

# **Maryland Department of State Police 2021 Annual Report**



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**About the cover photo:**

Corporal (Cpl.) Dominique Rogers has been appointed to a new hybrid role at the Forestville Barrack as the Community Relations Officer (CRO). She has been tasked with the responsibility for coordinating localized community engagement in Prince George's County. She has transformed the overall actions of troopers in the community into a thriving, effective tool to show positive police presence. Since taking on the CRO role, Cpl. Rogers has increased the Forestville Barrack's social media footprint by over 600%, and has reached almost 300,000 online users in the last four months of 2021. Her pride and dedication to the community is unmatched. This photo is one small glimpse into the positive effect she has on the community and the positive light she consistently sheds on the Maryland State Police (MSP).

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The Maryland Department of State Police (MDSP) is proud to present our 2021 Annual Report. The report is an overview of the wide range of public safety operations and initiatives conducted by members of the Department, which consists of the MSP, the Office of the State Fire Marshal and the Vehicle Theft Prevention Council. The mission of each agency and the goal of every employee is to impact crime and improve public safety for the citizens of Maryland.

Our priority is to work in collaboration with allied law enforcement agencies in order to impact the safety of each citizen of our state. We provide a full range of law enforcement services that are focused on safeguarding lives and property. Each unit within our Department provides unique resources and experienced personnel in both the sworn and civilian ranks.

As we close out another year of service to the people of Maryland, our Department celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> year of remaining committed to our mission. Through the years, thousands of employees have built a legacy of excellence in public safety services. With an authorized strength of just under 2,400 employees, the MSP maintains committed to the principles set forth in the President's Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing, to include building trust and legitimacy, as well as community policing and crime reduction.

This report highlights just a few examples of the great work of our people. It is impossible to convey the commitment to duty and dedication to public service that created these outcomes. The men and women of the MDSP work each day with a commitment to service that is second to none.

The trust of the citizens we serve is something we highly value. Despite the challenges and changes caused by the worldwide pandemic over the past two years, the women and men of this Department responded with unwavering dedication and commitment to duty throughout the year. We hope our core values of integrity, fairness and service continue to be evident in our actions and will uphold the reputation of excellence in law enforcement service we have enjoyed for over a century.

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

Be safe!

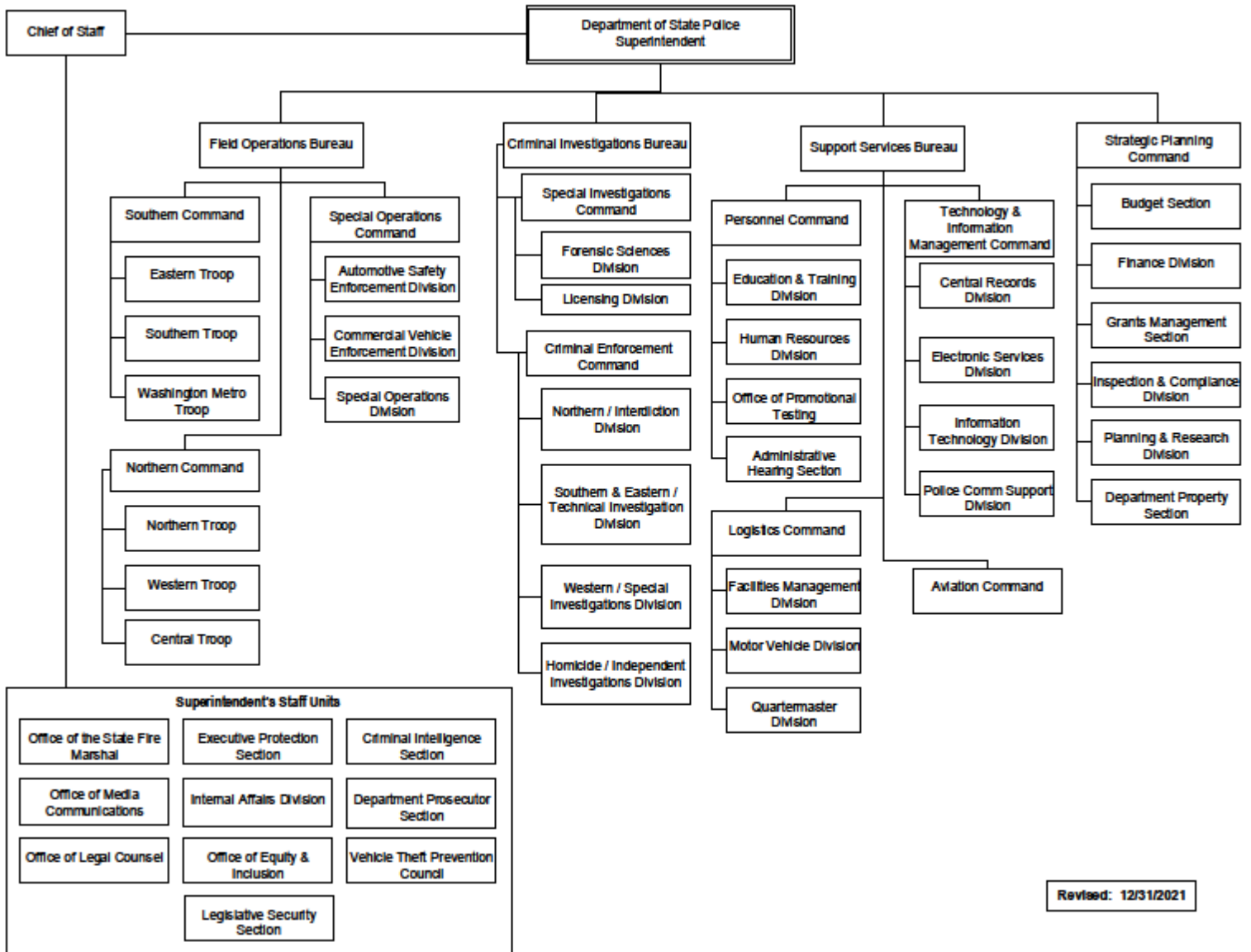
Sincerely,

Woodrow W. Jones III

*"Maryland's Finest"*



# Organizational Chart



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# Allegany County

- In February, the Allegany County Narcotics Task Force, comprised of MSP troopers and allied agencies, investigated a drug trafficking organization transporting cocaine into Allegany County. Investigators identified two suspects involved with suspicious packages sent from Puerto Rico to Cumberland. Using investigative techniques, including controlled undercover purchases, investigators arrested the two suspects, as well as four additional suspects, on controlled dangerous substances (CDS) charges. In total, investigators seized 1,430 grams of cocaine, three handguns and a rifle, ammunition, digital scales and CDS packaging material.



***Troopers participated in Cumberland's National Night Out.***

- In March, troopers responded for a male suspect slumped over a steering wheel. The suspect's license was suspended, and he consented to a vehicle search. The search yielded CDS paraphernalia and 207 heroin capsules. The suspect was arrested and charged accordingly.
- In July, Lieutenant Governor Rutherford joined MSP Superintendent, Colonel Jones III, in hosting the official opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new state-of-the-art Cumberland Barrack. The new facility incorporates best practices in public safety design.
- In September, Master Trooper (M/Tpr.) Mason investigated a homicide in Cumberland, in which the female victim had multiple wounds to her head and neck. Further investigation revealed that a machete was used in the homicide. A suspect was developed, interviewed, and confessed to the homicide and was charged with first degree murder.



