking companies.
- Inspection, Repair, and Audit - A Preventive Maintenance subprogram, it places certain requirements on companies if one of their vehicles is inspected and found deficient. Because of companies not responding in the prescribed time, over 5,300 letters advising of the companies non-compliance with State and federal laws were sent in 2004.

Training Unit personnel from CVED train all motor carrier inspectors in Maryland. In 2004, the 10 courses run had 201 students. Unit members also provided instruction at the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Training Center in Arizona. Throughout the year, CVED personnel participated in many special enforcement efforts focused on commercial vehicle matters such as traversing highways near the nation's capitol, bypassing weigh stations, speeding, and overweight and safety violations.



Created in October of 2004, the **Transportation Safety Division** has two primary sections. Part of the Traffic Operations Section, the focus of the CRASH Team is to identify, collect and analyze crash scene evidence, such as tire marks and debris patterns. In 2004, they responded to 110 calls for service, one of them involving the tanker truck filled with flammable liquid that fell onto I-95. Continued investigation by team members took more than 800 hours. The Transportation Security Unit is also part of this Section, and it conducted 2,807 inspections, placed 557 vehicles and 116 drivers out of service, conducted 233 haz-mat inspections, and issued 1,289 citations and 1,769 warnings.

The Chemical Test for Alcohol Unit manages the breath Alcohol Testing Program for the State. There are 89 Intoximeter EC/IR units in service, and 649 certified operators. In 2004, three basic operator schools provided training to 60 students, and 35 re-certification classes were held for 751 students. The Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) program is coordinated by the unit. Approximately 587 DRE evaluations were conducted on suspected drugged and impaired drivers, and 315 DRE blood specimens were processed. The MSP currently has 20 DREs and supervises 95 from allied agencies.

Driving Under the Influence Arrests*

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

Number of Arrests

Age	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Less than 16	28	18	25	16	13
16-17	321	338	372	350	345
18-20	2,042	2,117	2,142	2,093	2,101
21 & Older	22,478	20,797	21,158	21,538	22,596
Total	24,869	23,270	23,697	23,997	25,055

*Source: Maryland State Police Chemical Test for Alcohol Unit

The breakdown for the Maryland State Police during 2004:

Age	Number
Less than 16	6
16-17	103
18-20	622
21 & older	7,468
Total	8,199 (32.7%)



Aviation Command

The triple mission capability of Aviation Command allows it to respond to any medevac, law enforcement, or search and rescue mission and handle whatever incident is happening. As well as the work done for the MSP, aircraft and personnel assist allied law enforcement, fire departments and EMS agencies, and Maryland government to the maximum extent possible, including support of ground units with the management of traffic incidents and conducting surveillance. The Dauphin helicopter is able to carry two pilots, two paramedics, and two patients at speeds approaching 200 mph. It has a hoist capable of lofting 600 pounds, a 30-million candle power search light, an autopilot, and a forward looking infra-red camera that can measure heat differences as low as .5 degrees of centigrade.

As of December 31, 2004, approximately 109,200 patients have been flown in MSP medevac missions over its almost 35 year history, with 6,253 occurring in 2004. Overall, this equates to 70% of missions flown last year, and 94.5% of the scene medevac patients are delivered within the "Golden Hour." This is defined as the time frame between onset of injury and the initiation of definitive medical care. The MSP medevac program was recognized in a study by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration as an integral part of the EMS system in Maryland, and as a national role model for other programs, and that it should continue to be the leader in scene medevac services.

As the global focus on homeland security continued to increase, so did the number of law enforcement missions. In 2004 there were 2,336 such missions flown, approximately 25% of the total. Included were support for MSP ground operations, criminal tracking and surveillance, overflights of critical infrastructure, and photographic surveys. The remaining 5% of missions, 409, were search and rescue. Aerial searches were done for lost or missing children, vulnerable adults, overdue hunters, and boats in distress.



Fire personnel assist the crew of Trooper 1 as they prepare to transport a patient.



Special Operations Command

The **Special Operations Division** is comprised of the following:

- K-9 Unit - Has 35 handlers and 41 canines, responded to 2,638 K-9 calls and 8,043 non-K-9 related calls; 245 CDS apprehensions; 100 bloodhound searches with 17 finds; 119 emergency call-outs.
- S.T.A.T.E. - Special Tactical Assault Team Element - Involved in 334 assignments which included 105 high risk search and seizure/arrest warrants, and 143 training sessions provided to MSP and allied agency personnel.
- Special Services Unit - Combines Tactical Medicine and Special Events Coordination Teams, provided direct medical care to STATE Tactical and FBI-Baltimore Swat teams; request for specialized medical care increased by about 27% over 2003; injury rates to STATE personnel continue below the national average; responsible for training and deployment of regional color guard and tactical teams.
- Motorcycle Unit - The 10 members had 1,025 assignments, 5,847 total enforcement stops, handled 1,062 disabled vehicles, 167 escorts, and 318 homeland security incidents.
- Pro-Active Criminal Enforcement Team - Mission is to locate, identify, and arrest those persons engaging in criminal activity on Maryland's highways. In 2004 the unit made 100 criminal arrests, and seized 11.7 pounds of heroin, 27.5 pounds of cocaine, 182.6 pounds of marijuana, 2,943 cartons of untaxed cigarettes, 22 vehicles, and \$1,166,056 in U.S. currency/drug proceeds.
- Underwater Recovery Team - Responded to 17 calls for service, up from eight in 2003. Combined outcome of missions and training led to the recovery of four vehicles, an ATM, three safes, a shotgun, and two handguns.



Underwater Recovery Team member prepares to enter icy water.



Homeland Security and Investigation Bureau

The responsibilities of the Homeland Security and Investigation Bureau grew in 2004 with the addition of the Licensing Division and Central Records Division, which together make up Records Command. All of the intelligence duties, and much of the investigative functions of the Department are focused and centralized within the bureau.

