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About the cover photo: At Howard County’s National Night Out event on August 7, 2018, Waterloo Barrack recruiters Senior Trooper Lisa Lee and Trooper Adam Thatcher engaged the next generation of troopers.
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To Be Signed

The Maryland Department of State Police is proud to present our 2018 Annual Report. The report is an overview of the wide range of operations and initiatives conducted by the Department, which consists of the Maryland State Police, the Office of the State Fire Marshal and the Vehicle Theft Prevention Council. Each agency and every unit within each agency is focused on impacting crime and improving public safety across Maryland.

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

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

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

Sincerely,

[Signature]

William M. Pallozzi

“Maryland’s Finest”
Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In January, criminal investigators closed a robbery spree investigation which began in December of 2017. After two Maryland retail stores were robbed at gunpoint, investigators developed a suspect through surveillance footage. Investigators collaborated on a joint investigation with the Pennsylvania State Police after the suspect was linked to multiple robberies in Pennsylvania. Interviews, phone records and search warrants all provided the evidence needed to charge the suspect and close multiple robbery cases.

- In February, members of the Pro-Active Criminal Enforcement (PACE) Team conducted a traffic stop in Flintstone. A positive K-9 alert led to the discovery of more than 300 grams of heroin in the vehicle, with an estimated street value of $54,000. Both the driver and the passenger were arrested for possession with intent to distribute (PWID) heroin.

- In April, troopers responded to a burglary in progress in Crespatown. A lookout was broadcasted with the suspect and vehicle information. As Trooper Lechliter approached the scene, he observed a vehicle leaving the area which matched the description. The operator was throwing items out the window of the vehicle, and Trooper Lechliter initiated a traffic stop. Stolen property was observed on the front passenger floorboard. The driver was placed under arrest and subsequently confessed to the burglary. Through follow-up investigation, the suspect was linked to and convicted in five other unsolved burglaries.

- In June, after a two-month-long investigation, members of the Allegany Narcotics Task Force (NTF) simultaneously served four search warrants on separate residences. Over 100 grams of crack cocaine and 40 grams of heroin were recovered, resulting in the arrest of multiple individuals selling controlled dangerous substances (CDS).

- In June, a traffic stop was initiated on a speeding vehicle. While conversing with the occupants, Master Trooper Layton developed reasonable suspicion to conduct a K-9 scan. A positive alert resulted in the seizure of 232 grams of crack cocaine, 18 grams of heroin and currency. As a result of the investigation, a male was arrested and charged with PWID.

- In August, members of the Allegany NTF obtained a search warrant for a motel room after a CDS transaction was observed. The warrant resulted in the seizure of 69 grams of heroin and 44 grams of crack cocaine. Two suspects were indicted by a grand jury for PWID heroin and crack cocaine.

- In November, after 62 years of service, the Cumberland Barrack was decommissioned. The formal ceremony was attended by current and past employees as well as the local community. A temporary barrack has been established to ensure uninterrupted police services. A new state-of-the-art barrack is scheduled to open in 2021.

- In December, troopers participated in Shop with a Cop, as well as a toy drive to benefit local hospitals and charities.

Calls for Service 20,251
Investigations 1,372
Arrests 282
Narcan Deployments 3
Firearms Seized 110
Forensic Science Cases 510
Crime Scene Responses 52
Traffic Stops 17,437
DUI Arrests 63
Crashes Investigated 389
Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In March, Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force troopers served a search and seizure warrant at a residence in Davidsonville. On-scene forensics, conducted by MSP Digital Forensics Examiners, revealed videos and files of child pornography on the suspect’s computer. The suspect was arrested and charged with four counts of possession of child pornography and two counts of distribution of child pornography.

- In April, Trooper Barbiche conducted a traffic stop for expired registration plates. Upon contact with the driver, signs of impairment were observed, and field sobriety tests led to an arrest for driving while impaired by a controlled dangerous substance (CDS). In addition, methamphetamine was located in the vehicle and an infant passenger was observed. Multiple charges were filed, including possession of CDS, driving while impaired with CDS and driving while impaired with CDS while transporting a minor.

- In June, a lone gunman entered a large office building complex in Annapolis, which housed several medical facilities and businesses including the Capital Gazette newspaper. Numerous calls to 911 regarding an active shooter were taken and troopers responded with local law enforcement agencies within one minute from the first report. As an active shooter sweep of the building was completed, troopers assisted numerous citizens by directing them to safety. Once the shooter was in custody, troopers established a perimeter for the crime scene. Unfortunately, five employees of the Capital Gazette succumbed to injuries. The quick response time of law enforcement was reported as the reason additional lives were not lost.

- In August, Trooper Wynne responded to the Glen Burnie Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) for the odor of marijuana in the vehicle of a suspect who was waiting to take his driver’s test. A probable cause search led to the recovery of nearly one pound of marijuana, a scale, more than $15,000 in currency and a 9mm handgun with a loaded 30-round magazine. The suspect was arrested and charged.

- In September, TFC Ford initiated a traffic stop on a speeding vehicle, but the driver failed to stop and struck a guardrail. The driver attempted to flee on foot but was apprehended. A search of the vehicle revealed 24.9 grams of cocaine, 4.4 grams of marijuana, three digital scales with cocaine residue and $2,240 in currency. The driver was charged with numerous criminal and traffic charges.

- In December, Glen Burnie Barrack’s TFC Follin and Annapolis Barrack’s Trooper Ford hosted Special Olympians as part of Champions on Patrol. Troopers also participated in Shop with a Cop, sponsored by the Annapolis Optimist Club.
Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In January, investigators learned a suspect would be arriving in Baltimore transporting a large amount of marijuana from Colorado. Investigators located the suspect’s vehicle and the Pro-Active Criminal Enforcement (PACE) Team conducted a traffic stop. A narcotics detection K-9 scan alert led to a probable cause search of the vehicle, revealing 82 bags of marijuana weighing 103 pounds. Two adults were charged with importation of marijuana and possession of marijuana over 45 kilograms.

- In January, the PACE Team assisted Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) with an investigation into cocaine smuggling. PACE Team members conducted a traffic stop on the suspect’s vehicle and discovered a false compartment containing 13 kilogram bricks of cocaine. Both suspects were federally indicted on drug charges.

- In March, Criminal Enforcement Division (CED) troopers investigated theft/fraud allegations. Investigators learned the suspect was using fraudulently manufactured credit cards and checks to steal U.S. currency from numerous victims. The suspect then used ATMs in Baltimore to deposit funds into his account. The suspect was subsequently identified and charged with theft scheme, theft, identity fraud and credit card fraud.

- In April, troopers located a package which displayed common characteristics used in the shipment of illegal narcotics. A controlled delivery was conducted in Baltimore City and the package was accepted by a female at the residence. A search warrant was then served on the residence which revealed not only the parcel containing 11 pounds of marijuana, but also felony amounts of heroin. Three suspects were arrested.

- In June, CED investigators analyzed a high-end retail theft ring involving numerous jurisdictions within Maryland and Pennsylvania. Search and seizure warrants on residences in Baltimore City revealed approximately three pounds of marijuana, $7,400 in currency and vast amounts of stolen merchandise, with an estimated value of $350,000. Five individuals were positively identified and indicted on multiple counts of theft.

- In November, a suspected fentanyl trafficker received a package from a known drug courier. The suspect was followed to a parking lot in Baltimore, where he met with a second suspect. Investigators took enforcement action and both suspects were taken into custody, and search warrants were obtained. The package was found to contain two kilograms of fentanyl, and $138,000 in currency was found inside the first suspect’s vehicle. A storage unit connected to the first suspect contained scales and 500 grams of fentanyl. A residence connected to the first suspect revealed a handgun with an obliterated serial number. A storage unit connected to the second suspect revealed several weapons, including a stolen rifle, 1,400 grams of heroin laced with fentanyl along with packing materials, scales and a capsule/pill press machine.

- TFC Mross, in coordination with the Baltimore Orioles and Booker T. Washington Middle School for the Arts, organized a group of Baltimore City school children to attend an Orioles game, as part of an effort to improve relations between the public and police in Baltimore City.