Calls for Service	13,664
Investigations	1,374
Arrests	272
Narcan Deployments	1
Guns Seized	51
Traffic Stops	15,597
DUI Arrests	68
Crashes Investigated	408

*Served by the Cumberland Barrack*

# Anne Arundel County



**Annapolis Barrack troopers celebrated National First Responders Day in October.**

- In March, a Glen Bernie Barrack trooper initiated a traffic stop for an equipment violation. During the stop, evidence was developed that led to a probable cause search of the vehicle. The search revealed more than 337 capsules of heroin/fentanyl individually packaged, marijuana and currency. Both vehicle occupants were charged accordingly.

- In April, Trooper First Class (TFC) Mueller obtained an arrest warrant for a suspect's distribution and possession of child pornography. Troopers had conducted a search warrant in June 2020 after child pornography had been

downloaded from an IP address in Annapolis, identifying a suspect and seizing evidence. The suspect was arrested and charged accordingly.

- In July, troopers initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle for a traffic violation as well as an expired registration. Criminal indicators and a positive K-9 scan led to a search, which yielded a handgun with a suppressor and approximately 100 rounds of ammunition. The driver was arrested and charged accordingly.
- In July, TFC Tenorio initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle with inoperable tail lights. After detection of the odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle, a probable cause search was conducted. A firearm as well as individually bagged marijuana, a scale and several plastic baggies were located, indicative of possession with intent to distribute CDS. The driver was arrested and charged accordingly.

Calls for Service	18,981
Investigations	2,976
Arrests	1,033
Narcan Deployments	7
Guns Seized	57
Traffic Stops	32,103
DUI Arrests	544
Crashes Investigated	1,483



*Served by the Annapolis and Glen Burnie Barracks*

# Baltimore City

- In February, troopers assisted with the investigation of an alleged bribery scheme. The suspect, a professor at the Community College for Baltimore City, was soliciting financial bribes in exchange for favorable grades. After investigation, the suspect was charged with ten counts of receiving a bribe as a public official and one count of misconduct in office.

- In March, Strategic Operations Group troopers and allied agencies served search and seizure warrants and recovered 150 grams of cocaine, 25 grams of fentanyl and 32 grams of Molly. The warrants were issued as a result of an investigation into a drug trafficking organization (DTO) in South Baltimore. Multiple controlled purchases were conducted in order to pinpoint the main suspects of the investigation.



***Governor Larry Hogan spent time with the Special Operations Division.***

- In April, the Maryland State Apprehension Team (MSAT), comprised of MSP troopers and allied agencies, conducted an extensive investigation and arrested a homicide suspect in a Baltimore City hotel room. The suspect had stabbed his girlfriend's father in Pennsylvania and fled to Baltimore. After his arrest, MSAT investigators assisted Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) with a search and seizure warrant of the suspect's hotel room, which yielded evidence of the suspect's crimes.
- In May, Strike Force 7 initiated an investigation into a DTO in the Central District of Baltimore City. Search and seizure warrants were served that resulted in the seizure of fentanyl, heroin and items indicative of CDS distribution. As a result of the investigation, five members of the DTO were arrested.



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



***Served by Specialized Units***



# Baltimore County



***Trooper Reckeweg participated in National Night Out at Sussex Elementary School in Essex.***

- In March, TFC Wilson arrived on scene after a shooting at a convenience store in Essex. When encountering a store employee who had suffered a gunshot wound to the upper leg and was bleeding profusely, TFC Wilson applied a tourniquet to the victim's upper leg. The victim survived due to TFC Wilson's quick lifesaving actions.
- In July, troopers identified an illegal marijuana grow operation in Baltimore County. The investigation revealed several marijuana plants being illegally harvested. The plants were seized and destroyed, and the suspect was charged with possession with intent to distribute, manufacturing CDS and distribution near school property.
- In August, Trooper (Tpr.) Cambra observed a vehicle speeding and exhibiting erratic and dangerous driving behaviors. Upon conducting a traffic stop, a subsequent K-9 scan yielded a positive alert. A search revealed several CDS as well as paraphernalia, including marijuana, cocaine, heroin, PCP, crystal methamphetamine, oxycodone and Suboxone. The suspect was arrested and charged accordingly.
- In November, a four-month-long drug distribution investigation led to several search and seizure warrants being served within Baltimore County. Investigators seized a large quantity of marijuana, two firearms and currency. One arrest was made in this investigation.

Calls for Service	16,014*
Investigations	4,551
Arrests	1,031
Narcan Deployments	10
Guns Seized	72
Traffic Stops	26,494
DUI Arrests	613
Crashes Investigated	3,456



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



# Calvert County

- In January, Senior Trooper (S/Tpr.) Lewis conducted a traffic stop and detected the odor of marijuana. A probable cause search revealed LSD, Sally, marijuana, various prescription pills, a digital scale and paraphernalia. The driver was arrested and charged with possession with intent to distribute CDS.
- In January, troopers served a search warrant at a residence in Lusby, based on a cyber-tip regarding the distribution of child pornography. A suspect was identified and confessed. Several hundred images of child exploitation material were located on the suspect's electronic devices. A warrant was issued for the suspect's arrest, and the suspect was subsequently arrested and charged accordingly.
- In March, TFC Rutkoski conducted a traffic stop and detected the odor of marijuana. A probable cause search revealed heroin, cocaine and marijuana. In addition, the driver and passenger were found to have active arrest warrants through Anne Arundel County and Howard County, respectively. Both suspects were arrested and charged accordingly.
- In November, Tpr. Moorman responded to a residence in Owings for a domestic assault. A suspect had threatened to stab his son and was placed under arrest for first degree assault. Following the arrest, nearly 50 firearms and approximately 3,000 rounds of ammunition were removed from the residence. At least seven of the firearms were found to be reported as stolen during an unsolved 2001 burglary investigated by the Calvert County Sheriff's Office. The suspect was charged with the stolen firearms, and an Extreme Risk Protective Order was obtained and served.



***Tpr. White, TFC Kelly, Tpr. Moorman and TFC Smith were honored as the top DUI enforcers at the Prince Frederick Barrack.***



Calls for Service	11,894
Investigations	1,368
Arrests	425
Narcan Deployments	8
Guns Seized	135
Traffic Stops	16,301
DUI Arrests	173
Crashes Investigated	181

***Served by the Prince Frederick Barrack***

# Caroline County



***Tpr. Dassoulas participated in Caroline County's Shop with a Cop.***

the suspect and his vehicle yielded heroin/fentanyl, Xanax, marijuana and currency. A search of the suspect's residence was also conducted, revealing additional CDS. The suspect was charged accordingly.

- In June, troopers were dispatched to a fatal overdose. A suspect who sold the heroin/fentanyl to the deceased was charged with involuntary manslaughter, reckless endangerment, possession and possession with intent to distribute heroin/fentanyl.
- In July, S/Tpr. Bringman initiated a traffic stop for a traffic infraction in Denton. Upon contact with the driver, probable cause was established to conduct a search. The search yielded two firearms, cocaine, marijuana and currency. Both vehicle occupants were arrested and charged accordingly.