Homeland Security Command

Notable investigations handled by the many units within the **Criminal Investigation Division** in 2004 include:

- Attorney General's Office - Contract fraud and bribery of State officials; sick leave fraud by a State employee.
- Auto Theft - Joint investigation with New York P.D. on stolen and re-plated vehicles resulting in five arrests with a recovery value of \$255,000; insurance fraud involving swapped VIN plates and false accident claims.
- Maryland Center for Missing Children - Brought the case of a non-custodial parental abduction to investigator's attention, resulting in the safe recovery of the child in California.
- Computer Crimes - Examination and analysis of over 133 gigabytes of data on child pornography, resulting in charges carrying possible sentence of over 30 years.
- Environmental Crimes - Fraudulent billing for hauling debris, including unacceptable waste material such as oil and tires, to a landfill.
- Extradition - Conducted 223 extraditions to Maryland.
- Gun Enforcement - Assisted Harford County Drug Task Force with search and seizure of more than 150 firearms (19 of which had been stolen in burglaries).
- Homicide - Successfully investigated two separate murders that occurred on the Eastern Shore.
- Insurance Fraud - Automotive insurance fraud investigation resulted in several indictments; false life insurance policies.
- Polygraph - Confessions obtained from a child sexual predator in one case and a robbery suspect in another.
- Prince George's County Safe Streets - Capture of several suspects involved in six armed bank robberies.
- Warrant Apprehension Task Force - Operated in conjunction with Baltimore City P.D. there were 29 arrests for attempted murder, 110 for armed robbery, 27 for aggravated assault, 37 for rape, 29 for child abuse, 38 for arson, 2 for burglary, 11 for firearms violations, and served 106 MSP retake warrants.
- Washington Area Vehicle Enforcement - Closed several carjackings with the arrests of two in a vehicle that had been stolen in an armed carjacking.

In 2004, the **Homeland Security and Intelligence Division** (HSID) was restructured, returning the division to pre 9/11 organizational size and focus. The mission of HSID is to collect information to develop operational, tactical and strategic intelligence in the areas of domestic and international terrorism.



The Operations Section continued its covert and overt investigations of terrorist groups and individuals. The most notable of these was focused on the outlaw motorcycle gangs, because of the growing concern over gang violence resulting from turf wars. Working with officers from different states and several departments in Maryland, the section was able to track and monitor the behavior of gang members. This joint effort was instrumental in making the Delmarva Bike Week a safe event for Maryland.

Personnel in the Analytical Section worked daily to monitor the extremists in society, and remain committed to the collection and distribution of intelligence pertaining to the security of Maryland's citizens. The section produces the officer safety bulletin "The Street" which contains the latest in street behavior of the criminal element that could harm an unsuspecting police officer. Case support is also provided to the Homicide Unit, the Drug Enforcement Division, and to allied law enforcement agencies.



The Chesapeake Bay Bridge.

Investigation Command

Drug Enforcement Division

The Asset Forfeiture Unit is the clearinghouse for all asset seizures made by the Department. In 2004, the unit initiated 238 post seizure investigations, processed 7.5 million dollars in currency seizures, and filed for forfeiture on real property appraised in excess of 1.4 million dollars.

Expertise in the operation of electronic surveillance equipment and physical surveillance techniques is provided by the Technical Surveillance Unit. During the year, support provided to the Carroll County Task Force enabled the investigators to make 22 arrests, and seize \$30,000 in U.S. currency, 14 vehicles, 1 handgun, three pounds of marijuana, 181 pills of ecstasy, 3.6 pounds of cocaine, and several thousand prescription pills.

The Marijuana Eradication Program supports all Maryland law enforcement agencies in the eradication of domestically cultivated marijuana. During the 2004 growing season, 106 grow operations were identified, yielding 2,601 marijuana plants and 30 pounds of processed marijuana. Additionally, 128 arrests were made, and four residential properties, valued in excess of \$1 million dollars, were seized, as well as over \$130,000.

Several groups the MSP collaborates with are initiatives of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Their activities are focused on the airport, seaport, commercial parcel delivery services, violent traffickers, and drug money laundering.

The following chart (next page) shows what the MSP has achieved working in conjunction with local and county forces.

County Task Force/ Initiative	Investigations	Search Warrants	Arrests	Money Seized	Vehicles Seized	Marijuana	Plants	Cocaine	Pills	Heroin	Guns Seized
Allegany	331	50	140	66,077	12	4.2 lbs	133	14 oz.	1,700	1.4 oz.	---
Baltimore Area	75	12	23	48,285	1	7.3 lbs.	36	1.5 lbs.	---	5.1 lbs.	156
Calvert	105	34	78	25,702	11	1 lb.	----	5.8 lbs.	---	.6 oz.	3
Caroline	123	25	112	74,314	2	4.7 lbs.	104	5.1 oz.	145	---	2
Carroll	141	92	77	53,833	20	108 lbs.	370	23.9 lbs.	3,083	1.2 oz.	8
Cecil	132	55	78	284,672	9	2.6 lbs.	115	2.5 lbs.	7	.7 oz.	8
Charles	197	32	103	640,327	9	11.9 lbs.	2	4.7 lbs.	207	.07 oz.	8
Dorchester	135	44	78	23,898	8	9.2 lbs.	209	2 lbs.	4	.3 oz.	2
Frederick	125	67	102	169,023	4	47.7 lbs.	256	5.8 lbs.	---	1 oz.	---
Garrett	181	29	143	9,877	1	13.8 lbs.	71	1.3 oz.	37	1.6 oz.	---
Harford	200	117	168	130,040	11	26.2 lbs.	33	35.4 lbs.	34	.3 oz.	16
Kent	138	32	8	37,738	15	1.9 lbs.	6	8.1 oz.	72	---	19
PG/Montgomery	169	54	86	61,137	5	29.7 lbs.	9	5.98 lbs.	1,506	5 oz.	11
Queen Anne's	164	14	52	25,372	22	3.1 oz.	57	6 oz.	502	.5 oz.	1
St. Mary's	250	89	109	43,431	14	60 lbs.	27	6 lbs.	360	.4 oz.	18
Somerset	160	33	89	15,124	5	10.6 oz.	21	4.9 oz.	51	.5 oz.	3
Talbot	160	20	47	9,369	2	97.9 lbs.	8	3.3 oz.	44	---	6
Washington	23	7	59	5,800	3	4 oz.	---	13.4 oz.	---	---	3
Wicomico	144	45	60	76,875	10	35.9 lbs.	72	11.1 oz.	2,409	.07 oz.	10
Worcester	176	39	75	86,448	2	11.9 lbs.	100	1.8 lbs.	2,761	.3 oz.	2



Architect's rendering of the new Forensic Sciences Facility.



The goal of the **Forensic Sciences Division (FSD)** is to provide the law enforcement community, and the citizens of Maryland, with the highest quality and integrity in forensic laboratory analysis and expert testimony.

