

A photograph of a Maryland State Police officer kneeling on one knee to pin a badge on the chest of a young girl. The officer is wearing a tan uniform with a Maryland State Police patch on the shoulder and a sergeant's rank insignia. The girl is wearing a black jacket with pink trim and a colorful tie-dye shirt underneath. They are outdoors at a community event with other people and tables in the background.

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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



The Maryland Department of State Police is proud to present the 2024 Annual Report. This document provides a comprehensive summary of the work of over 2,200 civilian and sworn employees.

As a department of state government that also includes the Office of the State Fire Marshal and the Vehicle Theft Prevention Council, we provide a full range of law enforcement services. From removing impaired drivers from our highways, conducting criminal investigations and responding to fire and explosive incidents to strengthening community partnerships and advancing new safety initiatives, every achievement represents our mission to serve and protect.

This year, many members of our Department exercised heroic efforts during one of the most catastrophic events in Maryland history. On March 26, 2024, a heavy cargo ship crashed into the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore. Steel trusses toppled onto the ship and into the Patapsco River below. Six construction workers were lost in the tragedy, leaving their families and friends in a state of shock and disbelief.

As first responders from local, state and federal agencies frantically responded to the devastation, Maryland State Troopers were among the first on scene. The scale and complexity of the emergency response situation demanded a collective effort that goes far beyond what can be captured in this annual report. Personnel from around the state deployed to the site including members of our Underwater Recovery Team, Criminal Enforcement Division, Forensic Sciences Division, barrack troopers, civilian personnel, helicopter crews from the Maryland State Police Aviation Command and dive team members from the Office of the State Fire Marshal. So many members of our Department alongside our local, state and federal partners devoted their lives to the mission of recovering those lost in this tragedy to ultimately provide closure to the grieving families of the six victims.

Each year, our Annual Report highlights major initiatives, and provides measurable statistics and achievements; however, no report can fully capture our role in times of crisis. We take pride in our commitment to public safety and to the citizens of Maryland. We take pride in having the ability and resources to answer the calls for help.

As you review this overview of 2024, remember the individuals behind the many summaries and statistics reflecting outstanding service, as they are the members of 'Maryland's Finest'. As we continue our commitment to excellence, maintained since our founding in 1921, we thank you for taking time to review this annual report.

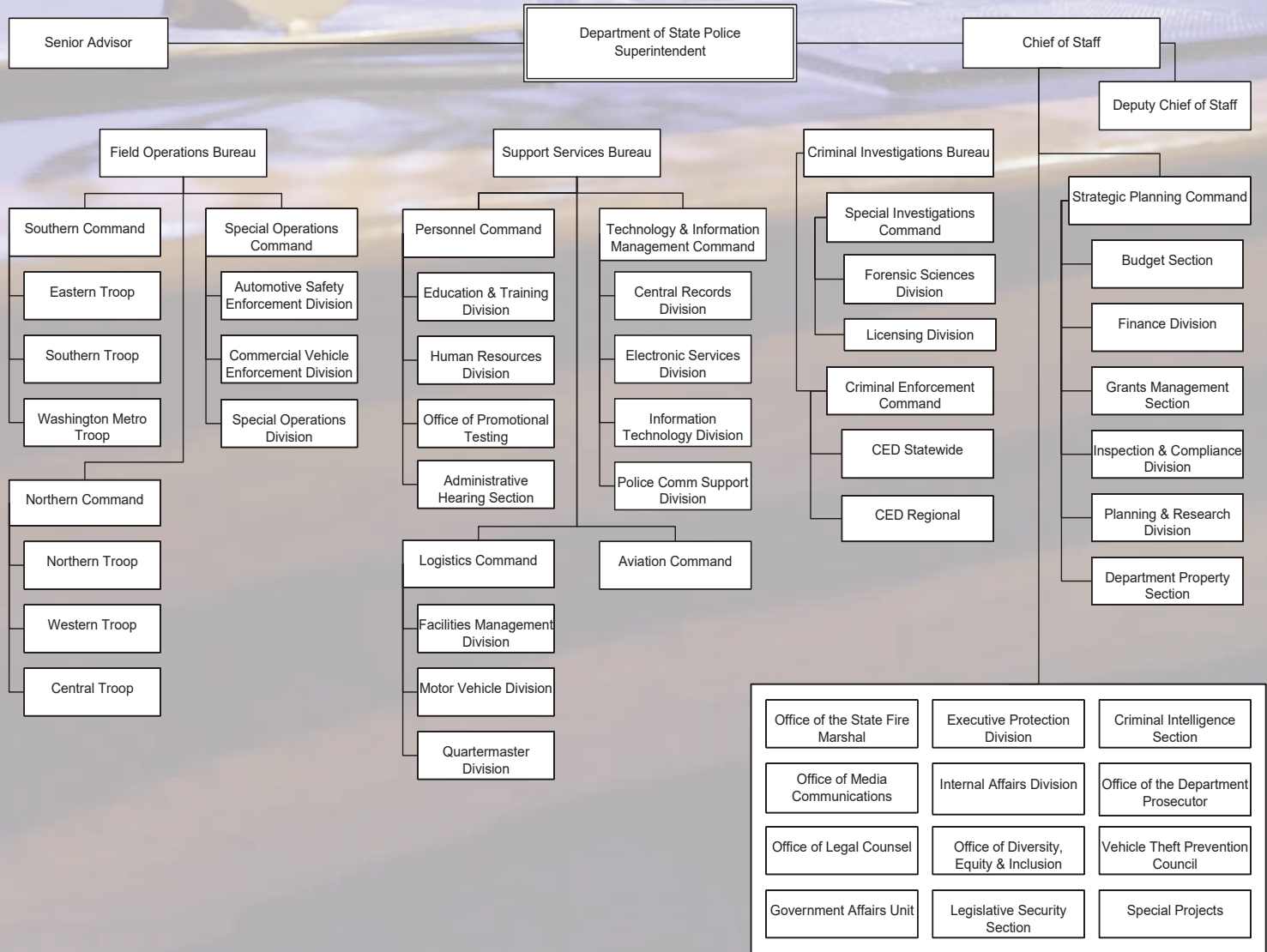
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roland L. Butler, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Roland L. Butler, Jr.
Superintendent