Calls for Service	11,471*
Investigations	1,128
Arrests	368
Narcan Deployments	1
Guns Seized	72
Traffic Stops	8,448
DUI Arrests	105
Crashes Investigated	2,710



*Served by the Easton Barrack*

# Carroll County

- In January, a suspect was arrested after forensic examination revealed child pornography on the suspect's electronic devices. A search warrant had been served at the suspect's residence in Manchester.
- In March, TFC Eckhardt responded to a car dealership in Westminster for a fraud investigation. During the investigation, it was discovered that a suspect had used a victim's name in order to finance and purchase a vehicle. Using investigative techniques, TFC Eckhardt was able to establish a suspect in Virginia. Analysis of the suspect's phone revealed evidence of the fraud, and the suspect was subsequently arrested.



***In May, Westminster Barrack troopers participated in the first annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Day and 5K run with the Boys and Girls Club of Westminster.***

- In April, troopers received a cyber-tip regarding a child exploitation case. A suspect's residence was identified and a search and seizure warrant was served. The suspect confessed and was subsequently arrested.
- In September, a female advised that she was a victim of fraud. She had shipped \$12,000 in cash to an address in California after a phone call she received. Troopers were able to track the package, prevent its delivery and return the package to the victim.



Calls for Service	15,207
Investigations	2,315
Arrests	542
Narcan Deployments	5
Guns Seized	45
Traffic Stops	17,367
DUI Arrests	191
Crashes Investigated	867

*Served by the Westminster Barrack*



# Cecil County



***TFC Arment and TFC Manuel hosted  
Cub Scouts Troop 92 in May.***

- In February, investigators responded for a reported burglary in Cecilton. During the investigation, an empty potato chip bag on the perimeter of the property was located and seized. Crime scene technicians were able to obtain a viable fingerprint suitable for comparison, and investigators identified a suspect. Using information obtained from allied agencies and from search warrants for the suspect's social media accounts, investigators were able to link additional burglaries in five different states and multiple jurisdictions. The suspect was subsequently charged with multiple felonies.

• In May, JFK Memorial Highway Barrack troopers were alerted to a pursuit by the Delaware State Police (DSP) of a stolen vehicle occupied by three suspects wanted for a triple homicide in Delaware. Troopers located the vehicle in Harford County and pursued the vehicle through Harford County and into Cecil County. The vehicle crashed in Cecil County and all three suspects were subsequently apprehended. Troopers seized two loaded handguns at the scene, and the suspects were charged with three homicides and four shootings in Delaware.

- In May, troopers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a traffic violation. Criminal indicators led to a K-9 scan and subsequent search of the vehicle. The search yielded 100 heat sealed bags of marijuana, totaling approximately 122 pounds. The occupants were arrested and charged accordingly.
- In November, a North East Barrack trooper observed a vehicle committing a traffic violation and initiated a traffic stop. Criminal indicators led to a probable cause search of the vehicle, which yielded methamphetamine and paraphernalia, a handgun and currency. The suspect was arrested and charged accordingly.

Calls for Service	14,739*
Investigations	3,604
Arrests	1,526
Narcan Deployments	15
Guns Seized	118
Traffic Stops	19,274
DUI Arrests	211
Crashes Investigated	929



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

# Charles County

- In May, the New York State Police referred a child exploitation investigation to the MSP because the suspect resided in Maryland. Using investigative techniques, MSP investigators positively identified the suspect and seized electronic records demonstrating the online sexual exploitation of numerous juveniles. In June, the suspect was arrested, following a search warrant and a confession to the online exploitations and a sex offense from 2006. The suspect was charged accordingly.



***La Plata Barrack troopers participated in a car seat safety check event.***

- In June, S/Tpr. Williams initiated a traffic stop for a speeding vehicle with two occupants. The driver stated that there was a firearm in the vehicle. A search of the vehicle yielded six firearms as well as 412 rounds of ammunition and seven gun magazines. The passenger was prohibited from possessing a firearm or ammunition because of a prior felony conviction. Both suspects were arrested and charged accordingly.
- In August, TFC Hussey was dispatched to a motor vehicle collision and detected the odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle. A probable cause search yielded two firearms, ammunition, marijuana and a digital scale. The driver and passenger were charged accordingly.
- In December, TFC Hussey initiated a traffic stop for a speeding vehicle. Upon contact with the occupants, the odor of marijuana was detected, and a probable cause search was conducted. The search revealed a firearm, 40 Oxycodone pills, marijuana, digital scales, a metal grinder and \$8,257 in currency. The suspects were charged accordingly.



Calls for Service	6,559
Investigations	1,916
Arrests	491
Narcan Deployments	2
Guns Seized	42
Traffic Stops	11,912
DUI Arrests	199
Crashes Investigated	1,106

***Served by the La Plata Barrack***



# Dorchester County



*Easton Barrack's M/Tpr Rola and TFC Angeli participated in National Night Out in Cambridge.*

- In April, after a shooting in Cambridge, homicide investigators processed the crime scene and determined that multiple shooters used different caliber weapons. Using investigative techniques, investigators identified and arrested four suspects responsible for the murder.

- In July, investigators evaluated an incident at a hunting camp. It was reported that a video recording device was placed in a bathroom and was being used to record underage children. During the investigation, evidence was revealed to support the allegations, as well as other crimes of child pornography. An arrest warrant was issued for the suspect.

- In July, a case was reported involving misconduct in office of an elected official in Cambridge. Based on victim information, the official was identified as the suspect in a pornography case. Leads followed during the investigation led to the arrest of the elected official.
- In August, investigators conducted a controlled delivery of a parcel determined to contain 1,260 grams of methamphetamine. A suspect took possession of the parcel, and a residential search warrant was served. The suspect was detained and charged accordingly.

Calls for Service	11,471*
Investigations	990
Arrests	281
Narcan Deployments	0
Guns Seized	56
Traffic Stops	9,734
DUI Arrests	97
Crashes Investigated	230



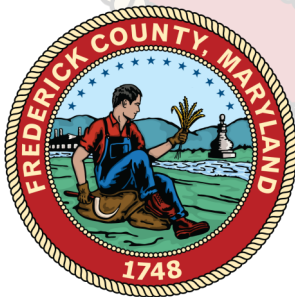
*Served by the Easton Barrack*

# Frederick County

- In March, troopers and allied agencies served a search warrant at an address in Frederick, after a child pornography investigation. Upon examination of electronic devices, a suspect was arrested for six counts each of possession of child pornography and distribution of child pornography.
- In August, a road rage incident was reported, in which a suspect displayed a handgun while passing a victim. Troopers stopped the suspect vehicle and conducted a probable cause search. The search revealed two handguns, and the suspects were charged with firearms violations as well as assault.
- In September, a road rage incident was reported, in which a suspect pointed a handgun at a victim's chest while outside their vehicles on the shoulder of the road. Frederick Barrack troopers responded and identified, arrested and searched the suspect and his vehicle. Two firearms were seized. Additional firearms and ammunition were seized after a search of the suspect's residence. The suspect was also a person of interest in approximately 30 burglaries in Baltimore County. The suspect was charged accordingly.
- In October, a victim captured on video a road rage incident including the discharge of a firearm. Frederick Barrack troopers located the suspect vehicle and arrested the suspect. A handgun was seized and the suspect was charged accordingly.