Operational Services Branch (Crime Scene Unit, Evidence Coordinator's Unit, Support Staff, Photography Unit)

- Most of evidence examined by FSD Pikesville is transported by the Crime Scene Unit, which also provided the same service for local police and sheriff's departments. Notable cases involved identifying human remains, and the identification of suspects in cases involving armed robbery, drugs, carjacking and murder, and graffiti vandalism, through the recovery of latent prints or DNA samples. Technicians in the unit had 1,632 cases in 2004, 398 for allied police agencies, and collected 1,660 DNA samples for the Biology Unit.
- The Evidence Coordinator's Unit is responsible for the accurate processing of all CDS evidence submitted to FSD, and are held accountable for the security and integrity of the evidence between submission, analysis, return, and destruction. In 2004, 7,407 cases were submitted, and 3,962 agency cases were submitted for destruction.
- Some of the duties in the Photography Unit include developing and printing film from the MSP and other agencies for criminal incidents, motor vehicle accidents, and public relations photos; 4,128 color film rolls were processed, with 63,838 prints made, and 2,165 black and white film rolls with 1,322 prints made. Also, 49 photo shoots were attended.
- Support staff are assigned throughout the division, and duties include processing expenditures, ordering supplies, typing case reports and manuals, logging training requests, and miscellaneous correspondence. An Inventory Control Specialist is assigned to the regional drug laboratories in Berlin and Hagerstown to provide clerical support and maintain drug inventory control.

Scientific Analysis Branch (CDS/Toxicology Unit, Biology, Trace Evidence, Latent Prints, Firearms/Toolmarks, Questioned Documents, regional CDS Laboratories).

- Chemistry (CDS) - Pikesville had 7, 427 cases submitted, up 316 from last year, and examined 7,576 cases; Berlin had 3,465 cases submitted, and chemists examined in excess of 80 per month, and spent 337 hours in court; Hagerstown had 1,919 cases submitted including a large one involving anabolic steroids.
- Toxicology - Only lab in the State approved to analyze blood samples for alcohol in cases related to DUI arrests, 857 cases were submitted and 850 were examined.
- Latent Print - Had 2,435 cases submitted, with 389 individual cases positively identified to 449 different individuals; compared 76,801 prints from a known to an unknown individual. Notable cases involved identifying suspects in a carjacking, numerous thefts, and a homicide. Unit added a new Sicar Automated Footwear Image System.
- Firearms/Toolmarks - Examined 869 cases, entered 517 submissions into the National Integrated Ballistic Identification Network database and had seven 'hits'; examined 31 handguns for the Handgun Roster Board. Noteworthy cases included matching bullets from a homicide case in Annapolis with a similar case from Washington D.C., and matching the bullets from a robbery/homicide in Hagerstown with a handgun. The IBIS Section entered 10,064 submissions, down 3,808 from 2003.
- Trace Evidence - Had 297 cases submitted to analysis.
- Biology - Screens evidence from crime scenes for the presence of body fluids, handled 182 cases from the MSP and 298 cases from allied law enforcement agencies; Maryland's DNA database (CODIS) grew extensively, over 8,000 DNA samples were collected, and had the first hit of a no-suspect case to a convicted offender. Notable cases include the identification of suspects in two homicides (in Frederick and Washington counties), and one in a case of sexual child abuse in Wicomico County.



Records Command

The Firearms Registration Section, is one of two sections in the **Licensing Division**, and some of their duties are to investigate people who apply to purchase, sell, or collect regulated firearms; issue licenses and regulate dealers who buy and sell regulated firearms, and enter all regulated firearms applications into the Maryland Automated Firearms Services Systems. In 2004 the section implemented a “Super Query” system which is designed to streamline the background check process, created a database for tracking the audits of Regulated Firearms Dealers, and processed:

- 23,663 applications to purchase regulated firearms,
- 682 new collector’s applications,
- 273 criminal cases, and
- 336 cases that were referred to the Firearms Investigation Unit.

Also part of the Division is the License Services Section, which investigates and processes persons who apply for the original or renewal of licenses as private detectives, security guards, permits to carry handguns, and special police and railroad police commissions amongst other duties. In 2004 the section processed:

- 4,394 original and renewal applications in the Handgun Permit Unit,
- 7,578 security guard certifications and renewals,
- 330 private detective certification,
- 169 new special police applications,
- 103 registrations for police departments K-9s, and
- 1047 new Security Systems registrants and 83 new agencies.

The mission of the **Central Records Division (CRD)** is to collect, analyze, and distribute traffic accident and crime related statistics for the State. One of the division’s main accomplishments in 2004 was having the 2003 Crime in Maryland Uniform Crime Report ready for approval in June 2004. It was four months ahead of the Managing for Results goal of October 2004. This was partly due to the newly conferred authority given to the MSP to withhold State funds from those police agencies who did not submit their monthly UCR submissions within the specified time frames.

During 2004 CRD conducted four of the three-day Uniform Crime Reporting courses, and 46 students attended. The course is approved for 21 hours of in-service credit by the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commission. Preliminary totals for 2004 show the division has collected more than \$132,400 in revenue from non-refundable reprinting fees, processed more than 380,000 citations (MSP only), and microfilmed more than 81,000 MVA reports.

Traffic Fatalities *

Year	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Number	597	617	662	661	651	623 **

* Source: Maryland Automated Accident Reporting System (MAARS)

** Total as of March 1, 2005



Support Services Bureau

The Support Services Bureau coordinates the Department's human resource needs, and the services that support and supply them. During 2004, it coordinated a major logistical operation with relocating the MSP Police Academy to the newly constructed Public Safety Education & Training Center facility in Sykesville, Maryland. Additionally, the Human Resources Division and the Information Technology Division underwent organizational restructuring.

Personnel Command

The mission of the **Human Resources Division** (HRD) is to provide quality personnel services, create a safe and healthy work environment, and to work in concert with the various divisions, sections and units of the Department to fulfill its mission in providing superior law enforcement to the State of Maryland. In the fall of 2004, HRD received new computers and peripherals, which provide each employee with access to the Internet, and improves communications within the Department as well as other State agencies such as the Departments of Budget & Management, and General Services, as well as the Injured Workers Insurance Fund, and the State Retirement System.

Uniform recruiters from the Employment Services Section conducted 33 applicant orientations across the State for trooper and cadet positions and from these, 1,540 applications were received. As a result, three academy classes of 40 or more trooper candidates were seated and 20 cadets were processed and hired. Various activities within the civilian recruitment process were streamlined, and the section completed 45 recruitments for vacancies throughout the State, interviewing 190 people. The Section also conducted 180 classification/reclassification studies and processed 50 requests for acting pay.