- MSP joined law enforcement agencies and fire companies from across the area to bring holiday cheer to children in need. The KinderTime Toy Drive yielded donated toys which were delivered to the Kennedy Krieger Institute, the Ronald McDonald House, Bea Gaddy Family Center and the Agape Christian Center.
Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In January, after a three-month-long investigation of illegal distribution of marijuana in Baltimore County, Central South Narcotics investigators authored and served a search and seizure warrant on the suspect’s residence, recovering 670 grams of marijuana packaged for resale. Investigators determined the suspect was associated with the Dead Man Incorporated (DMI) gang and discovered a loaded handgun, as well as currency. The following month, Central South Narcotics troopers used investigative techniques to identify the marijuana supplier that led to the seizure of 36 pounds of marijuana, one vehicle, four firearms and currency.

- In March, two troopers from the Golden Ring Barrack assisted the Baltimore County Police and Fire Departments at the scene of a house fire in Arbutus. TFC Braxton along with a Baltimore County police officer pulled a 97-year-old woman through a window of a burning house and assisted with CPR before EMS crews arrived. At the same time, Trooper Fraser helped evacuate a child with a disability in an adjacent home.

- In March, homicide investigators assisted the New York State Police with a missing person case that turned into a homicide investigation. The Homicide Unit seized four regulated firearms, including the suspected murder weapon, 255 grams of powder cocaine, 77 pounds of marijuana, 3,081 methamphetamine pills and over $200,000.

- In April, homicide investigators assisted the Combined County Criminal Investigation (C3I) Unit and the Baltimore County Police Department by locating a bank robbery suspect involved in three Maryland bank robberies. This cross-jurisdictional case resulted in the arrest of a suspect with two prior federal bank robbery arrests.

- In April, Criminal Enforcement Division (CED) investigators identified a large-scale theft scheme. During the course of their investigation, they learned the victim sustained a total loss in excess of $105,000. Investigators identified the suspect and initiated criminal charges.

- In May, Criminal Enforcement Division (CED) investigators, along with the Maryland State Apprehension Team (MSAT), assisted the Pennsylvania State Police in locating and apprehending a suspect wanted for armed robbery. Investigators obtained search and seizure warrants for his residence, and numerous items of evidentiary value were seized.

- Throughout 2018, Golden Ring Barrack troopers held a food drive in conjunction with the Maryland Food Bank and participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. In addition, JFK Memorial Highway Barrack troopers organized food drives and fundraisers to provide meals and gifts to needy families during the holiday season.

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* = Calls for Service are for Golden Ring Barrack; does not include JFK Memorial Highway Barrack, which had 26,756 calls for service
Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In January, Criminal Enforcement Division (CED) investigators received a tip from a concerned citizen reporting a controlled dangerous substance (CDS) manufacturing operation at a private residence. After surveillance, investigators authored a search and seizure warrant for the residence. A search of the residence revealed 56 marijuana plants, 20,934 grams of processed marijuana, liquid marijuana extract, processed THC oil/wax and 198 homemade THC-infused edible candies. Further search of the residence revealed eight grams of cocaine hydrochloride, eight pills of Ecstasy and 70 grams of MDMA. In addition, a semi-automatic rifle, a shotgun and a semi-automatic handgun were discovered, along with 62 boxes of ammunition.

- In June, TFC Davis stopped to check on a vehicle stopped partially in the roadway in Solomons. At the same time, a 911 simulcast was broadcasted for the report of an armed robbery which had just occurred at a convenience store in Solomons. A description of the suspect vehicle matched the vehicle TFC Davis was checking on. A probable cause search revealed evidence of the initial robbery. Both the driver and the passenger were arrested.

- In August, TFC Matthews initiated a traffic stop for traffic violations in the Prince Frederick area. While conducting the traffic stop and identifying the occupants, the vehicle fled the scene. The driver of the vehicle was apprehended and a probable cause search of the vehicle was conducted. Vials of crack cocaine, heroin and paraphernalia were recovered. All three suspects were charged with possession with intent to distribute (PWID) and numerous other charges. Additionally, the driver and one of the passengers had outstanding warrants.

- In December, TFC Matthews received a License Plate Reader alarm for a stolen rental box truck in the Dunkirk area and conducted a traffic stop. The suspects inside the vehicle were taken into custody and found to have CDS in their possession. Burglary tools and other related evidence were discovered inside the truck. The suspects were linked to numerous commercial burglaries in several states. Two adults and one juvenile were arrested and charged.

- In 2018, troopers participated in Calvert County’s Shop with a Cop, which is held both at the start of each school year and at the holiday season. In addition, over 100 Calvert County students graduated from the Prince Frederick Barrack’s 22nd Camp COPS (Courage to be Outstanding with Pride and Self-confidence), learning what it takes to be a police officer.

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Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In March, Homicide Unit personnel investigated a homicide in Greensboro. Investigators served three search warrants, conducted 24 interviews and arrested one suspect for the murder. The suspect was found guilty and sentenced to 34 years in the Department of Corrections (DOC).

- In April, investigators received a firearms disapproval investigation from the Licensing Division. The suspect provided false information on their firearms application. A search and seizure warrant was served on the suspect’s residence, resulting in firearms being seized and charges being filed.

- In April, as a result of the culmination of a narcotics distribution investigation, the Caroline County Drug Task Force served a search and seizure warrant in Preston. The investigation resulted in one felony drug arrest and the seizure of 44 grams of cocaine, 20 grams of marijuana, 28 Oxycodone pills and currency.

- In April, a joint investigation with the Easton Police Department led to the service of a search and seizure warrant in Denton. The investigation resulted in one felony drug arrest and the seizure of 894 grams of cocaine, 273 grams of crack cocaine, 4,866 grams of marijuana, 300 grams of methamphetamine and currency.

- In September, Criminal Enforcement Division (CED) investigators served a search and seizure warrant in the Ridgely area to recover stolen firearms from a prior burglary. Investigators seized 77 firearms and located an indoor marijuana grow. The suspect was charged accordingly.

- In October, Homicide Unit personnel assisted the San Diego County (CA) Sheriff’s Office with a homicide suspect living in Goldsboro. Investigators served two search warrants, conducted three consent searches and four cell phone downloads. The suspect was arrested and extradited to San Diego.

- In November, troopers began an investigation into a burglary and a theft of an AR-15 rifle from a residence in Denton. A suspect was identified, and troopers authored and obtained a search warrant for the address where the firearm was allegedly stored. Troopers discovered the AR-15 rifle had since been sold twice and was ultimately recovered in Delaware. The suspect was charged accordingly.

- Throughout 2018, troopers raised several thousand dollars for Special Olympics and participated in Shop with a Cop.

**Calls for Service** 24,861*

**Investigations** 1,295

**Arrests** 219

**Narcan Deployments** 2

**Firearms Seized** 96

**Forensic Science Cases** 263

**Crime Scene Responses** 21

**Traffic Stops** 14,619

**DUI Arreasts** 153

**Crashes Investigated** 277

* = Calls for Service are for Easton Barrack which also includes Dorchester and Talbot Counties
Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In January, TFC Eckhardt investigated a report of a 25-year-old male sending obscene pictures to a 15-year-old female via text messages. TFC Eckhardt authored a search warrant for the suspect’s cell phone and cloud account. Forensic analysis resulted in evidence to support charges of sexual solicitation of a minor, sending obscene material to a minor and distributing obscene material. The suspect was arrested and charged.

- In March, troopers assigned to the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force served a search and seizure warrant in Sykesville. The suspect was arrested and charged with six counts of possession of child pornography and two counts of distribution of child pornography.

- In May, TFC Spencer began an investigation after an elderly woman discovered a large sum of money missing from her account. TFC Spencer’s investigation into this crime lasted over four months and required him to track numerous online accounts and IP addresses. TFC Spencer identified a suspect and developed probable cause to author and serve a search warrant on a Baltimore County residence. During the course of the search warrant, it was discovered that the suspect was the grandson of the victim, who was able to link a PayPal account to the victim’s bank accounts and was slowly siphoning money. TFC Spencer recovered the computers used in the crime, paperwork confirming the PayPal account, marijuana and over $3,000 in currency. The suspect was subsequently charged with the crimes.

- In September, Sergeant Schwarb was the primary investigator for the theft of two motorcycles in Sykesville. A potential suspect was identified through investigative techniques. A cross-jurisdictional joint investigation with the Regional Auto Theft Task Force (RATT) and the Baltimore City Police Department led to the recovery of both stolen motorcycles. The investigation also identified numerous other motorcycles which were reported stolen through other investigations.