***Frederick Barrack troopers participated in Shop with a Cop.***



Calls for Service	21,891
Investigations	3,471
Arrests	591
Narcan Deployments	4
Guns Seized	105
Traffic Stops	16,640
DUI Arrests	218
Crashes Investigated	1,762

*Served by the Frederick Barrack*

# Garrett County



**McHenry Barrack troopers participated in Police Providing Presents.**

- In August, S/Tpr. Lyons stopped a vehicle for speeding and observed criminal indicators. After a positive K-9 scan of the vehicle, a search yielded cocaine, methamphetamine and several firearms. The suspect was charged accordingly.

- In November, a victim reported a road rage incident in which a suspect displayed a firearm. A high-risk traffic stop was conducted on the suspect's vehicle, and a firearm matching the description of the one used in the incident was located. The suspect was arrested and charged accordingly.

- In December, McHenry Barrack troopers were involved in a multi-jurisdictional pursuit. During the course of the pursuit, the suspect deliberately rammed his vehicle into an MSP vehicle, injuring a trooper. The pursuit came to an end in Garrett County when the suspect's vehicle became disabled and the suspect was apprehended.
- In December, McHenry Barrack troopers responded to an address in Grantsville to investigate a domestic violence incident. During the course of the investigation, a suspect fired a gun from inside the residence. The bullet exited the side of the house where troopers were located. A barricade incident ensued and additional MSP resources, as well as allied agencies, assisted. The incident was ultimately resolved peacefully when the suspect was apprehended without further incident.

Calls for Service	11,508
Investigations	794
Arrests	294
Narcan Deployments	0
Guns Seized	44
Traffic Stops	11,427
DUI Arrests	63
Crashes Investigated	282



*Served by the McHenry Barrack*



# Harford County

- In June, Tpr. Warren stopped a vehicle for speeding on Interstate 95. Upon detecting the odor of marijuana, a probable cause search was conducted. As a result of the search, 40 pounds of marijuana were seized. The driver was charged accordingly.
- In October, Bel Air Barrack troopers rescued two men from a vehicle fire following a crash in Harford County, saving their lives. TFC Hadley and TFC Gustaitis extricated two male victims, who were transported to local hospitals for further treatment.
- In November, TFC Desai initiated a traffic stop on a speeding vehicle on Interstate 95. After detection of the odor of marijuana, a probable cause search was conducted. The search revealed marijuana, cocaine, a handgun and ammunition. The driver was charged accordingly.
- In November, Criminal Enforcement Division troopers were contacted regarding a missing juvenile. Troopers tracked the juvenile to a residence in Pennsylvania. With assistance from the PSP, the juvenile was located unharmed and returned home.



***Bel Air Barrack's TFC Hadley and TFC Gustaitis rescued two men from a vehicle fire in October, saving their lives.***



Calls for Service	9,957*
Investigations	3,526
Arrests	1,063
Narcan Deployments	3
Guns Seized	35
Traffic Stops	32,935
DUI Arrests	439
Crashes Investigated	1,938

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

# Howard County



***Waterloo Barrack troopers participated in the National Drug Take Back event in Howard County.***

- In February, troopers were called to Interstate 70 for a shooting. The suspect had discharged a firearm toward construction employees working on the shoulder of the road. A bullet casing was located and processed at the MSP Forensic Sciences Division (FSD). The shell casing matched a casing located from a previous shooting hours earlier in Washington D.C. Troopers and allied agencies developed a suspect and vehicle used in the commission of the shootings. The suspect and vehicle were subsequently located, a handgun was seized and the suspect was charged accordingly.

search revealed 149 capsules of heroin/fentanyl. Both vehicle occupants were arrested and charged accordingly.

- In July, a victim experienced a road rage incident on Interstate 70. The suspect was driving recklessly and making aggressive maneuvers towards the victim's vehicle. In addition, the suspect brandished a firearm, pointing it at both the victim and her minor passengers. Using investigative techniques, troopers were able to identify the suspect and the vehicle. A warrant was issued for the suspect's arrest.
- In September, troopers served a search warrant at an address in Jessup, as a result of a proactive investigation into the online distribution of child pornography. Examination of the suspect's electronic devices revealed hundreds of child pornography files. The suspect confessed to possessing and distributing child pornography and was arrested and charged accordingly.

Calls for Service	8,951
Investigations	1,398
Arrests	371
Narcan Deployments	2
Guns Seized	14
Traffic Stops	17,563
DUI Arrests	180
Crashes Investigated	900



***Served by the Waterloo Barrack***



# Kent County

- In January, a shooting in Galena was investigated by troopers and allied agencies. A victim was shot in the face, and the suspects fled the scene. Both suspects were subsequently arrested in Delaware and charged accordingly, including charges for attempted murder.

- In April, Centreville Barrack troopers were alerted to a DSP pursuit of a suspect who committed murder. TFC Foley engaged in the pursuit in Kennedyville until the suspect vehicle abruptly left the roadway, struck an embankment and came to a final rest in a field. Troopers performed a tactical approach and observed the suspect slumped over the center console. It was discovered that the suspect had a self-inflicted gunshot wound to his right temple. The suspect succumbed to the gunshot wound prior to being transported for additional care.



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

- In May, Tpr. Nickerson responded to a motor vehicle collision in Kennedyville. While interviewing the suspect, Tpr. Nickerson suspected sobriety issues as well as criminal activity. Standardized field sobriety tests were conducted, and the suspect was arrested for DUI. In addition, a K-9 scan was conducted with a positive alert. A probable cause search revealed methamphetamine, marijuana, a digital scale and currency. The suspect was charged accordingly.
- In August, TFC Thomas stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation and detected the odor of marijuana. A probable cause search revealed a firearm, 117 grams of marijuana, a digital scale, \$1,540 in currency and three cell phones. The driver's license was suspended in Maryland due to points on his license, and the driver was prohibited from possessing firearms. The driver was charged accordingly.



Calls for Service	10,012*
Investigations	451
Arrests	115
Narcan Deployments	0
Guns Seized	11
Traffic Stops	2,787
DUI Arrests	37
Crashes Investigated	127

***Served by the Centreville Barrack***

# Montgomery County



**Rockville Barrack troopers participated in National Night Out in Montgomery County.**

- In March, a suspect in Montgomery Village was arrested for downloading child pornography. Troopers had conducted a proactive child pornography investigation in October 2020 and served a search and seizure warrant in November 2020. The suspect admitted to downloading child pornography, and a forensic exam was conducted prior to issuing an arrest warrant.

- In March, troopers were alerted to a Virginia State Police (VSP) pursuit of a suspect who was driving recklessly and had been involved in multiple collisions, including striking a VSP vehicle. Just after the suspect vehicle entered Maryland, the suspect lost control and crashed the vehicle. Troopers took possession of a firearm found in

the debris and located the suspect in a nearby fast food restaurant. Troopers arrested the suspect and recovered additional evidence at the scene to link the suspect to armed robberies in Prince George's County, the District of Columbia and Virginia.

- In May, troopers responded to a reported assault, resulting from a road rage incident with another vehicle. The suspect vehicle cut off the victim's vehicle, forcing the victim to stop, then the suspect exited his vehicle and assaulted the victim with a metal pipe. The victim had injuries to his head and forearm and was able to provide video evidence. Troopers positively identified the suspect and obtained an arrest warrant, as well as a search warrant for the suspect's vehicle, in order to obtain the weapon used. In addition, troopers obtained DNA swabs from the victim to compare to evidence found on the weapon.
- In September, while TFC Cosgrove was investigating a vehicle collision, another vehicle arrived at the location with a gunshot victim inside. TFC Cosgrove administered a tourniquet to the victim to slow the bleeding, and the victim was transported for further care.
- In December, Tpr. Kline was selected as the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) National Officer of the Month for his steadfast commitment to removing impaired drivers from the roads. Tpr. Kline has arrested an impaired driver in one out of every twelve traffic stops he makes, on average.