The Personnel Administration Section maintains personnel files for every Department employee, addresses all inquiries regarding employment verification, and processes all probationary reports. With the relocation of the Academy to Sykesville, the Medical Director began providing medical support to recruits there every morning prior to coming to Pikesville. Other activities within the section included:

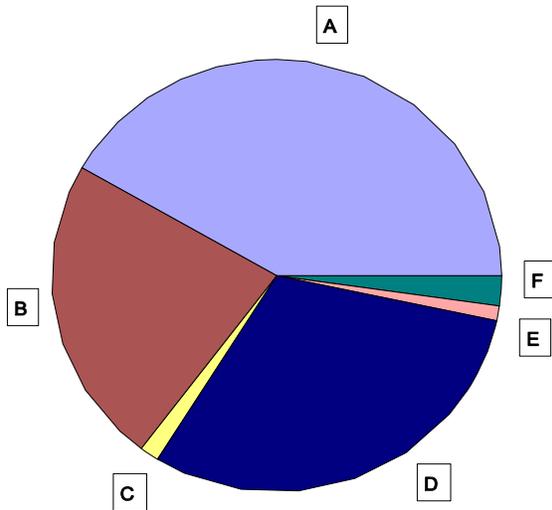
- Processing 63 sworn service retirements, 35 sworn medical retirements and 16 civilian service retirements.
- Teaching at in-service classes on topics such as sick leave, blood borne pathogens, weapons of mass destruction, and suicide prevention and awareness.
- Presenting Performance Evaluation Program training to all new civilian employees and newly commissioned officers.
- Continuing support to the Department's Fitness and Wellness Program.
- Maintaining leave records, the balances of which are now available via the Department's On-line Data Management System.
- Administering 376 stress tests, 1,195 hearing tests, 434 vision screenings, 722 random drug tests, and 434 physical examinations.

Although 2002 marked a non-testing year for the MSP as a whole, the **Promotional Testing Division** (PTD) did administer the 2002 promotional process to those personnel who had been on extended active military duty at that time. The division worked very closely with the Department of Labor to ensure compliance with the Uniformed Services Employment and Re-employment Rights Act.

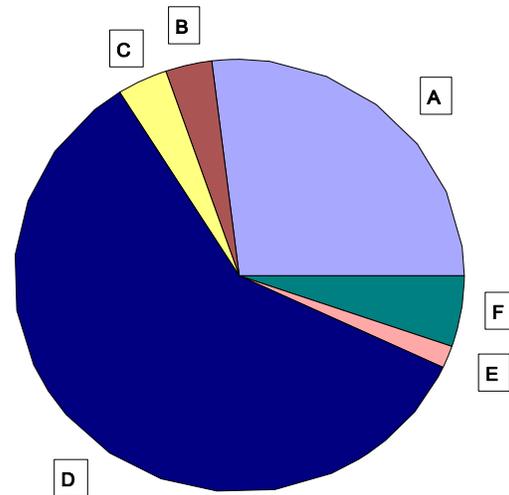


Personnel Data FY 2004

Sworn



Civilian



		Sworn	Civilian
A	Number of Service Retirements	63	16
B	Number of Disability Retirements	35	2
C	Number of Deceased Personnel	2	2
D	Number of Resignations	46	35
E	Number Transferred to other State Agency	2	1
F	Number Terminated	3	2

There were 115 civilian reclassifications and two reinstatements.

**Promotions in 2004**

Rank	Total Promotions	Total Candidates	Rate of Promotion
Corporal	63	165	38.2%
Sergeant	44	117	37.6%
First/Detective Sergeant	21	109	19.3%
Lieutenant	13	70	18.6%
Captain	13	37	35.1%
All Tested Ranks	154	498	30.9%

Some of PTDs other achievements during 2004 include revision of the Trooper/Cadet Applicant Oral Interview Board Packet, production of two trooper to TFC promotional lists, and working with allied agencies to provide assessors and information on the MSP promotional system. The division is committed to providing the Department with fair and job relevant promotional instruments and processes.

The **Police Academy Division** is solely devoted to the entrance level training of trooper candidates. In October 2004, it relocated to the newly constructed Maryland Police and Correctional Training Facility in Sykesville, Carroll County. While much of the new site is an improvement, the academy staff have had to work hard to maintain the autonomy, identity and traditions of the Maryland State Police. With four classes a year now, instead of two, the division has had to be innovative in order to assure the training of new candidates is as effective and seamless as possible.

Training Division also relocated to Sykesville in October, and was restructured to include in-service training, professional development, and curriculum development. The 2004 In-service Program included leadership training grouped according to rank, so that it could be tailored to correspond to specific job functions. Division personnel also continued with ongoing programs such as 1st Responder Program, Trooper Fitness Program, and Civilian Supervisor's School.

After division personnel conducted a study, the Monadnock Expandable Baton was selected for Department issue, and the dynamic presentation of the training during the in-service program received high accolades from those in attendance. The Firearms Training Unit hosted a Family Safety Day for family members of recruit classes to teach about firearms safety and the responsibility of gun ownership.

The **Administrative Hearing Section** chairs all disciplinary hearings, directs and administers the sworn and civilian grievance processes, negotiates settlements at the Department of Budget and Management, and conducts hearings for the Licensing Division and the Automotive Safety Enforcement Division. In conducting their primary responsibility of the administration of the sworn disciplinary process, the section processed 24 cases for the Department and 12 for allied agencies. Also adjudicated were 18 sworn/civilian grievances and 89 cases for the previously mentioned divisions.

The **Department Prosecutor's Section** continues to have overall responsibility for the prosecution of all sworn disciplinary cases, and also represents the Department in administrative cases before the Office of Administrative Hearings. In 2004, the section was assigned 31 sworn disciplinary cases (including three from allied agencies), 43 cases from the Automotive Safety Enforcement Division, 28 cases from the Licensing Division, and handled 10 civilian disciplinary cases.



At the close of 2004, there were 102 active volunteers in the **Volunteers in Police Support** (VIPS) Program. There were 26,074 volunteer hours worked, and some of the varied activities they contributed to include:

- fingerprinting
- data entry (including pawn records, DUI records, statistics)
- crime prevention
- Adult Explorer advisors
- assisting Training Division by participating in scenarios with trooper candidate classes
- filing and other clerical tasks.