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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ALLEGANY COUNTY



In December, Cumberland Barrack troopers participated in Shop With A Cop.

- In January, Cumberland Barrack troopers were notified of a stolen vehicle being operated by an armed fugitive on Interstate 68. Troopers located the vehicle and, after a pursuit, the suspect's vehicle became disabled. The suspect was taken into custody and found to be armed with a handgun. In addition, there were numerous open felony warrants for his arrest.

- In February, the Cumberland Barrack was notified of an assault with a large hunting knife, stemming from a road rage incident. Troopers located the suspect and his vehicle, resulting in the apprehension of the armed suspect.
- In September, Cumberland Barrack troopers were dispatched to a department store in LaVale for an active armed robbery. Troopers apprehended a juvenile suspect who was attempting to flee the area on foot. The suspect was charged accordingly.
- In November, the Maryland State Police Western Troop was provided information about a person of interest who the United State Secret Service was actively looking for, due to threats made on the White House in Washington, D.C. Cumberland Barrack troopers located the suspect traveling on Interstate 68 in Cumberland and a high risk traffic stop was conducted. The suspect was taken into custody and the United States Secret Service responded to further investigate.



Calls for Service	10,648
Investigations	1,175
Arrests	668
Narcans Deployments	0
Guns Seized	47
Traffic Stops	14,958
DUI Arrests	107
Crashes Investigated	316

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

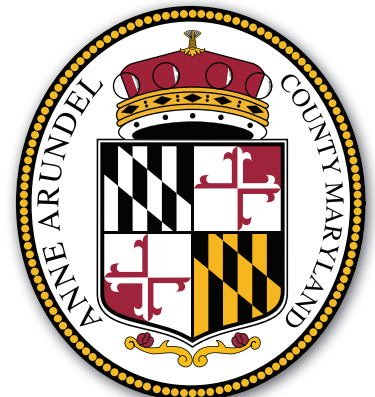


In April, TFC Garvey and TFC Litz of the Glen Burnie Barrack visited with students at Van Bokkelen Elementary.

- In February, the Baltimore Area Drug Task Force began a narcotics investigation regarding 960 grams of fentanyl pills destined for an address in Anne Arundel County. A controlled delivery of the narcotics was conducted, and the suspect later exited the residence and fled on foot. During a foot pursuit, the suspect threw a backpack and a handgun over a fence. The suspect was apprehended, and the handgun and the backpack containing the narcotics were recovered.

- In March, TFC Tenney of the Glen Burnie Barrack conducted a traffic stop and observed indicators of the driver's impairment, as well as a glass pipe in the driver's jacket pocket. The driver also had an active warrant through Anne Arundel County. A probable cause search of the vehicle revealed 58 grams of fentanyl, 16 grams of crystal methamphetamine and paraphernalia. The driver was arrested and charged accordingly.
- In July, Tpr. Lewis of the Annapolis Barrack conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that was reported as stolen. The driver had a suspended license as well as two active arrest warrants. In addition, search of the vehicle revealed cocaine. The driver was arrested and charged accordingly.
- In August, investigators with the Metropolitan Area Drug Task Force and the Maryland Transportation Authority Police worked on a narcotics investigation of a drug trafficking organization (DTO) at the Baltimore Washington International (BWI) Airport. The DTO was smuggling large amounts of marijuana from California into Maryland. A suspect from California was arrested at the BWI airport with 52 pounds of marijuana. The investigation resulted in subsequent search warrants in Maryland and Chicago, Illinois, leading to the seizure of a firearm and additional marijuana.