Calls for Service	8,059
Investigations	2,003
Arrests	482
Narcan Deployments	0
Guns Seized	27
Traffic Stops	24,934
DUI Arrests	290
Crashes Investigated	1,711



*Served by the Rockville Barrack*

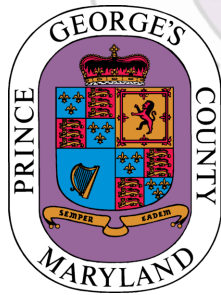
# Prince George's County

- In March, an extensive investigation was conducted regarding a suspect distributing cocaine in Prince George's County. The suspect was arrested, and nearly three kilograms of cocaine were seized.
- In May, a Forestville trooper initiated a traffic stop for an equipment violation. After the detection of the odor of marijuana, a probable cause search was conducted, yielding a firearm, ammunition, 596 grams of marijuana and THC edibles. The driver was charged accordingly.



***In October, Forestville Barrack troopers participated in the delivery of bunk beds to a family in need.***

- In November, members of the Metropolitan Area Drug Task Force, comprised of MSP troopers and allied agencies, assisted federal agencies with dismantling a criminal network spanning across several states. The in-depth investigation led to the seizure of two kilograms of cocaine, numerous firearms and 5.3 pounds of marijuana. Several arrests were made during this investigation.
- In December, a coordinated law enforcement initiative with allied agencies was conducted, with the goal of reducing traffic fatalities. Troopers striving to remove impaired, distracted and aggressive drivers from the roads yielded the following results: 246 citations, 160 warnings, 36 safety equipment repair orders, eight civil citations, one arrest warrant served, and 21 impaired drivers removed from the roads.



Calls for Service	28,121
Investigations	3,912
Arrests	1,756
Narcan Deployments	1
Guns Seized	51
Traffic Stops	42,453
DUI Arrests	1,181
Crashes Investigated	4,669

***Served by the College Park and Forestville Barracks***



# Queen Anne's County



***In January, the Centreville Barrack received a donation of stuffed animals to give comfort to children during traumatic events.***

- In January, an investigation into a drug trafficking organization distributing cocaine and opioids was completed by the Queen Anne's County Drug Task Force, comprised of MSP troopers and allied agencies. Evidence was developed that enabled investigators to obtain search warrants for four residences, five vehicles and two individuals. Cocaine, Oxycodone, Adderall, Xanax, Suboxone, four firearms and more than \$17,000 in currency were recovered. Six suspects were arrested and charged accordingly.

intent to distribute marijuana, fraudulent credit cards, currency and counterfeit currency. The Secret Service was contacted regarding the counterfeit currency and fraudulent credit cards and it was determined the suspect was part of a large-scale fraud scheme in Maryland unemployment benefits cards. The Secret Service took control of the multi-jurisdiction investigation.

- In January, TFC Daigle conducted a traffic stop and the driver fled from the vehicle. A foot chase ensued, and the driver discarded a weapon prior to being apprehended. A search of the area revealed a firearm. A probable cause search of the vehicle yielded ammunition, possession with

- In July, TFC Daigle initiated a traffic stop and conducted a probable cause search. The search yielded marijuana (possession with intent to distribute), currency, fraudulent identification and credit cards and a firearm. Further investigation revealed the suspect was conducting an international theft scheme based out of New Jersey. The suspect had stolen over 100 people's identities and was involved in drug dealing, gun smuggling, money laundering and sending money to possible terrorist organizations. The investigation was taken over by the New Jersey Federal Bureau of Investigation's Joint Terrorism Task Force.
- In October, an investigation into a fatal opioid overdose was completed. Investigators conducted interviews, authored and served subpoenas and search warrants and developed suspects. The case resulted in seven suspects charged with CDS offenses, with two suspects also charged with manslaughter and reckless endangerment. In addition, 21 capsules of heroin/fentanyl, 79 grams of cocaine, marijuana, 15 amphetamine pills, various prescription pills, currency and paraphernalia were seized.

Calls for Service	10,012*
Investigations	2,070
Arrests	567
Narcan Deployments	0
Guns Seized	43
Traffic Stops	15,973
DUI Arrests	227
Crashes Investigated	586



***Served by the Centreville Barrack***

# Somerset County

- In January, troopers investigated the theft of a large amount of valuable metal from a local business. Through the course of the investigation, it was learned that about \$20,000 worth had been stolen from the business and sold for scrap metal. Using investigative techniques, the case expanded to other counties on the Eastern Shore as well as Delaware. The case was closed with warrants being issued and the arrests of five suspects found to be employees of the business.



**Princess Anne Barrack troopers participated in a holiday toy drive in December.**

- In February, Princess Anne Barrack troopers led a pro-active community enforcement initiative. During the three-day operation, troopers conducted 237 traffic stops, issuing 65 citations, 244 warnings, 24 safety equipment repair orders and ten civil citations for marijuana possession. In addition, criminal investigations were opened in reference to multiple suspected CDS distributors. Three felony arrests were made and 315 grams of marijuana were seized. Also during the initiative, three suspects with active arrest warrants and two suspects possessing cocaine were arrested.
- In September, members of the Somerset County Narcotics Task Force, comprised of MSP troopers and allied agencies, served search and seizure warrants in reference to a CDS investigation. The following items were seized: 54 grams of cocaine, marijuana, a digital scale, drug packaging material, currency, credit cards and cellular phones. The suspect was charged accordingly, including charges for possession and possession with intent to distribute CDS in a school zone.
- In November, troopers responded to Marion Station regarding an assault. The suspect was trying to run over the victim with a vehicle. Troopers obtained a warrant for first degree assault and arrested the suspect.



Calls for Service	6,564
Investigations	1,171
Arrests	380
Narcan Deployments	1
Guns Seized	60
Traffic Stops	13,738
DUI Arrests	56
Crashes Investigated	151

*Served by the Princess Anne Barrack*



# St. Mary's County



***Leonardtown troopers participated in Shop with a Cop in December.***

- In March, a search and seizure warrant was served in Hollywood, based on a cyber-tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). A suspect was identified and subsequently arrested, charged with distribution and possession of child pornography.

- In May, Tpr. Barlow responded to a motel in California regarding a vehicle with the driver slumped over the steering wheel. While speaking with the suspect, Tpr. Barlow observed marijuana in plain view. A probable cause search of the vehicle yielded marijuana, 33 capsules of heroin, a digital scale and currency. A search warrant was authored and served for the suspect's motel room, which led to the seizure of an additional 101 heroin capsules. The suspect admitted to selling marijuana and heroin and was charged accordingly.

- In October, TFC Posch responded to a report of a theft at a home improvement store in California. An investigation revealed that within a two-month period of time, a store employee failed to charge a suspect for numerous items at the register on at least 63 transactions, totaling approximately \$73,000. TFC Posch obtained video surveillance and copies of the receipts for all the transactions and identified the co-conspirator. Both suspects were charged accordingly.
- In November, Tpr. Koontz and Tpr. Eckrich responded for a reported assault and rape in Lexington Park. The suspect was located and arrested. Search incident to arrest revealed a smoking device containing cocaine residue. The suspect was charged accordingly.