The VIPS program remains a valuable asset to the Maryland State Police.

Logistics Command

The **Facilities Management Division** (FMD) maintains and renovates 63 locations, encompassing more than 670,000 gross square feet of space. As part of their responsibility for maintaining the safety and environmental comfort of all employees, the division periodically initiates air sampling of work space and maintains water treatment of both closed and potable systems. In 2004, there were 621 work requests originating from satellite and Headquarters complexes, and more than 2,950 requests not captured on a Maintenance Services Request.

FMD has been working closely with the Department of General Services to acquire funding for selected projects and to renew some of the Department's aging facilities. A partial listing of these include installation of a new roof on the Quartermaster warehouse, conversion of the former Maryland Emergency Management Agency facility for DNA storage, installation of new gutters on all buildings at the Headquarters complex, and converting a portion of the former Police Academy into offices for the State Fire Marshal.

Part of the **Electronic Systems Division**, the Electronic Services Section manages in-car video systems, Radar/Vascar units, complex wireless systems, and closed circuit television systems. There was a 6% increase in jobs performed in 2004, as the 17 technicians used 25,051 hours performing 10,682 distinct jobs. Technicians in the Communications Services Section (CSS) handled more than 400 requests attending to the 73 independent telephone systems and more than 3,000 pieces of equipment. The CSS also audited several sites to improve call taking, and coordinated the implementation of an inter-building fiber optic network at the new Easton Barrack.

The Maryland State Police has been designated as the Criminal Justice Information System Agency by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and these duties are handled by the MILES/NCIC/NLETS Section. This section also audited 144 terminal agencies and 156 non-terminal agencies, maintained 200 user agreements with allied agencies, and managed 6,209 Originating Agency Identifiers. The Telecommunications Section can become an instant command center during emergency situations, with the duty officer making appropriate notifications and call-outs. The Police Communication Operators (PCO) ensure that all messages are routed to the appropriate destinations to ensure officer safety and to ensure all law enforcement agencies are informed of critical events. They also handled approximately 70 emergency entries into NCIC for those barracks operating without a PCO. During 2004 this Section handled about 100,000 telephone calls at the Headquarters compound. The one person mail room processed 71,157 pieces of outgoing mail and over 300,000 pieces of interdepartmental mail, as well as making regular deliveries to offices in the Executive Building.

The **Motor Vehicle Division** (MVD) procures, maintains, repairs and disposes of all the Department's vehicles. There were 300 new vehicles placed into service and an equal number disposed of through auction. Also in 2004, the MVD issued 15,130 work orders for repair or maintenance which averages out to each vehicle having been serviced eight times.



Currently 51% of the vehicles in the fleet have over 100,000 miles, up from 45% in 2003. The average patrol car drives approximately 2,550 miles per month or 30,000 miles per year.

The **Quartermaster Division (QMD)** is responsible for the procurement, warehousing, and delivery of all commodities, equipment and services. The division also manages the Federal Surplus Property Program. Maryland law enforcement received 905 pieces of property, valued at \$691,907 through the Surplus Military Property Program. Of that amount, the MSP received property worth \$124,112, which included 125 M16A1 rifles. The Maryland program was audited by the Law Enforcement Support Office, and all Maryland records were found to be in order. In 2004 QMD personnel processed 4,653 purchase orders for goods totaling \$23,725,523 and made 1,276 State corporate credit card purchases totaling \$318,048.

Assigned to QMD is the Department Armorer, who is responsible for producing specification, repairing, and testing Department weapons, body armor, and related equipment. Other accomplishments in 2004 include:

- Implementation of the rifle program.
- Design of a rifle case to secure the rifle when stored in the trunk of a patrol vehicle.
- Tactical testing of ammunition.
- Testing and evaluation of a new handgun for Department use.

The Department Property Unit is also part of QMD, and in 2004 it processed 18,818 property records, down 7.6% from 2003. The unit held a public auction of unclaimed property and 1,208 items were sold, grossing over \$36,500, and a net profit of \$31,473. There were three destructions of contraband firearms, which included 689 guns and 276 other metallic weapons.

The **Information Technology Division (ITD)** directs its efforts towards making the Department a leader within the law enforcement community in the coordination and integration of technologies in law enforcement applications. The division also provides the necessary support service to ensure the security and success of the information networks. ITD supports over 1700 desk top computers and 130 file servers; 1300 of the desktops (76%) are at the end of their life cycle in terms of hardware and operating system support.

There are two sections in ITD: the Technology Management Section which provides oversight for administrative, fiscal, budget, procurement, electronic government, project management, legislative, and customer relations functions; and the Technical Services Section, which is responsible for developing, implementing, and maintaining information technology systems for the Department. Some of ITD's key accomplishments in 2004 include:

- Started the Mobile Data Computer (MDC) project, and purchased 118 MDCs to install in vehicles. These will allow troopers immediate access to criminal justice and homeland security information, which will, in turn, significantly enhance the Department's ability to fight crime and terrorism, and will also allow the trooper to be more productive.
- Implemented a new web mail system, which allows the 2,500 users to send and receive email from anywhere with Internet access, including MDCs. The system manages approximately 3,600 messages daily, and on average the internal protection measures stop 150 virus attacks and 1,000 spam messages daily.
- Coordinated and managed over \$7,888,000 in grant awards, part of which went towards supporting the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center, a joint venture with agencies from federal, state, and local law enforcement as well as emergency management and public health officials.
- Full implementation of the On-line Data Management System, for the collection of statistics (including the judicially mandated traffic stop data) and personnel management information. This system has eliminated the need to file over 158,200 forms per year.



Office of the State Fire Marshal

The first two months of 2004 presented significant challenges to Maryland's fire service community when 28 Marylanders died from fire related injuries. In response to these tragedies, the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM), in partnership with several key fire service organizations, convened an emergency "Life Safety Summit," which was attended by national, state, and local fire service leaders including the United States Fire Administrator. A three point plan, dubbed "Spring into Action," was launched on the first day of spring, and focused on community outreach, greater distribution of smoke alarms, and increased emphasis on residential sprinkler systems. As a result, the number of Marylanders dying from fire related injuries dropped dramatically, with a year end total of 87 fire related fatalities.

Using highly skilled and nationally certified experts in the fields of fire and explosive investigation, fire code enforcement, fire protection engineering, public fire and life safety education, and fire incident data analysis, the OSFM has furthered its mission to protect life and property. Significant progress was made around the State regarding local efforts, like the one in Mount Airy, requiring residential sprinkler installation in newly constructed single family dwellings. The OSFM is continuing its multi-phased program of support for local residential sprinkler system initiatives.