Calls for Service	17,494
Investigations	2,020
Arrests	665
Narcan Deployments	0
Guns Seized	72
Traffic Stops	23,679
DUI Arrests	290
Crashes Investigated	1,399



BALTIMORE CITY



In December, M/Tpr. Rola participated in the annual It's Kindertime Toy Drive.

- In January, search warrants were served for six residential properties and two vehicles, in connection to a drug trafficking organization investigation that began in 2022. The searches yielded 277 grams of fentanyl, 248 grams of crack cocaine, four firearms and currency. Through the totality of the investigation, from search warrants, arrests, controlled buys and undercover buys, a total of 1,754 grams of fentanyl, 395 grams of crack cocaine, 53 grams of marijuana, ten firearms and currency were seized. Seven arrests were made.
- In May, investigators conducted an interdiction at a private sorting facility in Baltimore City. A suspicious package was observed and a K-9 scan was performed, with a positive alert. A search and seizure warrant was obtained, and the package was found to contain heat sealed bags of marijuana. Investigators conducted a controlled delivery of the package, then placed into custody a suspect who took possession of the package. The package contained nearly 40 pounds of marijuana.
- In June, members of the Metropolitan Area Drug Task Force, comprised of MSP troopers and allied agencies, received information about a suspicious shipment sent from California. Investigators established probable cause for a search warrant based on a positive K-9 scan. A search and seizure warrant was obtained, and the package was found to contain heat sealed bags of marijuana, with a weight of approximately 105 pounds. A suspect took possession of the shipment and loaded it into a vehicle. Troopers subsequently conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle in Baltimore City and arrested both occupants for possession of the marijuana.
- In August, the Child Recovery Unit was contacted by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division for assistance with locating and recovering a missing 12-year-old child. An investigation had identified a Baltimore address as the child's probable location. Investigators converged on the Baltimore residence and established a perimeter. The missing child was located in the house and taken into custody.



BALTIMORE COUNTY



In May, M/Tpr. Schulte participated in Careers on Wheels.

- In March, Criminal Enforcement Division (CED) investigators responded to the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge, after the bridge was struck by a vessel leaving the Port of Baltimore. Investigators responded to various sites for the identification and family notifications once the decedents were recovered. Specifically, CED Northern Region investigators were responsible for the coordination and communication with the families, due to a language barrier. Investigators were also tasked with locating and reviewing video surveillance, and they completed numerous investigative tasks while assisting local, state and federal agencies with the investigation.
- In May, the Digital Forensics Lab (DFL) was contacted by the Towson University Police Department regarding a suspect's threat of mass violence. Through investigation, a computer believed to contain evidence of the crime was obtained and submitted to the DFL. The examination of the computer revealed evidence of the suspect planning the crime and showed the motives of the suspect. The efforts of the DFL led to the successful prosecution of the suspect.
- In July, Trooper Schlothauer conducted a traffic stop and observed several criminal indicators. A K-9 scan was performed, with a positive alert, leading to the recovery of 175 grams of cocaine, psilocybin mushrooms, ecstasy, heroin and currency. The driver was charged accordingly.
- In September, a pedestrian was struck intentionally by a vehicle. This occurrence stemmed from a road rage incident on Pulaski Highway. Sgt. Lantz subsequently arrested the suspect for first degree assault.

Calls for Service	18,906*
Investigations	4,776
Arrests	1,338
Narcan Deployments	1
Guns Seized	79
Traffic Stops	18,649
DUI Arrests	657
Crashes Investigated	3,290

* Calls for Service are for Golden Ring Barrack; does not include JFK Memorial Highway Barrack, which had 16,555 calls for service



CALVERT COUNTY



In August, Prince Frederick Barrack's Tpr. Dill celebrated National Night Out with a youth.

- In January, Tpr. Collins conducted a traffic stop in Lusby and detected the odor of alcohol. The driver performed poorly on Standard Field Sobriety Testing and was arrested for DUI. A search of the vehicle revealed a handgun and ammunition. The driver was charged accordingly.
- In March, Tpr. Barrientos and Cpl. Palumbo conducted an investigation into a road rage incident in Lusby, during which the suspect allegedly brandished a handgun. With the assistance of S/Tpr. DiToto from the Criminal Enforcement Division's Gun Enforcement Unit, the suspect was located, interviewed and confessed to the crime. A handgun was recovered from the suspect's vehicle, and he was charged accordingly.
- In May, Tpr. Custis conducted an investigation into a domestic assault. Tpr. Custis and Tpr. Dill located and arrested the suspect, who was charged with first degree assault, second degree assault and reckless endangerment.
- In January, TFC Bauer received a License Plate Reader alert in Dunkirk for a vehicle with the owner's license suspended. TFC Bauer located the vehicle and determined that the driver also had an active warrant for failure to appear / driving while suspended. The driver was arrested and charged accordingly.



Calls for Service	12,541
Investigations	771
Arrests	408
Narcans Deployments	7
Guns Seized	10
Traffic Stops	17,113
DUI Arrests	129
Crashes Investigated	145

CAROLINE COUNTY



In May, MSP Explorers participated in the 43rd Annual Strawberry Festival in Ridgely.