- In November, the Westminster Barrack received several 911 calls in reference to a vehicle traveling westbound on Route 140 dragging a spare tire. TFC Slattery located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop, which led to the driver being arrested for DUI and for fleeing and eluding. An investigation discovered the vehicle was recently involved in a fatal hit and run collision in Baltimore County. Troopers worked in conjunction with the Baltimore County Crash Team to secure critical evidence, and the driver was charged.

- Throughout 2018, troopers participated in the Special Olympics Spring Games and the Tournament of Champions by encouraging the athletes and handing out medals during the awards ceremony. Troopers also participated in both the Law Enforcement Torch Run and Cops on Rooftops to benefit Special Olympics.

Calls for Service | 33,186
Investigations | 2,613
Arrests | 628
Narcan Deployments | 6
Firearms Seized | 53
Forensic Science Cases | 693
Crime Scene Responses | 37
Traffic Stops | 19,154
DUI Arrests | 286
Crashes Investigated | 949
Cecil County

Served by the North East and JFK Memorial Highway Barracks

Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In January, Sergeant Conner conducted a traffic stop. A positive alert from a narcotics detection K-9 led to a search of the vehicle, revealing two heat sealed bags of powder cocaine, weighing 2.8 pounds with an estimated street value of $130,300. The driver was arrested and charged accordingly.

- In February, the Cecil County Drug Task Force concluded an investigation into a suspect linked to a fatal overdose from 2017. The suspect was traveling to Baltimore City to purchase gelcaps of fentanyl/heroin and bringing them back to Cecil County for distribution. The Pro-Active Criminal Enforcement (PACE) Team conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. The suspects were found to be in possession of 49 gelcaps of fentanyl/heroin and were charged with possession with intent to distribute (PWID). A search warrant for a storage unit in Cecil County yielded paraphernalia consistent with distribution.

- In May, Criminal Enforcement Division (CED) investigators responded to a stabbing in Cecilton. Through the course of their investigation, they learned the stabbing was related to a drug transaction. Investigators were able to identify the suspect, who was subsequently located and charged accordingly.

- In July, during a traffic stop for a seat belt violation, a JFK Memorial Highway trooper detected the odor of marijuana. A search of the vehicle revealed 714 grams of marijuana, a handgun with three loaded magazines and currency. A background check revealed the driver was prohibited from possessing firearms. The driver was charged accordingly.

- In August, North East troopers helped a toddler who was suffering from a seizure. Corporal Spayd and TFC Porter rendered aid by placing the toddler on her side to allow her airway to open and applied ice packs to the child’s torso in an attempt to reduce the fever. EMS stated that without this aid, the seizures would have continued and may have caused further damage to the child’s health.

- In September, members of the PACE Team were contacted by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and provided information about a possible heroin smuggler traveling from New York to Baltimore. A traffic stop was conducted on Interstate 95 and a narcotics detection K-9 alert led to the search of the vehicle. A hidden compartment was discovered inside the vehicle which contained 289 grams of heroin.

- In September, members of the Cecil County Drug Task Force coordinated a traffic stop in order to serve a search warrant on the vehicle and its operator. The search warrant was based on an extensive investigation of activities consistent with controlled dangerous substance (CDS) transactions. The driver was in possession of 61 grams of crack cocaine and the passenger was in possession of 50 grams of raw heroin. A search of the driver’s residence yielded cocaine, raw heroin and fentanyl, packaging materials, a handgun, two rifles, a shotgun and ammunition. Both suspects were arrested.

- In 2018, troopers participated in Cops on Rooftops for Special Olympics and participated in Shop with a Cop.

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Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In February, Troopers Zentkovich and Hussey conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle. A probable cause search of the vehicle revealed a loaded handgun. The driver was arrested and charged accordingly.

- In March, investigators received a fraudulent firearms application investigation from the Licensing Division. A person provided false information on their firearms application and was found to be in illegal possession of firearms. As a result of the investigation, three firearms were seized and the person was charged.

- In March, troopers responded to a motor vehicle collision in Faulkner. While talking with the driver, troopers determined the driver was intoxicated and arrested the driver for DUI. While on the scene, troopers were contacted by a citizen who reported the same vehicle had intentionally struck their vehicle several times in the La Plata area and then left the scene. Later that evening, the La Plata Barrack received a phone call from another citizen indicating her vehicle was also struck intentionally several times in the Pomfret area by the same vehicle. The driver was charged with assault and DUI.

- In March, TFC Oleksak stopped a vehicle in La Plata for a seat belt violation. Upon contact with the driver, a strong odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle was detected. A probable cause search was conducted and revealed a loaded handgun and marijuana. The driver was arrested and charged.

- In July, investigators received information on a prohibited person being in possession of firearms. A search and seizure warrant was obtained and served on the individual’s residence. Eleven firearms and controlled dangerous substances (CDS) were seized. The individual was charged for being in possession of the firearms and the CDS.

- In October, Criminal Enforcement Division (CED) investigators received a case involving the solicitation of a minor. The adult suspect contacted the victim through Instagram. During the course of conversations, the suspect asked for pictures of the victim, and the suspect sent the victim photos of young girls. Investigators served search warrants at the suspect’s residence, and child pornography was discovered on electronic devices. The suspect was charged with several counts of possession of child pornography and solicitation.

- Throughout 2018, troopers participated in National Night Out, the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics and Shop with a Cop.
Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In January, investigators identified a firearms dealer selling regulated firearms without a Maryland license. Through a joint investigation with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), a search warrant was served, resulting in the owner being charged with the unlawful sales of a regulated firearm and an assault weapon.

- In March, members of the Dorchester County Narcotics Task Force conducted a large scale controlled dangerous substances (CDS) investigation of a drug trafficking organization, which was responsible for distributing large quantities of cocaine. Investigators were able to successfully dismantle the organization, leading to the arrest of four suspects. Investigative efforts resulted in the following seizures: 4,095 grams of cocaine, 436 grams of crack cocaine, 810 grams of marijuana, six regulated firearms and one non-regulated firearm, over $360,000 and nine vehicles.

- In April, Criminal Enforcement Division (CED) troopers investigated an armed robbery of a convenience store in Reliance. Investigators identified the suspect through surveillance footage. Further investigation revealed the suspect raped his stepdaughter in an adjacent county just hours before the robbery. The suspect was arrested and charged with the armed robbery and the rape.

- In April, a vehicle was stopped and the driver was administered a Standardized Field Sobriety Test. The driver was placed under arrest for DUI, and CDS was located on the driver. An additional search led to the discovery of heroin, cocaine, marijuana, a scale and the seizure of currency. The driver and passenger were charged with CDS possession and possession with intent to distribute (PWID).

- In June, Homicide Unit personnel investigated a non-fatal police involved shooting in Cambridge. Investigators served two search warrants and conducted 13 interviews, which resulted in the suspect being arrested for attempted murder.

- In September, troopers responded to a motor vehicle collision in Rhodesdale. Upon arrival, troopers learned there was a vehicle stuck in the woods and two suspicious people were seen walking in the woods. Due to the remoteness of the area, the Dorchester Sheriff’s Department and Aviation Command were requested to assist with the search. As a result of coordinated efforts, the vehicle and suspects were located. The vehicle was reported as stolen, and one of the suspects had two outstanding warrants through the Ocean City Police Department.

- Throughout 2018, troopers supported Special Olympics and participated in Shop with a Cop.
Frederick County

Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In April, a mass disturbance call came from the Victor Cullen Youth Center, a correctional facility for juveniles. Eight correctional officers and staff members were injured, some seriously, as the youths took over a sector of the facility. Multiple allied departments responded, including investigators from the Criminal Enforcement Division (CED). As a result of the quick response, troopers were able to quell the disturbance within 30 minutes. Eleven youths were criminally charged.

- In April, troopers assigned to the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force served a search and seizure warrant in Monrovia. The suspect admitted to downloading and viewing child pornography, and forensic examiners were able to locate multiple child pornography files on the suspect’s electronic devices. The suspect was arrested and charged with six counts of possession of child pornography and three counts of possession with intent to distribute child pornography.

- In August, troopers responded to the report of a stabbing. Upon their arrival, they learned the victim’s friends had already transported the victim to the hospital. CED investigators responded as well, and obtained witness testimony and video footage. The suspect was later taken into custody and charged accordingly.

- In September, troopers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a safety equipment violation. A probable cause search revealed a loaded handgun, multiple baggies of heroin packaged for distribution, marijuana and paraphernalia. Two suspects were arrested and charged accordingly.