Deputy State Fire Marshals spent thousands of hours in 2004 examining fire damaged properties to determine if arson was involved. The most notable of these investigations was the early December incident in the Hunter's Brook development in Charles County. In what is now considered Maryland's largest incidence of arson involving a single family dwelling community, the fire damage to dozens of homes has been estimated at 10 million dollars.

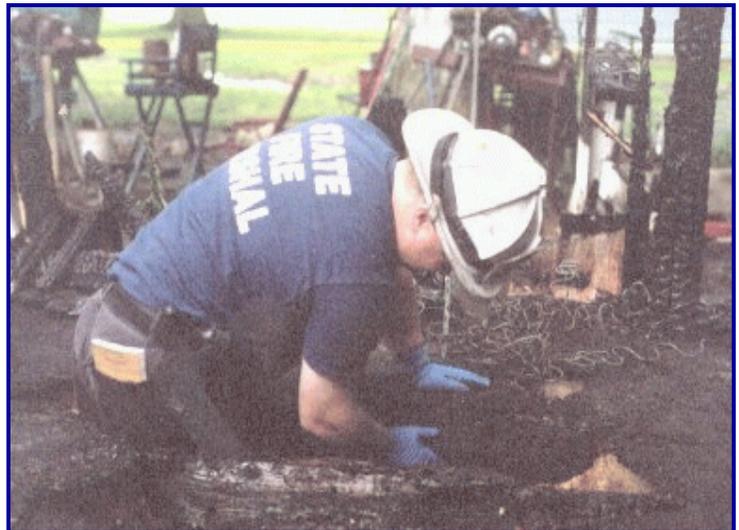


View of the Hunter's Brook subdivision blaze as firefighters arrived on December 6, 2004.
Photo courtesy of Terrence Greenhow, *St. Mary's Today*.



A Deputy Fire Marshal inspects the installation of a fire sprinkler system.

A Deputy Fire Marshal examines a fire scene to determine the origin and cause.