- In March, Easton Barrack troopers were dispatched to Goldsboro for a suspect threatening himself and others with a firearm. The suspect attempted to ram the troopers' vehicles, then fled on foot. The suspect was subsequently placed into custody and found to be prohibited from possessing firearms. The suspect was charged accordingly.

- In April, a trooper conducted a traffic stop in Henderson. Following a positive K-9 scan, search of the vehicle yielded cocaine and two firearms. In addition, the driver was found to be prohibited from possessing firearms. The driver was arrested and charged accordingly.
- In June, investigators with the Caroline County Drug Task Force, comprised of MSP troopers and allied agencies, served three residential search warrants in Greensboro and Denton. Five members of a drug trafficking organization were arrested. Investigators located fentanyl, 160 grams of cocaine, 22 grams of methamphetamine, heroin wax folds and five firearms.
- In November, troopers responded to assist with a suicidal citizen in Federalsburg. The citizen had barricaded himself inside the residence. Troopers were able to force entry, and the citizen was sent for medical treatment.

Calls for Service	10,814*
Investigations	787
Arrests	309
Narcan Deployments	0
Guns Seized	56
Traffic Stops	6,504
DUI Arrests	103
Crashes Investigated	237

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



CARROLL COUNTY

- In January, troopers responded to an alarm at a medical facility, where it was determined that a burglary had taken place. Using investigative techniques, troopers tracked a suspect to a residence near the medical facility. Troopers established a perimeter around the residence and requested assistance from the Criminal Enforcement Division (CED). A search warrant was obtained, and troopers made entry to the residence. The suspect was arrested and charged accordingly.
- In April, troopers responded to an apartment complex in Eldersburg following a report of a domestic incident and stabbing. A perimeter was established around two separate apartments within the complex, and the CED obtained search warrants for both apartments. Eight individuals were detained and, following interviews conducted by CED, two suspects were charged with first-degree assault.
- In April, troopers were notified of a shooting in Manchester. Troopers established a perimeter around the residence. With assistance from the Homicide Unit, the Crash Team and the Special Tactical Assault Team Element (STATE) Team, troopers detained all occupants of the residence. Following an investigation, the Homicide Unit charged one suspect with first-degree murder.
- In May, troopers received a report of a kidnapping. The next morning, the Westminster Barrack received a call reporting that a female victim was safe. According to an interview with the female victim, she and a male victim had been assaulted in multiple locations and held overnight as part of a failed ransom attempt. Four of the five suspects involved were identified, and arrest warrants and two search warrants were obtained. The Maryland State Apprehension Team served both search warrants, resulting in the arrest of all four suspects. The fifth suspect's identity was determined during the operation, and he later surrendered to troopers.



In August, F/Sgt. Smith and Crime Technician Roe celebrated National Night Out at the Manchester Fire Department Activity Grounds.



Calls for Service	15,219
Investigations	2,198
Arrests	538
Narcans Deployments	0
Guns Seized	84
Traffic Stops	14,461
DUI Arrests	191
Crashes Investigated	875

CECIL COUNTY



In September, TFC Starr posed with children from the Elkton Boys and Girls Club.

- In April, TFC Yokum of the JFK Memorial Highway Barrack conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 95. Several criminal indicators were present, and TFC Yocum requested a K-9 scan. After a positive alert, a search of the vehicle yielded 202 pounds of cannabis, which was seized. The driver was charged accordingly.

- In May, North East Barrack troopers were alerted by the Delaware State Police regarding an active vehicle pursuit stemming from a stabbing in Delaware. Troopers observed the suspect vehicle on Route 7 and joined the pursuit. Troopers deployed stop sticks, and the vehicle became disabled. The suspect was taken into custody.
- In September, North East Barrack troopers responded to a business in Elkton for a reported first-degree assault. The suspect had fled the scene, but troopers located the suspect's vehicle and attempted a traffic stop. The suspect refused to comply with the traffic stop, leading troopers on a pursuit into Delaware. The suspect subsequently lost control of the vehicle and attempted to flee on foot. The suspect was quickly apprehended, and a search during the arrest revealed possession of cocaine.
- In December, the Maryland State Apprehension Team located and arrested a Cecil County fugitive in Delaware. The fugitive was wanted on an open arrest warrant for a murder being investigated by the Homicide Unit. A follow-up search warrant of the residence revealed two handguns and clothing used by the fugitive during the homicide.