- In November, troopers responded for a theft of a motor vehicle. The victim informed troopers there was a loaded handgun inside the stolen truck. OnStar was contacted and advised the vehicle was in Baltimore County. While troopers communicating with the Baltimore County Police Department, a vehicle pursuit ensued. The suspect crashed, the vehicle was recovered and additional keys were seized from the suspect which belonged to several other stolen vehicles. The investigation uncovered a commercial burglary had occurred; which resulted in the recovery of the stolen handgun, stolen money and other stolen property from several crimes. The suspects were charged accordingly.

- In 2018, troopers participated in Shop with a Cop and Career Night. In addition, troopers visited children at the Frederick Memorial Hospital to distribute donated toys and stuffed animals.

Calls for Service 34,888
Investigations 3,271
Arrests 586
Narcan Deployments 7
Firearms Seized 205
Forensic Science Cases 1,589
Crime Scene Responses 19
Traffic Stops 25,912
DUI Arrests 242
Crashes Investigated 1,820
Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In January, troopers responded to several burglaries. Combined investigative efforts with the Pennsylvania State Police, West Virginia State Police and Garrett County Drug Task Force led to the arrest of six suspects, closing numerous burglary cases throughout the tristate area.

- In March, after a 16 month investigation, members of the Garrett County Drug Task Force assisted the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) with the arrest of a licensed psychiatrist. The suspect was supplying prescription drugs to countless people, including citizens of Garrett County, in return for cash payments. These pills were then resold on the streets of Garrett County. The investigation resulted in the arrest of the suspect and the doctor voluntarily forfeited his medical license.

- In May, Criminal Enforcement Division (CED) troopers investigated an internal theft from a fast food restaurant in Oakland. Through a review of bank and business records, investigators determined an employee had stolen more than $29,000 from the business. A full confession was obtained from the suspect during an interrogation. The suspect pled guilty to the charges.

- In August, TFC Whetzel investigated a burglary. The investigation led to a suspect who was employed by a cleaning company based out of Washington, D.C. Sergeant Bell became involved with the investigation and, posing as a potential customer, contacted the suspect, who agreed to meet for the possible work. The suspect was arrested and confessed to numerous burglaries and felonies in Pennsylvania, Virginia and Maryland.

- In September, troopers responded to an attempted murder. The investigation revealed the suspect wore a ski mask and when the victim opened the door, he struck her numerous times in the face with a baseball bat, stating he was going to kill her. The suspect fled the scene but was located a short time later. Combined efforts from the CED and the Garrett County Sheriff’s Office led to the suspect’s arrest.

- In December, two bank robberies occurred within one hour of each other. Criminal investigators were led to a suspect who had committed similar robberies in Pennsylvania and Ohio. Working with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Pennsylvania State Police and the Belmont (Ohio) Sheriff’s Office, arrest warrants were issued for the suspect in all states, and the suspect will be charged federally.

- In 2018, more than 1,000 people participated in the Deep Creek Dunk for Special Olympics, raising more than $160,000. In addition, the third annual Police Providing Presents was held, pairing children with officers for holiday shopping.

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Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In January, Criminal Enforcement Division (CED) investigators responded to a report of a commercial armed robbery in Bel Air. Shortly after their arrival, they noticed similarities to a street robbery in the Greenbriar apartment complex. CED investigators and allied agency detectives conducted a collaborative investigation and were able to identify the suspect. Search warrants were conducted on the suspect’s residence, and investigators seized clothing worn by the assailant and a pellet gun believed to be used in the robberies. The suspect was arrested.

- In April, troopers assigned to the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force served a search and seizure warrant in Aberdeen. Several files of child pornography were located on electronic devices. The suspect was arrested and charged with six counts of possession of child pornography and three counts of distribution of child pornography.

- In June, CED investigators responded to a report of an armed robbery at an Edgewood motel. Investigators checked surrounding jurisdictions for similar cases. As a result of the check, investigators learned from the Baltimore County Police Department that they recently arrested four suspects for a similar robbery. After discussing case specifics and suspect information, it was established that the robbery suspects were likely involved in a multi-jurisdictional spree of robberies between April and June of 2018. Detectives suspect the group committed at least 12 robberies in Baltimore County and six in Baltimore City. CED investigators interviewed the suspects which resulted in a confession. Four suspects were arrested and charged with armed robbery.

- In June, the Harford County State’s Attorney’s Office requested Firearms Enforcement troopers to investigate an individual making threats toward the U.S. Government and attempting to purchase firearms while prohibited. The suspect was charged with two counts of perjury and four counts of attempted possession of a non-regulated firearm.

- In September, the Harford County Sheriff’s Office received a 911 call for two people shot at a pharmaceutical distribution center. Troopers from the Bel Air Barrack, JFK Memorial Highway Barrack and other specialized units responded to the scene. Troopers, deputies and officers worked seamlessly to clear the building and to escort EMS personnel into the warehouse to evacuate the wounded. Troopers maintained scene security and assisted with the investigation.

- In December, CED investigators assisted MSP troopers from the Westminster, Bel Air and Golden Ring Barracks with a domestic violence incident which involved a threat of a person harming themselves. The investigation revealed the individual was in possession of firearms but was prohibited from possessing them. An emergency petition was completed and 14 firearms were seized.

- In 2018, Bel Air troopers provided Thanksgiving meals for needy families and participated in the second annual Harford County Shop with a Cop.
Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In May, devastating floods once again struck the historic community of Ellicott City. Waterloo troopers were among the first emergency personnel to arrive and began assisting motorists and residents to safety. MSP remained within the community for several weeks, providing security and assisting local residents. Troopers also provided a fallen hero escort for Sergeant Eddison Hermond, a National Guardsman and Air Force veteran, who lost his life trying to save a resident from the flood waters.

- In May, troopers assigned to the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force served a search and seizure warrant in Clarksville. Numerous electronics were seized and on-scene forensic examination led to the discovery of child pornography on the devices. The suspect was charged with three counts of distribution of child pornography and six counts of possession of child pornography.

- In August, Criminal Enforcement Division (CED) investigators responded to a reported road rage incident where the driver of the suspect vehicle pointed a handgun at the victim. Investigators discovered the same vehicle was involved in a shooting on Interstate 895. The MSP along with the Maryland Transportation Authority Police collaborated on their findings and initiated a joint investigation. Investigators were able to identify the suspect, who was currently residing in Baltimore County. Search and arrest warrants were secured and served at the suspect’s residence. As a result, investigators arrested the suspect and seized items of evidentiary value, including controlled dangerous substances (CDS) and two handguns.

- In October, a trooper stopped a vehicle for speeding. Upon contact with the driver, the trooper discovered a loaded handgun and ammunition in the passenger area of the car. Further investigation revealed the suspect also had a loaded handgun in his waistband. The suspect was arrested and charged accordingly.

- In December, troopers responded to a call regarding a pedestrian walking southbound on Interstate 95 near the Howard County rest area. The suspect was under the influence of heroin and possessed 297 heroin pills. The suspect was charged with CDS possession and possession with intent to distribute (PWID).

- In December, Lieutenant Carpenter and First Sergeant Novack hosted a Special Olympian for Champions on Patrol, which gives children and adult athletes with intellectual disabilities a chance to spend time with law enforcement. In addition, Waterloo troopers participated in Shop with a Cop.

Calls for Service: 26,427
Investigations: 1,633
Arrests: 484
Narcan Deployments: 6
Firearms Seized: 16
Forensic Science Cases: 711
Crime Scene Responses: 4
Traffic Stops: 27,276
DUI Arrests: 278
Crashes Investigated: 1,054
Kent County

Served by the Centreville Barrack

Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In April, the Kent County Drug Task Force served a search and seizure warrant in Rock Hall. This was the culmination of a long-term narcotics distribution investigation. The investigation resulted in a felony drug arrest and the seizure of 72.7 grams of cocaine, 29.2 grams of crack cocaine and currency.

- In June, Trooper Tucker conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for an equipment violation. During the initial contact controlled dangerous substances (CDS) were observed in the center console. A probable cause search of the vehicle yielded CDS paraphernalia, seven Suboxone strips and 29 capsules of heroin weighing 8.3 grams. The driver and passenger were both placed under arrest for possession with intent to distribute (PWID) CDS.

- In July, the Kent County Drug Task Force served a search and seizure warrant in Chestertown. This was the culmination of a long-term narcotics distribution investigation. The investigation and search warrant resulted in a felony drug arrest and the seizure of cocaine, heroin and currency.