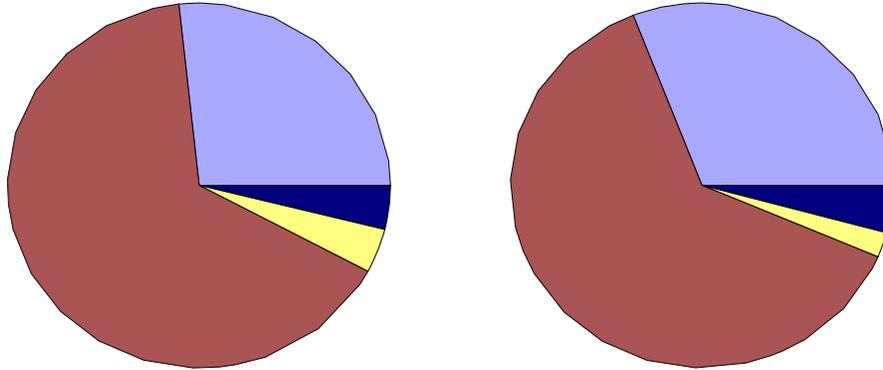




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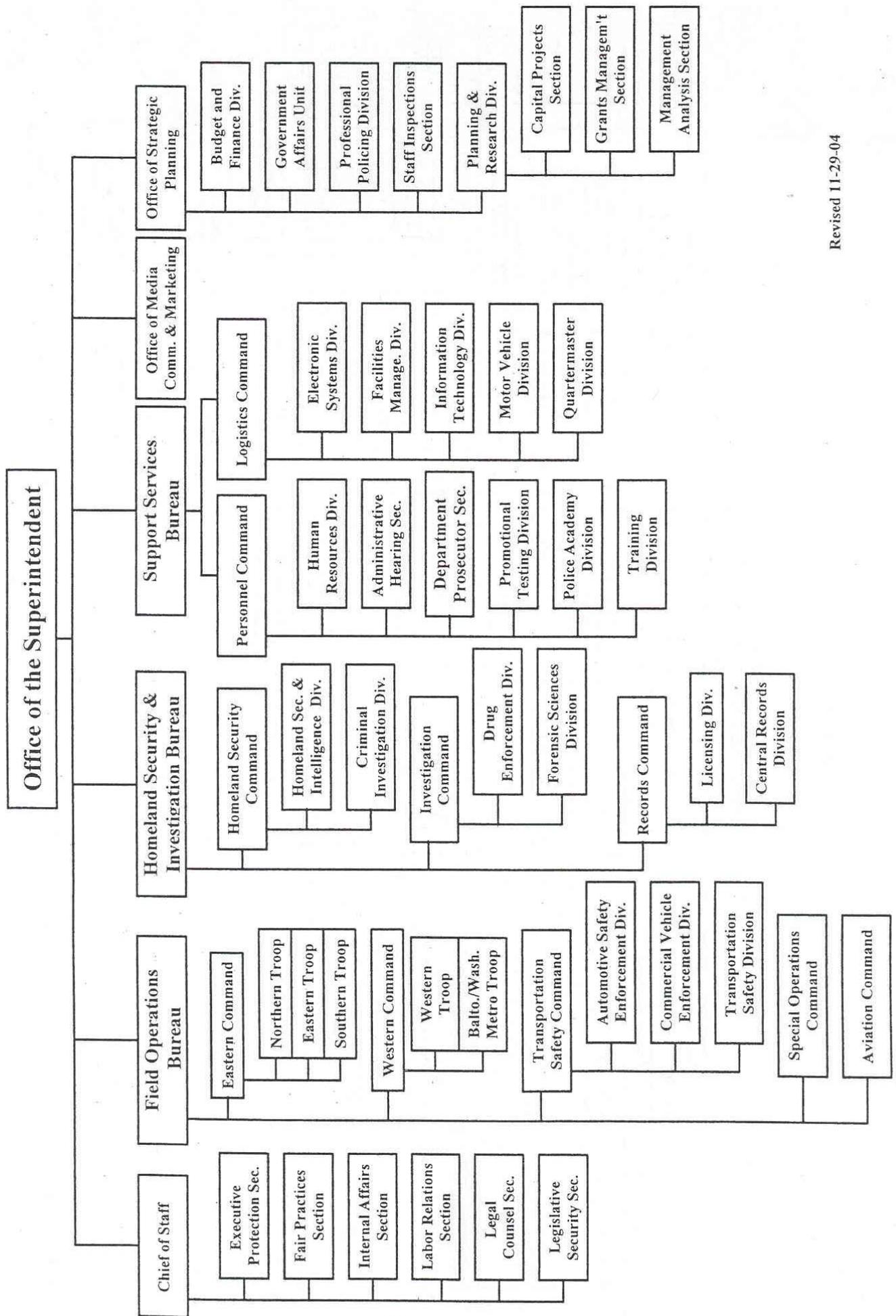
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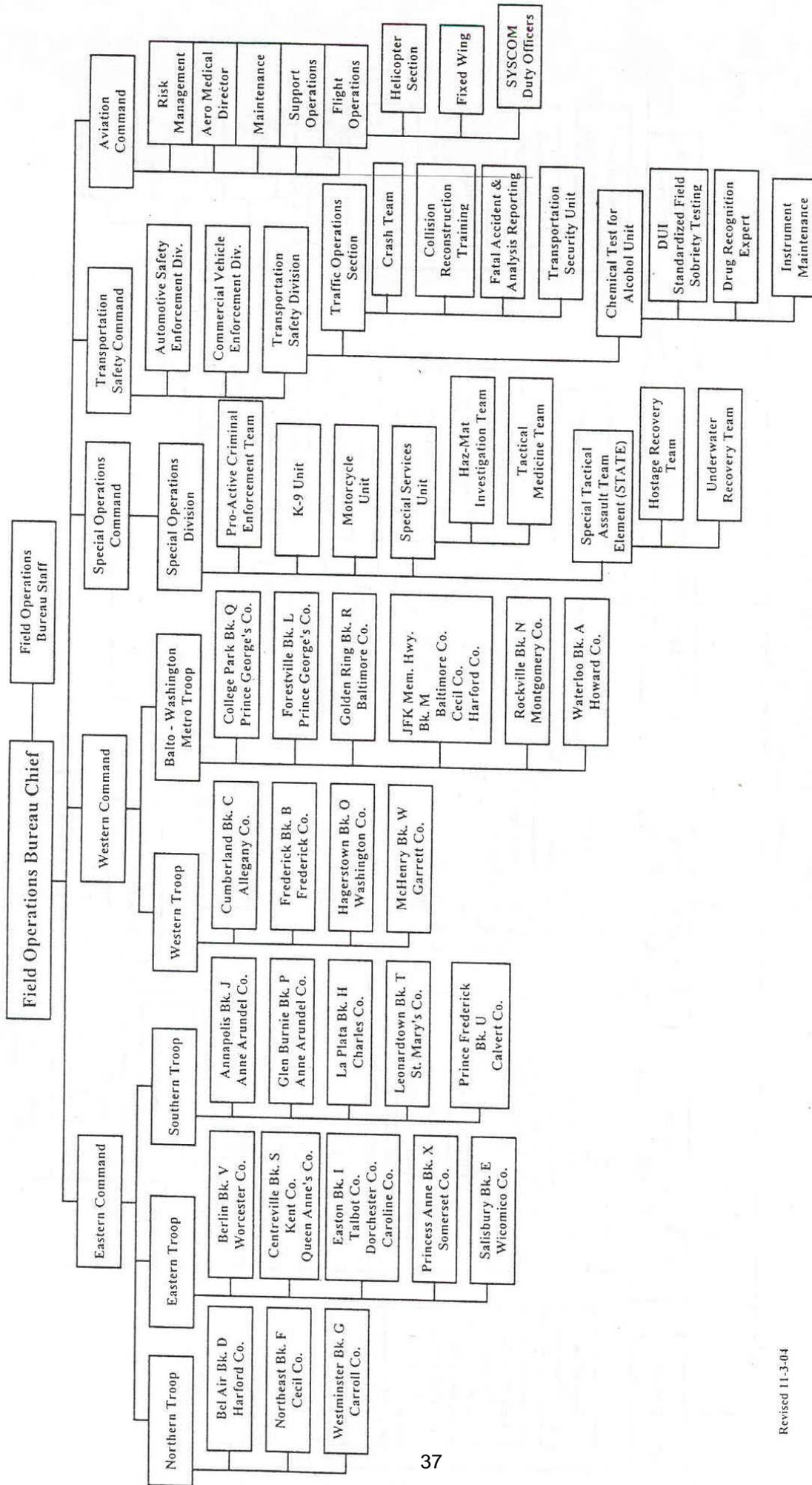
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Salaries & Wages (includes benefits)	01	4,098,439	4,973,327
Grants (Senator William H. Amoss Fund - entirely pass through funding)	12	10,000,000	10,000,000
Supplies & Equipment (includes Motor Vehicle Operation & Maintenance, Supplies & Materials, Equipment - Replacement, Equipment - Additional)	07,09 10,11	581,744	368,787
Services & Fees (includes Technical & Special Fees, Communication, Travel, Fuel & Utilities, Contractual Services, Fixed Charges)	02,03,04 06,08,13	592,851	652,312
Totals		\$15,273,034	\$15,994,426