Calls for Service	15,525*
Investigations	2,826
Arrests	946
Narcans Deployments	1
Guns Seized	169
Traffic Stops	17,372
DUI Arrests	124
Crashes Investigated	979

* Calls for Service are for North East Barrack; does not include JFK Memorial Highway Barrack, which had 16,555 calls for service



CHARLES COUNTY

- In May, troopers responded to the scene of a heavily intoxicated female standing in the travel portion of a roadway and refusing to move. Troopers spoke with her, attempting to get her out of the roadway, with negative results. The female was subsequently arrested.
- In May, a trooper observed a vehicle traveling on the wrong side of the road on Western Parkway. After a short distance, the vehicle struck a curb and became disabled. The driver was unconscious, and the trooper observed two children in safety seats in the back of the vehicle. The trooper detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from the driver's breath. The driver subsequently refused Standard Field Sobriety Testing and was arrested for DUI. The children were released to the custody of their grandmother, and the Department of Social Services was notified.
- In July, a trooper was dispatched to Port Tobacco for a single vehicle collision, in which a vehicle traveled off a roadway and struck a home. During the investigation, the homeowner observed a handgun in the yard, which was seized. The Gun Center advised that the driver was a prohibited felon, and the driver was charged accordingly.



In May, a La Plata Barrack trooper posed with a youth at the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs opening day.

- In September, the Firearms Enforcement Unit initiated an investigation into a suspect attempting to obtain Glock switch devices to alter firearms to be fully automatic, which is not permitted without proper federal authorization. Further, the suspect was disqualified from possessing firearms or ammunition due to a criminal conviction. Search and seizure warrants were issued for the suspect's residence and vehicle. During service of the warrants, two firearms, ammunition, currency, 1,021 grams of cannabis and a digital scale with cannabis residue were seized. The suspect was charged accordingly.



Calls for Service	7,894
Investigations	1,165
Arrests	396
Narcan Deployments	0
Guns Seized	23
Traffic Stops	12,500
DUI Arrests	178
Crashes Investigated	1,073

DORCHESTER COUNTY

- In April, TFC Cooper conducted a traffic stop in Hurlock. Due to the presence of drug paraphernalia in plain sight, a K-9 scan was conducted, with a positive alert. A search of the vehicle revealed heroin, cocaine and prescription narcotics. The three vehicle occupants were charged accordingly.
- In July, troopers assisted the Dorchester County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) with a missing elderly citizen with medical conditions. After a six hour search, the citizen was located safely.
- In September, the Easton Barrack dispatched a BOLO for a reckless, possibly intoxicated driver. A trooper located the vehicle on Route 50 in Cambridge, and the driver was slumped over the steering wheel. After waking the driver, the trooper administered standardized field sobriety testing. The driver was placed under arrest for DUI, and a search incident to arrest revealed distribution amounts of heroin / fentanyl.



In April, troopers participated in a community flag football event with the Cambridge Police Department and the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy.

- In October, TFC Meekins assisted the DCSO with a high-risk situation involving an armed, suicidal individual. TFC Meekins was familiar with the individual, who had not responded to previous communication attempts. TFC Meekins sent a text message to the individual and successfully established contact. TFC Meekins began de-escalating the situation and convinced the individual to meet with him and a DCSO deputy. The individual exited his vehicle unarmed, ending a tense and potentially life-threatening situation.

Calls for Service	10,814*
Investigations	560
Arrests	196
Narcan Deployments	1
Guns Seized	63
Traffic Stops	7,525
DUI Arrests	72
Crashes Investigated	197

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



FREDERICK COUNTY

- In February, troopers responded to assist the Frederick Police Department (FPD) with an active felony stop. The FPD was attempting to take a suspect into custody for robbery and assault, but the suspect fled. A pursuit was initiated, and the suspect barricaded himself inside a vehicle. The MSP established a perimeter and initiated de-escalation techniques. The suspect was taken into custody after a brief foot pursuit.

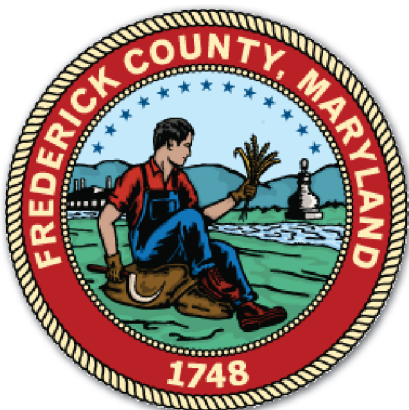
- In February, troopers were dispatched to a pharmacy in Walkersville for a shoplifting in progress. Upon arrival, troopers detained four suspects outside of the business, who were subsequently linked to several other thefts in the Thurmont area during the same day. A vehicle associated with the suspects was stored, and a search and seizure warrant was served. Approximately \$7,000 worth of stolen items were recovered from the vehicle.

- In August, troopers assisted the FPD with an abduction involving a stolen vehicle. Troopers canvassed the area, located the stolen vehicle and initiated a high-risk traffic stop. Troopers apprehended the suspect and returned the abducted child to her mother.

- In August, troopers responded to a reported abduction. Troopers located the vehicle, attempted a traffic stop and subsequently forced the suspect to pull over. The suspect was taken into custody, and the victim was transported for medical care.



In April, TFC Devin and Cpl. Conklin visited with members of the 4-H Club.