- In July, Trooper Tucker heard a broadcast for a suspect in cardiac arrest a short distance away. Trooper Tucker was the initial first responder to the residence. A female was performing CPR on a male suspect, when Trooper Tucker took over and performed CPR until EMS arrived. Doctors and EMS indicated the male suspect’s survival was a direct result of Trooper Tucker’s actions.

- In August, Criminal Enforcement Division (CED) investigators conducted a rape investigation. The details of the rape led investigators to believe the suspect may have raped additional victims who had not yet reported the crimes. After a press briefing announcing the suspect was released, five additional females from Maryland and Delaware came forward. These women reported being raped by the same suspect over the last four years. The suspect has been charged.

- In December, the Maryland State Apprehension Team (MSAT) was requested by the CED to assist with the apprehension of a rape suspect. MSAT investigators tracked the suspect to an address in Killeen, Texas. Investigators requested assistance from their colleagues in the United States Marshals Service (USMS) Fugitive Task Force in Houston, Texas. The suspect was located and arrested. The Kent County State Attorney’s Office was notified and extradited the suspect back to Maryland to face charges.

- Throughout 2018, troopers participated in the MSP Polar Bear Plunge, the Law Enforcement Torch Run and a charity kickball tournament to benefit Special Olympics, as well as the County’s Shop with a Cop.

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* = Calls for Service are for Centreville Barrack which also includes Queen Anne’s County
Montgomery County

Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In June, CED troopers investigated a fraudulent firearms application. It was discovered the suspect was prohibited from possessing firearms and had provided false information on the application. A search and seizure warrant was obtained for his residence and two firearms, ammunition and magazines were seized. The suspect is being prosecuted by the Maryland Attorney General’s Office.

- In July, Trooper O’Neal conducted a traffic stop on a tractor trailer. After a positive K-9 scan, a search revealed 15.1 pounds of heroin and fentanyl.

- In July, Metropolitan Area Drug Task Force (MADTF) members received information about a commercial vehicle transporting an unknown amount of heroin and fentanyl from Mexico to Baltimore. A traffic stop and subsequent search revealed seven pounds of heroin and seven pounds of fentanyl. The driver agreed to cooperate with the investigation. MADTF members were able to deliver the heroin and fentanyl to its intended recipient, identifying and arresting that suspect. This cross-jurisdictional case included assistance from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Baltimore, Los Angeles and Philadelphia, as well as other federal and state agencies.

- In July, a trooper stopped a vehicle for speeding on I-270 near Falls Road. Reasonable articulable suspicion led the trooper to request a K-9 scan. A probable cause search resulted in the discovery of four kilograms of heroin, nearly two kilograms of fentanyl and nearly four kilograms of a white powder substance, with a street value well into the millions.

- In December, troopers responded to a hit-and-run collision involving a pedestrian. The pedestrian struck was an off-duty Montgomery County police officer who observed the suspect attempting to leave the scene of a hit-and-run collision. The officer advised the suspect that he was an off-duty police officer and she could not leave the scene. The suspect accelerated her vehicle, striking the officer and forcing him onto the hood of the vehicle. The suspect fled the scene at speeds up to 80 mph with the officer on the hood for approximately one mile. Troopers and allied agencies were able to locate and apprehend the suspect. Crime scene technicians processed the suspect vehicle for evidence. The suspect was charged with attempted second degree murder and first degree assault.

- In 2018, TFC Doyle and TFC Silver represented MSP in the Goals Against Cancer charity soccer game, raising money for cancer research. In addition, troopers participated in Shop with a Cop throughout Montgomery County.

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Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In February, a female driver reported a man driving a vehicle who pointed a handgun at her on Interstate 95. Troopers stopped a vehicle matching the suspect’s description and observed a handgun. Further investigation revealed the suspect also had two rifles, a shotgun and ammunition in the vehicle. The suspect was arrested and charged appropriately.

- In April, federal investigators in New Mexico contacted the Metropolitan Area Drug Task Force (MADTF) in reference to a seizure of 95 pounds of marijuana which was destined for Brandywine. Members of MADTF worked with federal investigators, as well as the New Mexico State Police, to take possession of the marijuana and attempt a controlled delivery. The delivery was successful and a subsequent search warrant resulted in two individuals being arrested and charged.

- In May, a College Park trooper responded to a domestic disturbance in which a male was trying to strangle a female. The suspect fled the scene in a vehicle. Through investigative means, troopers discovered the suspect was an active MS-13 gang member who had intentions of killing the victim, who was his wife. Troopers were able to locate and apprehend the suspect and charged him accordingly.

- In July, Criminal Enforcement Division (CED) investigators were contacted by agents assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) regarding a distributor of large amounts of methamphetamine within Prince George’s County and the surrounding area. DEA agents and CED investigators were able to positively identify the suspected methamphetamine distributor and served a search and seizure warrant on his residence. Two arrests were made and 380 grams of crystal methamphetamine were recovered.

- In August, a vehicle was stolen from a dealership and used in an attempted murder in Virginia. Troopers assigned to the Washington Area Vehicle Enforcement (WAVE) Team recovered the stolen vehicle. Through investigation, troopers discovered the suspect synced his phone to the vehicle. This information was forwarded to the Falls Church, Virginia Police who were able to locate and arrest the suspect.

- In October, Trooper Thompson rescued a man from his crashed vehicle just before it burst into flames, saving the man’s life. The victim suffered a medical emergency when he hit a guardrail which caused the vehicle’s engine to catch fire.

- In 2018, College Park troopers participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. In addition, troopers from both the College Park and Forestville Barracks participated in the county’s Shop with a Cop.
Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In March, troopers conducted a traffic stop. A subsequent search yielded cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin and drug paraphernalia. The driver and passenger were arrested on drug charges as well as neglect of a minor and reckless endangerment because the driver’s daughter was also in the car at the time of the incident.

- In March, CED troopers investigated a burglary where a handgun, jewelry and currency were stolen. Investigators arrested a suspect for the burglary and recovered the handgun. Both the suspect and the suspect’s girlfriend were charged and pled guilty to charges associated with the incident.

- In April, the Queen Anne’s County Drug Task Force began electronic surveillance as part of a long-term cocaine and opioid distribution investigation in Queen Anne’s and Caroline counties. The investigation resulted in 17 felony drug arrests, the serving of 10 search and seizure warrants and the seizure of 275 grams of cocaine, two grams of crack cocaine, 36 Oxycodone pills, five firearms, seven vehicles valued at over $100,000 and $31,870 in currency.

- In April, the Queen Anne’s County Drug Task Force served a search and seizure warrant in Grasonville. This was the culmination of a long-term cocaine and heroin distribution investigation which resulted in two felony drug arrests and the seizure of 113 grams of cocaine, 26 grams of heroin, 79 opioid prescription pills, three vehicles and currency.

- In July, troopers responded to a fast food restaurant in Chester where two customers were engaged in a verbal dispute. As the argument continued, two restaurant employees became involved in the incident, at which time one employee and one customer produced knives. The customer was stabbed multiple times and an employee was cut on her hand. The employee was charged with attempted murder and the customer was charged with assault.

- In August, troopers took a report for multiple thefts of equipment from a store in Centreville. In September, the investigating trooper located a Facebook posting for a leaf blower for sale. Troopers made arrangements to purchase the leaf blower and confirmed it was one of the stolen pieces of equipment. This led to a search and seizure warrant which resulted in the recovery of five firearms, controlled dangerous substances (CDS) and three of the stolen pieces of equipment. The suspects confessed to the burglary and theft after their arrest.

- Throughout 2018, troopers participated in the MSP Polar Bear Plunge, the Law Enforcement Torch Run and a charity kickball tournament to benefit Special Olympics, as well as the County’s Shop with a Cop.
Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In April, the Somerset County Narcotics Task Force conducted an investigation into an alleged narcotics dealer with ties to Somerset and Wicomico counties. The investigation led to the serving of several search warrants, the recovery of 91 grams of cocaine, three grams of marijuana, equipment used for packaging and distribution of controlled dangerous substances (CDS) and currency. The suspect of the investigation was arrested.

- In May, Homicide Unit personnel investigated a murder in Princess Anne. Investigators served 16 search warrants, conducted 101 interviews, seized 454 grams of marijuana and one shotgun during the course of the investigation. Investigators have developed suspects and are building a case suitable for prosecution.

- In July, TFC Huntington stopped a vehicle for speeding. Upon contact with the operator, the odor of marijuana was detected. A probable cause search led to the recovery of marijuana, Percocet, Oxycodone and two handguns. A passenger in the vehicle took ownership of the items recovered and was arrested.