Calls for Service	12,218
Investigations	1,871
Arrests	995
Narcan Deployments	17
Guns Seized	53
Traffic Stops	19,717
DUI Arrests	240
Crashes Investigated	308



*Served by the Leonardtown Barrack*

# Talbot County

- In April, troopers were requested to investigate a child sex offense. Working with the Department of Social Services, it was determined that the child victim had been sexually assaulted by the victim's stepfather. Investigators followed leads which resulted in probable cause regarding the allegations. Criminal charges were issued for the suspect.



***Easton Barrack troopers and members of the Easton Barrack Explorer Post posed with the MSP bus.***

- In June, TFC Wolf initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle in Easton for a seat belt violation. TFC Wolf discovered that the driver of the vehicle had an outstanding warrant with Prince George's County. A probable cause search was conducted, yielding heroin, ecstasy and cocaine. In addition, a firearm was located in the possession of a passenger. The suspects were charged accordingly.
- In June, while Easton Barrack troopers were gathering information on a possibly intoxicated driver, TFC Lockhart located the vehicle. In an attempt to stop the vehicle, the suspect's vehicle struck the trooper's patrol vehicle, causing minor damage. The driver was arrested for DUI and charged accordingly.
- In August, the Talbot County Drug Task Force, comprised of MSP troopers and allied agencies, served a search and seizure warrant on a suspect and his vehicle, which was occupied by two additional suspects. A search of the suspects, the vehicle and the initial suspect's residence revealed cocaine, heroin/fentanyl, marijuana, currency and evidence of distribution. The suspects were charged accordingly.



Calls for Service	11,471*
Investigations	1,188
Arrests	327
Narcan Deployments	2
Guns Seized	37
Traffic Stops	10,700
DUI Arrests	144
Crashes Investigated	248

***Served by the Easton Barrack***

# Washington County



***A Hagerstown Barrack trooper participated in Shop with a Cop in December.***

- In January, TFC Bennett responded to a report that a suspect had assaulted his mother. The suspect would not allow TFC Bennett to enter the residence for a welfare check on his mother, and the suspect subsequently brandished a firearm. After orders to drop the firearm were obeyed, the suspect was arrested and charged accordingly. The victim applied for an Extreme Risk Protective Order.

- In January, TFC Marquis responded to a gas and convenience store in Big Pool for a report of a citizen hiding in a bathroom. The citizen claimed he was going to be killed by another individual in a white vehicle by the gas pumps, who had drugs in the vehicle. Contact was made

with the driver of the white vehicle and a probable cause search revealed 5.5 pounds of marijuana and 513 grams of cocaine, with an approximate street value of \$48,000. Both suspects were arrested and charged accordingly.

- In September, a traffic stop was initiated and a K-9 scan was requested. A positive alert led to the seizure of 85 pounds of marijuana. The driver was charged accordingly.
- In November, TFC Socks initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle. A K-9 scan of the vehicle was conducted, with a positive alert. A search yielded 1,743 grams of cocaine, two firearms and over \$4,000 in currency. The driver was arrested and charged accordingly.

Calls for Service	10,767
Investigations	1,950
Arrests	339
Narcan Deployments	2
Guns Seized	33
Traffic Stops	13,651
DUI Arrests	132
Crashes Investigated	936



***Served by the Hagerstown Barrack***

# Wicomico County

- In January, a traffic stop was initiated for an equipment violation. Tpr. Graves detected the odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle, and a probable cause search was conducted. Three compressed brick-like objects in cellophane wrap containing fentanyl, with a total weight of 3,868 grams were located, as well as marijuana and a smoking device. The suspect was charged accordingly.



***A youth tried on a Salisbury Barrack trooper's Stetson.***

- In February, S/Tpr. Morton began an investigation into a large-scale fentanyl and cocaine distributor. Probable cause was developed to author search and seizure warrants for the suspect, his vehicle and his storage unit. A search of the vehicle yielded \$1,500 in currency, two cell phones and a key to the storage unit. A search of the storage unit yielded 1,619 grams of cocaine, 190 grams of heroin/fentanyl, two digital scales and drug packaging material. Subsequently, service of a search warrant for the suspect's residence revealed an additional \$40,000 in currency. The suspect was charged accordingly.
- In April, troopers investigated drug transactions at a residence in Mardela Springs. During surveillance, investigators observed an individual place a brown paper bag into a vehicle parked on the side of the residence. The brown paper bag was later retrieved by a suspect, and a traffic stop was initiated on the suspect's vehicle. A K-9 scan was conducted resulting in a positive alert, and a search revealed the brown paper bag contained two kilograms of cocaine. A search and seizure warrant was issued for the residence, and the following items were seized: three kilograms of cocaine, \$47,000 in currency, two pounds of marijuana, three firearms and drug packaging material. The suspect was arrested and charged accordingly.
- In December, troopers investigated an attempted murder, in which the victim was shot multiple times with a firearm. Through investigative techniques, a suspect was identified. It was learned that the suspect had fled to Virginia to evade apprehension. An extraditable arrest warrant was issued and given to the MSAT. MSAT located and arrested the suspect in Virginia. Investigators worked with allied law enforcement to recover the firearm and other evidence of the crime.



Calls for Service	10,000
Investigations	2,274
Arrests	852
Narcan Deployments	6
Guns Seized	19
Traffic Stops	21,350
DUI Arrests	306
Crashes Investigated	668

*Served by the Salisbury Barrack*



# Worcester County



***A Berlin Barrack trooper participated in Shop with a Cop in December.***

- In August, TFC C. Shubert conducted a traffic stop for a traffic violation. During contact with the driver, criminal indicators and a large amount of currency were observed. The driver consented to a search of the vehicle. The search revealed a firearm, various types of CDS and currency. The driver was arrested and charged with CDS distribution and firearms violations.

- In August, investigators received a tip from the NCMEC regarding child pornography. Investigators identified a suspect and served search warrants on the suspect's residence, resulting in the recovery of evidentiary items related to crimes against children. The suspect was arrested and charged accordingly.

- In December, TFC Mitchell investigated a road rage incident on Route 611. The victims reported that the suspect pointed a firearm at them, and they were able to provide specific details. TFC Mitchell identified the suspect and arranged an interview. During the interview, the suspect confessed and also led investigators to the location where he had hidden the firearm after the incident. The suspect was charged with first degree assault.
- In December, TFC Brader conducted a traffic stop on a speeding vehicle and detected the odor of marijuana. A search of the vehicle revealed more than two pounds of marijuana and a firearm. The suspect was charged with various drug trafficking and firearms violations.