Calls for Service	21,711
Investigations	3,146
Arrests	370
Narcans Deployments	1
Guns Seized	142
Traffic Stops	17,618
DUI Arrests	169
Crashes Investigated	1,767

GARRETT COUNTY

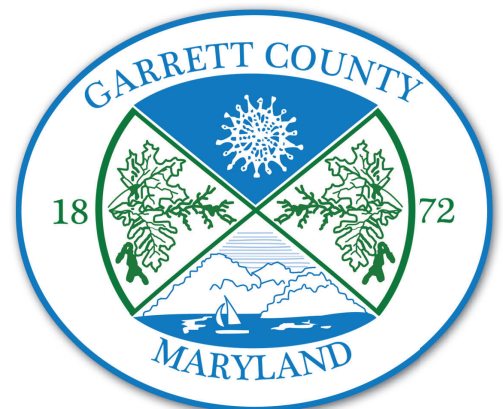


In April, Lt. Sigmund and TFC Hook visited Calvary Christian Academy for Community Helpers Week.

- In March, a McHenry Barrack trooper was dispatched to investigate a burglary in Oakland. At the scene, a pill bottle bearing the suspect's name was discovered. The suspect was subsequently charged accordingly.
- In March, a McHenry Barrack trooper responded to the report of a counterfeit \$100 bill used to make a purchase at a store in Grantsville. Further investigation revealed that counterfeit incidents had occurred at two additional stores in Garrett County, one in Allegany County and one in West Virginia by the same suspect. This cross-jurisdictional investigation was taken over by the United States Secret Service.

- In July, a McHenry Barrack trooper responded to a burglary at a store in Grantsville. An investigation revealed a suspect, and a search warrant was served on the suspect's phone. The analysis of the phone data confirmed that the suspect was in the vicinity of the store on the day of the burglary. The investigating trooper secured an arrest warrant for the suspect.
- In October, McHenry Barrack troopers conducted investigations into five burglary cases in McHenry, with items stolen valued at over \$17,400. Through collaboration with Criminal Enforcement Division investigators, several stolen items were recovered, and a juvenile suspect was identified and charged.

Calls for Service	16,406
Investigations	863
Arrests	284
Narcan Deployments	0
Guns Seized	6
Traffic Stops	13,648
DUI Arrests	78
Crashes Investigated	279



HARFORD COUNTY



In June, S/Tpr. Rogers visited Churchville Elementary School's Charger Camp.

- In March, TFC Warren conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 95 and observed multiple criminal indicators. TFC Warren requested a K-9 scan of the vehicle, and a positive alert led to the revelation of 76 grams of cocaine. The driver was charged accordingly.
- In April, Tpr. Schlothauer and TFC Dill responded to a shooting in Bel Air, in which the suspect had fled. It was reported that the suspect was seen running behind a nearby store. The suspect was subsequently taken into custody and charged accordingly.

- In June, TFC McDonald received a License Plate Reader alert for a stolen vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. The three juvenile occupants in the vehicle were placed under arrest.
- In November, the JFK Memorial Highway Barrack received a call regarding a road rage incident on Interstate 95, in which the suspect pointed a handgun at the victim. The victim photographed the suspect's vehicle, and the suspect was subsequently arrested and charged.



* Calls for Service are for Bel Air Barrack; does not include JFK Memorial Highway Barrack, which had 16,555 calls for service

Calls for Service	11,074*
Investigations	2,845
Arrests	740
Narcan Deployments	1
Guns Seized	113
Traffic Stops	31,531
DUI Arrests	294
Crashes Investigated	1,934

HOWARD COUNTY

- In May, TFC Deater conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle with an expired registration. Upon contact with the driver, reasonable articulable suspicion was established, and a K-9 scan was conducted. Upon a positive alert, a probable cause search yielded more than 54 grams of fentanyl. The driver was arrested and charged with Possession With Intent to Distribute (PWID).
- In August, TFC White conducted a traffic stop and established reasonable articulable suspicion. A K-9 scan and a subsequent probable cause search yielded a firearm, ammunition and 507 packages of Suboxone. The suspect was charged with possession of controlled dangerous substances, PWID and firearm violations.
- In October, TFC Shiveler attempted a traffic stop for a driver displaying signs of impairment. The driver failed to stop and a short pursuit ensued. The vehicle ultimately collided into a guardrail and came to a stop. The driver fled on foot, but the passenger remained. With the assistance of allied agencies, the driver was located in the tree line and was apprehended. The driver displayed signs of impairment, failed field sobriety testing and was arrested for DUI. In addition, more than 32 grams of fentanyl were located in the vehicle. Both the driver and the passenger were charged accordingly.



In July, Governor Moore and Colonel Butler, Jr. were among those celebrating the groundbreaking of the Howard County Tactical Services Administration Building.

- In November, troopers were dispatched for a victim suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. The victim was able to identify the suspect, and the suspect was subsequently taken into custody. Further investigation led to the location of the firearm used in the crime. The suspect was charged with attempted murder.