- In August, a traffic stop was conducted which resulted in a positive K-9 alert. Cocaine and associated paraphernalia, 112 cartons of untaxed cigarettes and a large amount of currency were discovered. Both the driver and the passenger were arrested.

- In August, Criminal Enforcement Division (CED) investigators responded to the scene of an armed home invasion. The elderly victim provided investigators with a description of the suspects and the firearms. Working with allied agencies, investigators were able to connect the home invasion to an armed robbery which had recently occurred. Through investigative efforts, evidence was obtained which identified four suspects and connected them to the home invasion, armed robbery and an unsolved burglary from 2016. All suspects were arrested and charged for the involvement in the aforementioned crimes.

- In December, TFC Elmore responded to a single vehicle collision. An investigation revealed the operator was under the influence of alcohol and was arrested for DUI. TFC Elmore also detected the odor of marijuana which led to a probable cause search. Two open bottles of liquor, 105 grams of marijuana, 3.8 grams of crack cocaine, 52 Trazadone pills, a plastic tub of THC wax, currency and a digital scale were recovered.

- In 2018, troopers participated in Operation SLEUTH (Somerset Law Enforcement Unites to Tackle Hunger), delivering meals to needy families. In addition, troopers participated in the annual Winter Wonderland community event, distributing food and holiday gifts to families in need.

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St. Mary’s County

Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In March, 37 troopers, along with the St. Mary’s County Sheriff’s Office, Department of Natural Resources Police and federal entities responded to an active shooter incident at Great Mills High School. Troopers helped victims access EMS personnel, assisted with clearing the classrooms of any further victims and coordinated evacuation of the students. In addition, troopers assisted with traffic direction at the incident site and at reunification sites.

- In August, troopers responded to a reported shooting in Lexington Park. The investigation revealed an argument at a residence led to the suspect shooting the victim in the leg. The suspect fled the scene but was located and placed under arrest. The suspect was found to be prohibited from possessing firearms and ammunition and was charged accordingly.

- In September, TFC Manning initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle in Lexington Park. A search of the vehicle revealed controlled dangerous substance (CDS) paraphernalia, a semi-automatic handgun and evidence of possession with the intent to distribute (PWID). Further investigation revealed the handgun was reported stolen from Virginia and the driver was prohibited from owning or possessing a firearm. The suspect was indicted locally and the case has been adopted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

- In October, CED troopers conducted an investigation in reference to crack cocaine distribution in Lexington Park. As a result of this investigation, a search warrant was authored and served on the suspect’s residence. A search of the residence revealed marijuana, crack cocaine packaged for individual resale and a loaded handgun. Additionally, currency and one vehicle were seized. The suspect was arrested and charged.

- In October, TFC Mulhearn conducted a traffic stop in California, MD. During the stop, the odor of marijuana was detected emitting from the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed marijuana, a loaded handgun and a digital scale. The Maryland Gun Center was contacted and advised the firearm was unregistered and the suspect was prohibited from owning a firearm and ammunition. The suspect was charged accordingly.

- In December, TFC B. Ditoto initiated a traffic stop. The operator exited the vehicle, discarded items and fled on foot. After a foot pursuit, the operator was apprehended. TFC Ditoto located the discarded items which were 26 grams of crack cocaine and a digital scale. A search revealed currency, marijuana, two bullet proof vests labelled “Police,” handcuffs and two cell phones. The subject was charged accordingly.

- In 2018, troopers participated in the 15th annual Shop with a Cop, the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics, the St. Mary’s County Splash, the National Night Out and the St. Mary’s Adopt-A-School Program.

Calls for Service 29,106
Investigations 1,869
Arrests 882
Narcan Deployments 20
Firearms Seized 48
Forensic Science Cases 520
Crime Scene Responses 7
Traffic Stops 24,540
DUI Arrests 260
Crashes Investigated 202
Talbot County

Served by the Easton Barrack

Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In March, Criminal Enforcement Division (CED) troopers investigated an armed robbery at a convenience store in Trappe. Investigators identified a suspect’s vehicle using surveillance video. The vehicle was subsequently located and a traffic stop was conducted. Two suspects were identified and arrested for the armed robbery.

- In June, the Talbot County Narcotics Task Force served a search and seizure warrant in Trappe. This was the culmination of a long-term drug distribution investigation. The investigation resulted in two felony drug arrests and the seizure of 11,465 grams of marijuana and currency.

- In August, troopers learned about an assault that was videotaped and posted on social media. The video depicted several suspects beating two males. Through further investigation, Trooper Schweers identified the suspects resulting in one juvenile and four adults being charged with assault.

- In September, the Talbot County Narcotics Task Force used electronic surveillance as part of a long-term cocaine and opioid distribution investigation in Talbot, Caroline and Dorchester counties. The investigation resulted in the serving of 25 search and seizure warrants, the seizure of 202 grams of cocaine, three grams of crack cocaine, 42 Oxycodone pills, seven firearms, seven vehicles valued at over $100,000, over $49,000 in currency and 17 felony indictments.

- In 2018, the Easton Barrack hosted over 120 first graders from the Easton Elementary School for their first annual Tour the County event. The purpose of the event was to educate students about jobs within Talbot County. Students viewed the MSP recruitment video, received a tour of the barrack and interacted with uniformed troopers, crime scene technicians and criminal investigators.

- Throughout 2018, troopers supported Special Olympics and participated in Shop with a Cop.

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* = Calls for Service are for Easton Barrack which also includes Caroline and Dorchester Counties
Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In March, the Hagerstown Barrack received a call for a suspect who had intentionally struck several vehicles with a pickup truck in Frederick County and then fled the scene. Hagerstown troopers intercepted the truck when it entered Washington County. During a brief pursuit, the operator fired a round from a pistol through the roof of his vehicle. When the truck came to a stop, the operator exited the vehicle with the loaded pistol in his hand and began walking toward the troopers. Trooper Hegedus gave verbal commands for the suspect to drop the weapon. The suspect tossed the pistol in the bed of his pickup truck. The suspect then brandished a knife. Troopers were able to further de-escalate the situation by convincing the suspect to drop the knife. Troopers took the suspect safely into custody without injury.

- In May, troopers assigned to the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force served a search and seizure warrant in Boonsboro. Forensic examinations of electronic devices in the residence located child pornography, and numerous devices were seized from the residence. The suspect was arrested and charged with one count of distribution of child pornography and four counts of possession of child pornography.

- In June, CED investigators and troopers initiated an investigation into an individual for child abuse and firearms violations. The investigation led to the serving of three search and seizure warrants, resulting in the seizure of one regulated firearm and controlled dangerous substances (CDS). Two suspects were arrested.

- In June, criminal investigators responded to a truck stop to investigate an alleged sex crime. During their investigation, criminal investigators believed there could be CDS criminal activity present. Cpl. Angermeir requested a K-9 scan of the commercial vehicle which resulted in a positive alert. A subsequent search revealed crack cocaine and over $495,000 in currency.

- In September, TFC Shrout of the Pro-Active Criminal Enforcement (PACE) Team conducted a traffic stop for speeding. Numerous criminal indicators were detected, and TFC Shrout requested a narcotics detection K-9 scan. A positive alert and probable cause search of the vehicle yielded 11 heat-sealed bags of marijuana, a heat-sealed bag with 950 Xanax pills and two small containers of cocaine. The driver was arrested and charged accordingly.

- In December, Master Trooper Thompson conducted a traffic stop for speeding and following too closely. Master Trooper Thompson noted numerous criminal indicators and requested a K-9 scan. A positive alert resulted in the seizure of $30,000.

- In 2018, troopers participated in the Washington County’s first annual Shop with a Cop, as well as a Career Night.

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Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In January, after an incident was reported to the Salisbury Barrack, the Criminal Enforcement Division (CED) conducted a child abuse investigation. It was alleged the children, ages eight, nine and 10, were being physically abused by their mother and her friend. After numerous interviews and search warrants, investigators were able to corroborate the children had been seriously abused. Investigators arrested both suspects, receiving 39 year prison sentences each.