Calls for Service	11,762
Investigations	2,080
Arrests	923
Narcan Deployments	1
Guns Seized	35
Traffic Stops	21,099
DUI Arrests	563
Crashes Investigated	480



*Served by the Berlin Barrack*

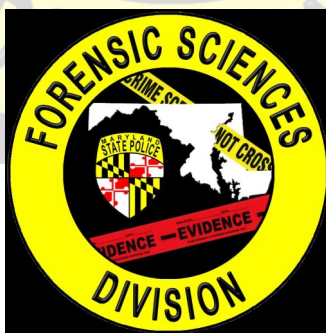
# Forensic Sciences Division



***The FSD is tasked with collecting, preserving, and analyzing physical evidence in criminal cases.***

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- In January, the Crime Scene Section (CSS) responded to a shooting scene in a parking lot of a hotel in St. Mary's County. Suspects had fled the scene and were not identified. The CSS processed a hotel room and was able to collect fingerprints from various items at the scene. The Latent Print/Impressions Unit identified three suspects from the fingerprints.
- In May, evidence was submitted to the Trace Evidence Section (TES) regarding a fatal fire in Salisbury that was suspected to be arson. The TES provided results to investigators which allowed them to charge and arrest the suspect in the fatal fire.
- In July, a study authored by the Chemistry Section Manager, two FSD Forensic Scientists and a scientist from the National Institute of Standards and Technology was published online by Analytical Chemistry. The study describes using tetracaine as an internal standard for qualitative analysis of seized drugs, eliminating false identifications of drugs.
- In August, the Maryland DNA Database released its 9,000<sup>th</sup> hit. A hit, or positive comparison, occurs when DNA obtained from a crime scene is matched with a known offender's sample or DNA from another crime scene. The Maryland DNA Database was established in 1994 and is an invaluable tool to law enforcement in the ongoing effort to reduce crime, apprehend criminals and exonerate the innocent.



# Aviation Command

- The MSP Aviation Command (MSPAC) completed 1,793 medevacs, responded to 136 law enforcement missions, assisted with the arrest of 72 suspects, flew 170 search and rescue missions and completed twelve hoist/aerial rescue operations. The MSPAC logged more than 2,588 flight hours in support of the Department's missions, conducted more than 210 hours of flight training and coordinated more than 500 hours of quarterly skills training.

- In May, Trooper 3 responded to Sugarloaf Mountain for an injured hiker. The injured hiker was hoisted 100 feet and transported to a local hospital for further treatment.

- In July, Trooper 5 was dispatched to Garrett County after an individual suffered a head injury while swimming at Swallow Falls. The individual was hoisted 275 feet and transported to a local hospital for additional treatment.



*The crew of Trooper 5 hosted a Not So Scary Halloween event.*

- In July, Trooper 1 responded for an aerial rescue of an individual injured while swimming in a remote area in the Northeast Creek below the Gilpin's Fall Covered Bridge. The injured individual was hoisted nearly 130 feet and transported to a local hospital for additional treatment.
- In September, Trooper 1 assisted Baltimore County rescue personnel with the rescue of an injured hiker at Gunpowder Falls State Park. The hiker suffered serious injuries and was nearly two miles from the closest road, requiring a remote extraction. The crew from Trooper 1 hoisted the patient nearly 140 feet and transported him to a local hospital for additional treatment.
- In October, Trooper 1 rescued five people stranded on the Susquehanna Flats. From 100 feet above the victims, a rescue basket was repeatedly used to hoist each of the five victims.



# Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division

- Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division (CVED) personnel weighed approximately 1.2 million commercial motor vehicles, conducted 59,139 roadside inspections and issued 20,459 citations. In addition, 10,005 unsafe commercial motor vehicles and 3,731 unsafe or unqualified drivers were placed out of service.
- A major achievement in 2021 was reaching the goal of conducting a ratio of level one (full) commercial vehicle inspections that met or exceeded 25% of the Division's overall inspection totals. This goal has been historically outlined in the commercial vehicle safety plan, yet was never met. The CVED personnel exceeded this goal by reaching a 29.4% level one inspection rate for 2021.
- The Motor Carrier Safety Program completed its 54<sup>th</sup> year of operation in Maryland. Four state agencies, along with the MSP, participate in the program with the assistance of 27 allied law enforcement agencies. MSP is the lead law enforcement agency in the program and is tasked with training and certifying all allied officers associated with the program.
- The Crash Team responded to 366 incidents, including 183 fatal collisions, 94 life threatening injury collisions, 46 personal injury collisions, 17 cases for allied police departments, 15 crime scenes, three property damage collisions and eight departmental collisions. Crash Team members were the lead investigators on 175 of the above incident responses.



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

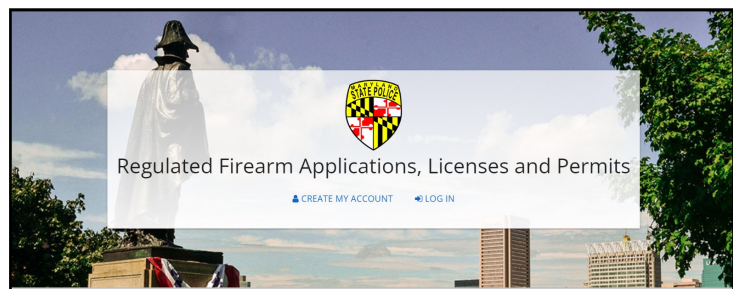
*A Commercial Vehicle Safety Inspector checked the tires on a commercial vehicle.*





# Licensing Division

- The Firearms Registration Unit processed 109,139 regulated firearm transactions, an average of 2,099 per week, while continuing to meet the seven-day legislative mandated processing time frame. This represents a 4% increase in transactions from 2020.
- The Handgun Qualification License (HQL) Unit processed 45,549 applications, an average of 876 per week. The HQL Unit processed applications in 10-12 days on average. This is nearly 20 days ahead of the legislative mandate of 30 days.
- In February, the Machine Gun Registry came online. Since then, 785 applications for the registry of a machine gun have been received.
- In June, the Professional Licensing Unit (PLU) of the Licensing Portal came online. The PLU portal has received 9,258 applications since June.
- The Licensing Division witnessed a 6% increase in applications from 2020 related to Wear and Carry Permits, totaling 12,189 applications.
- The Background Investigation Unit portion of the Handgun Permits Section investigated and closed 12,707 backgrounds, a 20% increase over 2020.
- “LiveHelp,” which assists applicants with online submissions on the Licensing Portal, answered 8,576 requests for assistance.



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

# Personnel Command

- The Recruitment and Selection Unit (RSU), with support from more than 150 supplemental recruiters, conducted more than 65 recruiting events. The majority of recruiting events were virtual due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The RSU successfully sat Classes 152 & 153, selecting 98 trooper candidates with a total class diversity of 39%. The RSU has consistently focused on increasing its recruiting efforts toward individuals who are underrepresented in the Department's workforce, with initiatives to recruit African American, female and military candidates.
- The Education and Training Division began two academy classes during 2021. The graduation of Class 152 in July 2021 provided 46 new troopers to MSP's ranks. Class 153 began in September 2021 with a March 2022 graduation of 39 troopers.
- The COVID-19 pandemic affected the Civilian Recruitment Unit (CRU). The hiring freeze was eventually lifted but then the civilian recruitment manager resigned, resulting in a backlog of recruitment activities and vacancy totals at an all-time high. Despite these setbacks, the CRU filled 82 permanent positions, eight contractual positions and 40 temporary positions.