Calls for Service	11,929
Investigations	1,152
Arrests	326
Narcan Deployments	0
Guns Seized	22
Traffic Stops	15,962
DUI Arrests	177
Crashes Investigated	894

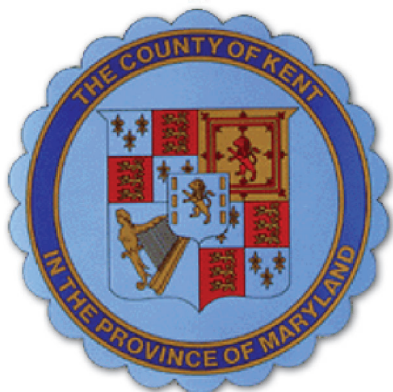


KENT COUNTY

- In January, allied law enforcement responded to a residence for a home invasion involving assault by multiple assailants. A cellular phone was located that did not belong to anyone at the residence and was believed to potentially belong to one of the suspects. The device was submitted to the Digital Forensics Lab for assistance with access and analysis. Digital Forensic Examiners were able to gain access to the device and obtain data that helped identify multiple suspects in the investigation.
- In September, Centreville Barrack troopers assisted the Kent County Narcotics Task Force after several suspects fled an attempted traffic stop followed by a crash in Pomona. A large perimeter was established while K-9 searched the area. All suspects were ultimately apprehended. Twenty four grams of fentanyl, 17 grams of cocaine, a handgun and currency were seized.
- In October, Centreville Barrack troopers responded for a report of a missing elderly woman in Massey. A search of the area using Aviation and K-9 was conducted. The woman was ultimately discovered in a ditch, deceased. An autopsy revealed that the women had suffered a heart attack and died of natural causes.
- In December, TFC Foley responded to an advisory of a citizen walking in traffic on Route 301. The citizen was belligerent and intoxicated, and TFC Foley attempted to de-escalate the situation. Ultimately, TFC Foley was able to subdue the citizen, resolving the situation with minimal force.



In November, TFC Hendrick was honored with a permanent menu item named 'Top Cop Meatloaf' at the Little Lemon Leaf Diner in Rock Hall.



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

Calls for Service	7,374*
Investigations	222
Arrests	46
Narcotics Deployments	0
Guns Seized	6
Traffic Stops	2,219
DUI Arrests	16
Crashes Investigated	132

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

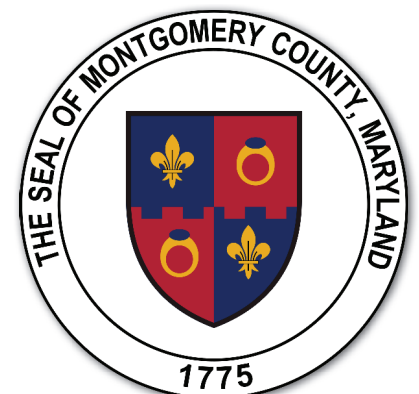
- In 2024, troopers dedicated over 300 hours to targeted enforcement assisting the Montgomery County Police with rising crime in Silver Spring. Troopers made almost 900 traffic stops, issuing 528 citations, 270 warnings and 63 safety equipment repair orders. Troopers also made two substantial controlled dangerous substances arrests, including 45 grams of methamphetamine and over 1,000 fentanyl pills. In addition, troopers made six warrant arrests and removed 46 impaired drivers from the roads during this initiative.
- In February, Rockville Barrack troopers responded for a suicidal citizen climbing a fence on a highway overpass of Interstate 270. TFC Seidl was the first to arrive and began conversing with the citizen. When TFC Seidl sensed that the citizen was getting closer to jumping, TFC Seidl took hold of the citizen's shirt through the fence and pulled his back against it. Additional troopers assisted in bringing the citizen to safety.



In October, Cpl. Butler posed with a child at the Cider Mill Community Trunk or Treat Fall Festival.

- In May, TFC Seidl conducted a traffic stop and requested a K-9 scan based on observed criminal indicators. After a positive alert, TFC Seidl seized 119 grams of fentanyl and 35 grams of cocaine.
- In August, the Rockville Barrack welcomed back TFC DeHaven, who was injured while on a traffic stop in December 2021. TFC DeHaven returned to work after two and a half years, numerous surgeries and physical therapy.

Calls for Service	10,033
Investigations	2,172
Arrests	629
Narcan Deployments	0
Guns Seized	39
Traffic Stops	19,482
DUI Arrests	376
Crashes Investigated	2,058



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

- Throughout 2024, both the College Park and Forestville Barracks worked to reduce the number of traffic collisions and fatalities. Troopers conducted data-driven proactive enforcement, and impaired driver initiatives were created in identified "hot spots".
- In April, investigators responded to the report of a shooting, in which a vehicle was struck by gunfire while traveling on Route 50. Through investigation, a suspect was identified, and an arrest warrant for the suspect as well as a search warrant for the suspect's residence were authored. The suspect was subsequently arrested for first degree assault, and a search of the suspect's residence revealed 222 pounds of marijuana, a firearm, \$190,000 worth of jewelry and \$279,000.