- In February, the CED began an investigation into the criminal activity of a validated member of the criminal gang Dead Man Incorporated (DMI). The investigation revealed the DMI member was illegally converting and selling fully automatic assault rifles. Investigators received information the suspect was planning an illegal sale of an assault rifle. A traffic stop was conducted on the suspect’s vehicle. A probable cause search revealed an assault rifle, and the suspect was arrested for the firearms violation. Investigators authored a search and seizure warrant for the suspect’s residence in Willards and seized a modified fully-automatic assault rifle, a sawed-off shotgun, various rifle and shotgun parts and five ammunition cans. Another search and seizure warrant at a Berlin residence revealed a revolver and a rifle with a homemade lower receiver and no serial number. The suspect was arrested and charged accordingly.

- In March, Homicide Unit personnel investigated a murder in Salisbury. The victim was stabbed 22 times during the commission of a burglary. Investigators served 10 search warrants and conducted 43 interviews during the course of the investigation. A suspect was identified and arrested.

- In April, the Wicomico County Narcotics Task Force (WINTF) discovered a prior drug dealer recently released from federal prison had established a new Drug Trafficking Organization (DTO) in and around Wicomico County. Through the investigation, WINTF was able to confirm the suspect was the main source responsible for multiple heroin and fentanyl related overdoses on the Eastern Shore. The investigation led to the recovery of 21 grams of heroin, 28 grams of fentanyl, 55 grams of marijuana, two grams of cocaine, the seizure of $60,900 and the arrest of four suspects.

- In June, Homicide Unit personnel investigated a murder in Salisbury. The victim had been shot four times. Investigators served 28 search warrants, conducted 84 interviews and seized three handguns. The suspect was arrested and charged accordingly.

- In 2018, troopers provided support and traffic management for the inaugural Salisbury Marathon, as well as the Folk Festival and the Sea Gull Century. In addition, Salisbury troopers honored the community’s fallen veterans by participating in Wreaths Across America.
Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In January, investigators were contacted by an allied agency regarding the arrest of individuals for possession of a large quantity of marijuana. An investigation was launched into the source of the marijuana and found it was being distributed by a local business owner in Ocean City. The investigation showed the business owner used his establishment to distribute approximately 50 pounds of marijuana per week to the residents of Worcester County. A joint investigation with allied police departments resulted in the recovery of 42 pounds of marijuana and the seizure of $22,000 and other drug proceeds. The suspect was arrested and convicted for the crimes and received a sentence of eight years and forfeited seized assets.

- In May, troopers responded to a fatal hit-and-run motor vehicle crash where a vehicle struck a bicyclist. Minutes later, troopers received a report of another hit-and-run vehicle crash. The driver in the second crash exited the vehicle, briefly conversed with the driver of the other vehicle, then fled on foot. Troopers, assisted by members of the Crash Team, used physical evidence from the scene and information obtained from witnesses to gather enough evidence to apply for a warrant for the suspected driver. The driver was charged and convicted of homicide by motor vehicle while impaired, DUI and other related traffic charges.

- In September, TFC Lane stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation. Upon speaking with the driver and passenger, TFC Lane noticed several criminal indicators to be present. In addition, the driver of the vehicle advised he was in possession of marijuana. During a search of the vehicle, 26 wax folds of heroin, marijuana and various paraphernalia items were discovered. Both suspects were arrested and charged accordingly.

- In November, the Worcester County Bureau of Investigation was requested by the Pocomoke Police Department to assume the lead role in the investigation of the shooting and attempted murder of a victim which occurred in a local business’ parking lot. Troopers learned the victim had been shot one time. As he was running away on foot, the suspect chased him through the parking lot in a vehicle, attempting to run him over. Through investigative efforts, a suspect was identified and arrested for attempted murder.

- In 2018, troopers participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. In addition, troopers participated in the sixth annual Shop with a Cop, OC Cruisin’, Delmarva Bike Week, OC Bikefest, H2O Car Show and Endless Summer Cruising.

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Forensic Sciences Division

Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In January, Maryland’s DNA database, housed at the Forensic Sciences Division (FSD), reached a milestone of 6,000 positive comparisons or “hits.” A positive comparison occurs when DNA obtained from a crime scene is matched with a known offender’s sample. 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 January, crime scene technicians (CSTs) responded to a business in Fallston for a burglary investigation. It had been reported that two unknown suspects entered the business by breaking through the roof. A hammer located in the attic rafters, near the point of entry, was collected and swabbed for possible DNA. The swabs were submitted to the Biology Section, resulting in the identification of a suspect who was later linked to numerous burglaries in Maryland and Delaware.

- In March, CSTs responded to a homicide in Salisbury where a male was found deceased in his home suffering from multiple stab wounds. CSTs collected DNA samples from bloodstains which matched the DNA of a person of interest who was later identified by the investigators. The suspect was charged accordingly.

- In May, CSTs processed a vehicle associated with a drug investigation, where the operator fled the scene of a traffic stop. CSTs collected latent prints, a pocket knife and numerous swabs for possible touch DNA from the vehicle and the knife. The DNA swabs were submitted to the Biology Section, resulting in the identification of the fleeing suspect.

- In July, CSTs responded to Taneytown for an arson investigation being conducted by the Office of the State Fire Marshal. It had been reported the victims awakened to find one of their vehicles and garage on fire. CST Frantz collected a glove that was discovered near the garage and a set of bolt cutters from the end of the victim’s driveway. The CST swabbed both items for DNA evidence and submitted the samples to the Biology Section, resulting in the identification of a suspect.

- In July, the Office of the State Fire Marshal submitted several items of clothing from an arson suspect, including his shoes. A sample of a brown liquid was also submitted for comparison. The brown liquid and the shoes tested positive for a gasoline substitute known as TruFuel. The case resulted in a guilty plea.

Aviation Command

Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In February, Aviation Command personnel took delivery of an AW-139 Level 6 Flight Training Device (FTD). A total of 159 hours of flight training on the FTD was conducted in 2018, which consisted of pilot familiarization training, pilot in command upgrades, pilot re-qualifications and new pilot applicant assessments. The FTD has been formally incorporated into the pilot training program.

- In March, the crew of Trooper 5 responded to a request for assistance to locate two missing hikers along the Rocky Gap Run waterway in Allegany County. A hoist mission was successfully completed.

- In April, the crew of Trooper 1 performed a successful hoist rescue for three people who ran their recreational water craft aground in the Patapsco River and were inaccessible for rescue by boat.

- In May, the crew of Trooper 3 conducted an aerial extraction to assist in the rescue of an injured hiker who had fallen down the side of a cliff in Montgomery County.

- In May, the crew of Trooper 5 conducted an aerial extraction to assist in the rescue of an injured ATV rider who had rolled down the side of a cliff in Allegany County.

- In August, the U.S. Coast Guard requested the assistance of Trooper 7 to respond to an emergency call from a cruise ship on the Chesapeake Bay. Trooper 7’s rescue technician was deployed to the deck of the cruise ship in order to treat a patient in cardiac arrest. The rescue technician and the patient were hoisted to the helicopter for emergency medical treatment. During their care, the patient regained a pulse and was successfully transported to the hospital for further medical care.
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division

Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In 2018, the Motor Carrier Safety Program (MCSP) completed its 51st year of operation in Maryland. Four state agencies, along with the MSP, participate in the Program with the assistance of 26 allied law enforcement agencies. The Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division (CVED) is the lead law enforcement agency in the Program and is tasked with training and certifying all allied officers associated with the program.

- During 2018, CVED personnel weighed nearly two million commercial motor vehicles, conducted 77,226 roadside inspections and issued 35,282 citations. In addition, 13,678 unsafe CMVs and 4,919 unsafe or unqualified drivers were placed out-of-service.

- In 2018, along with strategic enforcement efforts, the State Police Impaired Driving Reduction Effort (SPIDRE) Team taught a specialized DUI enforcement class to Academy Class 148, as well as troopers from the Golden Ring, La Plata and Prince Frederick Barracks. The class focused on Standard Field Sobriety Tests (SFSTs), report writing, court preparation and testimony and advanced DUI apprehension skills.

- In 2018, the Crash Team responded to 326 incidents, including 192 fatal collisions, 122 life threatening injuries, five crime scenes and seven cases for allied police departments. Crash Team members were the lead investigators on 138 of the above incident responses, an increase of 51 incidents versus 2017.

Licensing Division

Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- During 2018, there were 53,544 applications received and processed through the electronic Licensing Portal. This automated 77% application process has increased the efficiency in purchasing a regulated firearm in Maryland. The online completion of forms has largely eliminated legibility issues and decreased data processing errors.

- The Licensing Portal has continued to provide 24/7 LiveHelp to assist dealers and applicants with solving any transfer, purchase or other documentation difficulties. During 2018, LiveHelp technicians logged and answered 2,820 requests for assistance.