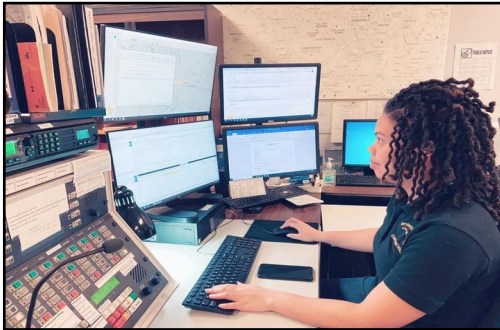


***In July 2021, Academy Class 152 provided 46 new troopers to the ranks of the MSP.***

***Academy Class 153 graduated 39 new troopers in March 2022.***



# Technology and Information Management Command



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

- The Information and Technology Division planned, engineered and relocated information technology equipment into the new Cumberland Barrack in May.
- The Electronic Services Division (ESD) deployed new in-car cameras to an additional 148 vehicles, bringing the total to 550 patrol vehicles having in-car camera systems.
- The ESD performed beta testing on body worn cameras. The deployment of body worn cameras will take place in 2022.
- The use of the Regional Automated Property Information Database (RAPID) resulted in over 200 arrests for crimes relating to stolen property. One noteworthy case resulted in the arrest of a warehouse employee that had stolen \$25,000 in electronics.
- The RAPID team conducted 14 training sessions and trained 157 new users, bringing the overall total to approximately 6,543 users.

- ***Central Records***
- ***Electronic Services***
- ***Information Technology***
- ***Police Communications***

# Logistics Command

- ***Facilities Management Division***
- ***Motor Vehicle Division***
- ***Quartermaster Division***

- The Quartermaster Division processed 980 purchase orders, totaling \$73.6 million in procurements for the Department. The Division made 4,525 corporate credit card purchases, totaling \$4.4 million.
- The Department's Minority Business Enterprises participation was 8% of total procurement. In addition, Small Business Reserves procurement was 17% and Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprises participation was 0.4%.
- The Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) procured 241 vehicles, outfitting and deploying 176.
- The Department continued making solid progress on achieving its Facilities Master Plan, with the opening of the new Cumberland Barrack in 2021 and the further design of a new Berlin Barrack, scheduled to break ground in 2022.
- The Department's eMaint contract was awarded, which is a computer maintenance management system to aid the Department in managing system lifespan, maintenance needs and financial costs.
- In December, the MVD worked diligently to change its fleet over to the State's new fuel vendor, Carroll Motor Fuels.



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





# Internal Affairs Division

- The IAD is responsible for investigating allegations of misconduct against troopers. The IAD maintains the integrity of the Department by thoroughly investigating complaints.
- The IAD uses BlueTeam software coupled with IAPro software for direct data entry, which promotes seamless statistical analysis and expedites the investigative process. Troopers enter information in cases involving use of force, vehicle pursuits and firearm discharges, and supervisors enter data related to complaints from internal or external sources.
- Troopers responded to 267,582 calls for service, stopped 423,701 vehicles and made 15,036 arrests. The IAD oversaw the completion of 300 total cases, processing 128 citizen/external complaints and 172 internal complaints (including Firearm Discharge Investigations). Of the 300 cases, 44 are pending adjudication.
- With the passing of police reform legislation, the IAD released disciplinary actions in order to fulfill Public Information Act (PIA) requests. The IAD processed fourteen PIA requests during 2021, compared to two PIA requests in 2020.

*The Internal Affairs Division (IAD) is entrusted with upholding the integrity of the MSP and the trust of the citizens it serves.*



# Office of the State Fire Marshal

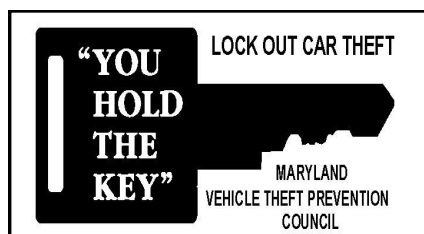
- The OSFM investigated 827 incidents, of which 636 were fire-related, 121 were explosive-related and 70 were miscellaneous cases. Investigators closed 65 criminal cases by arrest, with 86 suspects being arrested. In addition, the OSFM completed 1,893 pre-construction plan reviews, evaluating building and systems designs for compliance with the State Fire Prevention Code. Also, the OSFM completed 10,317 building inspections that were initiated to verify that field conditions are consistent with approved designs and required safety standards are maintained.
- In October, the Bomb Squad held an open house at Sandy Point State Park to show the many assets the squad has in dealing with explosive events. The open house was attended by OSFM staff and MSP command staff. The event drew interest from several OSFM Deputy Fire Marshals who have applied to become Bomb Technicians.
- Since 2000, Delmarva Power has worked with local emergency service providers to donate more than 35,000 smoke alarms to communities across Delaware and Maryland. In 2021, Delmarva Power donated 1,900 smoke alarms to local communities through its partners at the OSFM. This is the 22<sup>nd</sup> year Delmarva Power has donated these important life-saving devices as part of its efforts to help local emergency services personnel keep its customers and communities safe.

*The Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) investigated 827 incidents in 2021.*



# Vehicle Theft Prevention Council

- The VTPC continued its leadership role in assisting with the prevention and deterrence of vehicle theft and related crimes. Since the VTPC's inception in 1994, the overall vehicle theft rate in Maryland has decreased by 72%.
- The Council awarded 20 grants and nearly \$1.9 million to organizations promoting public awareness and prevention, law enforcement, prosecution and juvenile intervention initiatives. These grants were focused in the Baltimore/Washington metropolitan area, where 93% of all vehicle thefts occur in Maryland.
- The Council continued its partnership with the Maryland/District of Columbia Anti-Car Theft (ACT) Committee. The ACT Committee is the Council's private sector partner and provides vehicle theft prevention services that supplement the Council's public awareness efforts.
- The Council continued to promote vehicle theft prevention awareness by running public service announcements. Created by college students, these announcements remind citizens to lock their cars and take the keys/key FOBs, hide their valuables and not leave their vehicles running unattended.
- The Council continued to provide additional funding to the Baltimore County Police Department/Regional Auto Theft Team and the Prince George's County Police Department/Washington Area Vehicle Enforcement for ongoing efforts to reduce carjackings.
- Based upon funding levels, the Council has been successful in providing planning and fiscal resources to state and local agencies, as well as to community organizations, whose efforts have positively impacted vehicle theft rates. The Council's goal is not only to continue to decrease the vehicle theft rate, but also to continue to manage the problem in the future. The Council continues to research and implement new strategies that best address the prevention, education, deterrence and awareness of vehicle theft and related crimes around the State.



***Vehicle theft in Maryland has decreased by 72% since the 1994 inception of the Vehicle Theft Prevention Council (VTPC).***



# Community Service Events



## MSP Polar Bear Plunge

Benefiting the Special Olympics Maryland

## Not So Scary Halloween

Benefiting children in the community

## Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events



## Holiday Toy Drives / Toys for Tots

Benefiting local families in need

## Law Enforcement Torch Run

Benefiting the Special Olympics Maryland



## Heroes Haven

Supporting wounded soldiers

## #SleevesUpMD Blood Drive

Benefiting the American Red Cross



## Law Enforcement Charity Basketball

## Clothing Drives / Shoe Drives

Benefiting local families in need

## Food Drives

Benefiting local families in need

## Operation Chill



## Shop with a Cop /

## Police Providing Presents

Benefiting local families in need

## Adopt a Family

Benefiting local families in need

## Deep Creek Dunk

Benefiting the Special Olympics Maryland



## National Night Out

*Note: Many community service events were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.*



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



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

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

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