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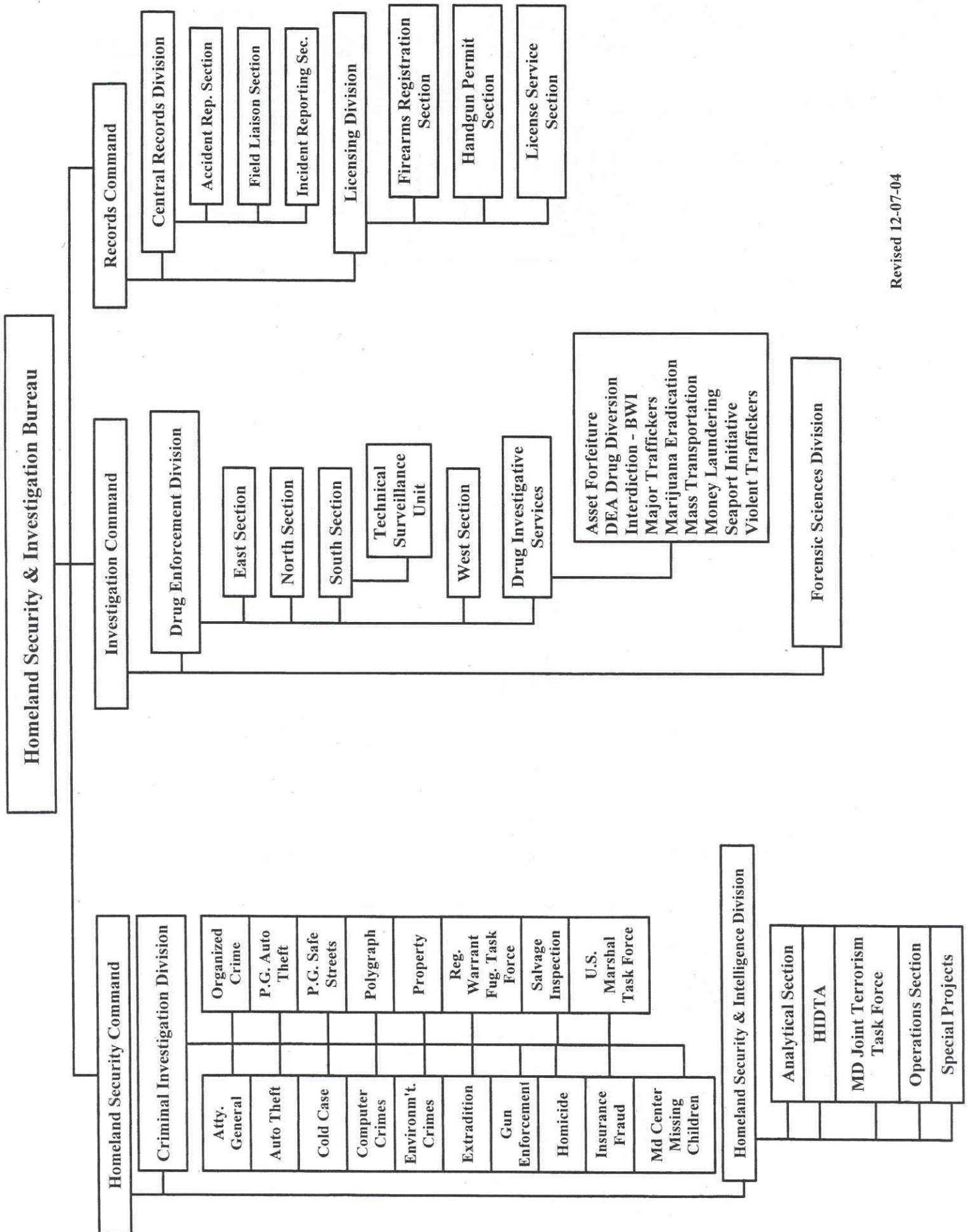


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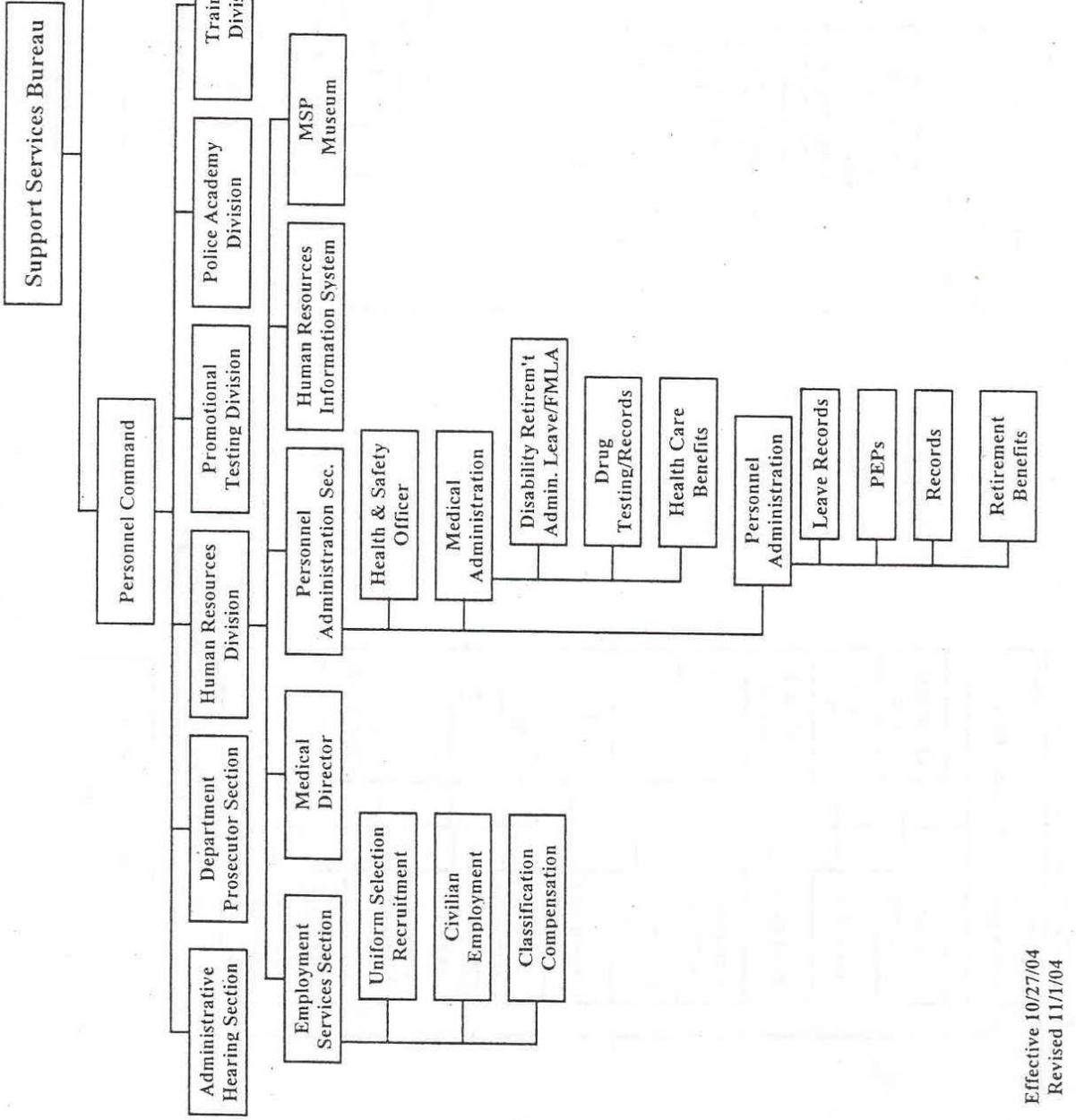


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