- The Firearms Registration Unit processed 3% more applications than in 2017, continuing to meet the seven day legislative mandated time frame.

- The Handgun Qualification License Unit (HQL) processed 21,727 applications in 2018, ensuring the 30 day mandate is met.

- Throughout 2018, firearms investigators assisted the Licensing Division with 70 Disapproval/False Application referrals. These investigations pertain to individuals providing false information on their firearms application or individuals prohibited from possession of firearms.

- In 2018, the Licensing Division worked on the automation of three additional sections of the Licensing Portal. The Handgun Permit Wear and Carry section is nearly complete and is slated for release in 2019. Two additional components, the Machine Gun Registry and the Dealer Registration sections are also slated for release in 2019.
Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- The Recruitment and Selection Unit (RSU), with support from 115 supplemental recruiters, conducted 241 recruiting events throughout 2018. RSU has consistently focused on increasing its recruiting efforts toward individuals who are underrepresented in the Department’s workforce.

- Academy Class 147 graduated in February 2018. The class had the historically best graduation rate of any Academy class at 96%.

- Recruitment for Class 148 was completed in September 2018, seating 43 candidates. Recruitment for Class 149 was completed in December 2018, seating 43 candidates. Recruitment for Class 150 began, with a planned start date in 2019.

- Academy Class 148 represented the Department at the Polar Bear Police Plunge, raising awareness and over $15,000 for Special Olympics.

- The Education and Training Division continued to support Maryland’s Overdose Response Program through the training and recertification of MSP personnel in prehospital administration of Narcan. During 2018, the MSP trained and certified 1,594 employees through the Program.

- In 2018, the Education and Training Division facilitated the training of 5,514 citizens in Maryland through 97 Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) presentations.

Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In 2018, the Regional Automated Property Information Database (RAPID) Unit reported more than $6.3 million dollars in stolen property being recovered as well as 1,175 arrests being made as a direct result of RAPID.

- In 2018, RAPID was used in one incident to close 62 cases with a total estimated loss of $178,970. These cases included four auto thefts and four burglaries, resulting in an arrest and a confession.

- During 21 training sessions, the RAPID Unit trained 289 new RAPID users during 2018, bringing the total to 5,928 users.

- The Electronic Services Division (ESD) completed the transitioning of the Hagerstown and Cumberland Barrack’s radio communications onto the statewide 700 MHz radio system, bringing the total to 15 barracks.

- The ESD established common mutual aid radio communications capabilities between agencies, jurisdictions and 911 Centers, using MDTac and other 700 MHz talkgroups.

- The ESD deployed new and improved secure interoperability radio communications for multi-agency specialty groups, including state, federal and local jurisdictions.

- The ESD launched a new in-Car Camera Program. Two hundred patrol vehicles from 10 barracks were equipped with the new camera systems.
Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- The Internal Affairs Division (IAD) is responsible for investigating allegations of misconduct against troopers. The IAD maintains the integrity of the Agency by thoroughly investigating complaints.

- The IAD uses BlueTeam software coupled with IAPro software for direct data entry, which promotes seamless statistical analysis and expedites the investigative process. Troopers enter information in cases involving use of force, vehicle pursuits and firearm discharges. Supervisors enter data related to complaints from internal or external sources, and IAD maintains a link through the Department's website for the public to express their concerns with interactions with MSP personnel.

- During 2018, troopers responded to 535,523 calls for service, stopped 532,660 vehicles and made 15,784 arrests. The IAD oversaw the investigation of 337 cases in 2018. Of those 337 cases, 140 cases were sustained and 176 were non-sustained/unfounded, with the remaining pending adjudication.

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Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- The Office of Fair Practices (OFP) ensures compliance with the Governor's Code of Fair Employment Practices, which obligates the provision of a workplace free from discriminatory practices or harassment of any kind. This function is executed through a comprehensive equal employment opportunity (EEO) program.

- The OFP continued to train all newly hired employees. New hires learned about diversity in the workplace and federal and State EEO laws, which protect employees from discrimination and harassment in the workplace, as well as how to contact and file a complaint with the OFP. The OFP also provided training to all of the Department's police communications supervisors/operators and barrack commanders.

- In 2018, the OFP received and responded to 348 Citizen Comment Brochures (MSP Form 225). Of these brochures, the public responded with 72% commendations, 7% complaints and 22% miscellaneous comments.
Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- In 2018, the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) focused on enhancing safety measures for Agency personnel. A safety plan was implemented which addressed exposure documentation, personal protective equipment use and a tobacco cessation program for employees. The plan also provided for Stop the Bleed control kits and AEDs in all the OSFM offices. The OSFM also obtained 10 new 4-Gas monitoring instruments, deploying two to each of its five regions.

- In July, the OSFM Major Incident Response Team, along with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Baltimore, assisted the Howard County Fire Investigation Division in the week-long investigation into the origin and cause of a fire and the circumstances surrounding a firefighter's Line of Duty Death. Howard County Fire and Rescue had responded to a large dwelling fire. Crews entered from the first floor level and encountered very high heat and smoke conditions inside. While attempting to locate the fire, a firefighter fell through the first floor into the basement where he became trapped. Rapid Intervention Teams were deployed immediately; however, they could not rescue the firefighter in time.

- In 2018, the OSFM investigated 844 incidents of which 652 were fire related and 152 explosive related. Investigators closed 47 criminal cases by arrest with 88 suspects being arrested. In addition, the OSFM completed 1,342 pre-construction plan reviews, evaluating building and systems designs for compliance with the State Fire Prevention Code. Also, the OSFM completed 11,736 building inspections, verifying field conditions are consistent with approved designs and maintaining required safety standards.

- In 2018, the OSFM had an arson closure rate of 24.6%, which is above the national average.

Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:

- During 2018, Maryland's Vehicle Theft Prevention Council continued its leadership role in assisting the prevention and deterrence of vehicle theft and related crimes. Since the Council's inception in 1994, vehicle theft in Maryland has decreased 64%.

- The Council awarded 20 grants to organizations encompassing public awareness and prevention, law enforcement, prosecution and juvenile intervention for nearly $1.9 million. These grants were focused in the Baltimore/Washington metropolitan area where 93% of all vehicle thefts occur in Maryland.

- The Council continues to partner with the Maryland/District of Columbia Anti-Car Theft Committee (ACT). The ACT is the Council's private sector partner and provides vehicle theft prevention services which supplement the Council's public awareness efforts.

- The Council continues to promote awareness of the prevention of vehicle theft and related crimes by working with a broadcasting firm to run public service announcements each year. Created by college students, these announcements remind citizens to lock their car and take the keys, hide their valuables and to not leave key FOBs in vehicles or leave their vehicles running to warm up in the cold weather.

- Based upon funding levels, the Council has been successful in providing planning and fiscal resources to state and local agencies, as well as community organizations, whose efforts have 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.
**Noteworthy Incidents and Accomplishments:**

- Logistics Command managed a $1.2 million annual facilities operations and staffing resource budget.
- Logistics Command managed $2.6 million in Department of General Services capital construction projects. Notable projects included the Cumberland Barrack replacement, the Headquarters Building “C” roof replacement and the Annapolis Barrack renovation.
- The Five-Year Replenishment and Sustainability Plan for Patrol and Non-Patrol vehicles was published. The plan outlines the Motor Vehicle Division’s (MVD) goal of maintaining an average of 179,999 miles or less and an average age of below six years for the fleet.
- Quartermaster Division (QMD) personnel processed 1,674 purchase orders, totaling $25.4 million in procurements for the Department. The Division made 5,818 corporate credit card purchases, totaling $4.2 million.
- In 2018, the Department’s Minority Business Enterprises MBE participation was 16.1%. In addition, Small Business Reserves procurement was 19.9% and Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprises participation was 0.1%.
- The Department Armorer acquired and assisted in replacing the recoil spring guide assemblies in all of the Department-owned Glock 22 pistols. QMD’s Procurement Section arranged for a sufficient number of recoil spring assemblies to be purchased for their replacement. The Department Armorer coordinated with the Firearms Training Unit of the Education and Training Division to efficiently replace the recoil spring assemblies.
- In 2018, a $6.7 million contract was awarded to Axon to provide a new In-Car Camera System.
- In 2018, a $2.5 million contract was awarded to Applied Biosystems for laboratory supplies for the Forensic Sciences Division (FSD).
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