In October, Forestville Barrack troopers visited with students at Pointer Ridge Elementary in Bowie.

- In September, College Park Barrack's Tpr. Woodworth arrived on the scene of a shooting victim who had sustained serious gunshot wounds to both legs. Tpr. Woodworth provided lifesaving aid by applying tourniquets to the victim's legs prior to the arrival of Emergency Medical Services personnel.
- In September, Forestville Barrack troopers responded to a road rage incident. Troopers obtained suspect vehicle information and a detailed description of the suspect. Together with the Highway Gun Violence task force, troopers located the suspect at a nearby residence. Troopers secured a confession, and the suspect was charged with a felony.



Calls for Service	24,533
Investigations	2,550
Arrests	1,301
Narcan Deployments	0
Guns Seized	53
Traffic Stops	32,083
DUI Arrests	879
Crashes Investigated	5,082

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY

- In January, troopers linked a December 2023 theft of cigarettes with 89 additional open investigations, with 29 agencies over multiple states. The total theft amount was \$101,274. Suspects were charged accordingly.
- In April, TFC Mulhearn attempted a felony stop on a stolen vehicle, in which the vehicle owner was assaulted by the suspect driver during the theft. The vehicle fled, and a short pursuit ensued. The vehicle subsequently stopped and the suspect fled on foot. After a brief foot pursuit, the suspect was arrested, in possession of 11,893 grams of cocaine, with a street value of nearly \$1.2 million.
- In April, Criminal Enforcement Division investigators identified Dead Man Inc. (DMI) gang members moving contraband within the prison system. The Queen Anne's County Narcotics Task Force, comprised of MSP troopers and allied agencies, served a search warrant at a DMI member's residence and located methamphetamine and a firearm. The suspect was prohibited from possessing a firearm and was arrested and charged accordingly.

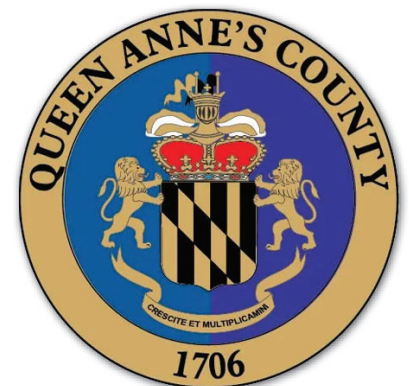


In May, Centreville Barrack troopers participated in Centreville Elementary School's Heroes Appreciation Day.

- In November, troopers responded to locate a female threatening to jump off the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. Troopers located the female's vehicle, and the female stopped the vehicle on the bridge and prepared to jump. Troopers ran and caught the female as she leapt off the bridge. Troopers pulled the female back over the railing to safety, and the female was taken for medical care.

Calls for Service	7,374*
Investigations	1,308
Arrests	297
Narcan Deployments	0
Guns Seized	16
Traffic Stops	13,149
DUI Arrests	132
Crashes Investigated	602

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



SOMERSET COUNTY



In May, TFC Revel III and TFC Salgueiro visited with youths from the Boys and Girls Club at Pocomoke Middle School.

- In January, Princess Anne Barrack troopers were dispatched to Crisfield for a disturbance involving firearms. The suspect had entered a residence and pointed a rifle at the victim, but the victim dislodged the rifle from the suspect's grip with assistance of another victim. The suspect then brandished a handgun, but a victim disabled that attempt as well. Upon troopers' arrival, the suspect was arrested and charged accordingly.

- In August, troopers were dispatched to Princess Anne for a report of a shooting. Troopers and investigators conducted interviews and secured evidence. Multiple subpoenas and search warrants were served, and the results developed the identity of the suspects. All three suspects were arrested and charged accordingly.
- In August, troopers were dispatched to Princess Anne for a home invasion and arson in progress, and they received descriptions of the suspects. As troopers arrived, two suspects matching the descriptions were observed. The suspects fled, and a foot chase ensued. Troopers were able to take both suspects into custody. Both suspects were charged accordingly.
- In 2024, troopers responded to a series of commercial burglaries. Upon receiving calls for service, troopers secured crime scenes, collected evidence and collaborated with investigators to identify patterns across the burglaries. Search and seizure warrants were obtained, which led to the discovery of key information linking the multiple cases. A suspect was identified, and an arrest warrant was issued. During the arrest and interrogation, the suspect confessed to committing nine commercial burglaries. In addition, the suspect was linked to an unsolved murder in Somerset County. Investigators subsequently secured a confession for the murder.



Calls for Service	6,629
Investigations	602
Arrests	260
Narcan Deployments	1
Guns Seized	11
Traffic Stops	14,114
DUI Arrests	44
Crashes Investigated	174

ST. MARY'S COUNTY



In August, Leonardtown Barrack troopers participated in Back To School Shop With A Cop.

- In January, TFC Posch responded to an apartment in Great Mills for a reported home invasion. Through investigative efforts in collaboration with the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office, TFC Posch was able to identify the suspect. The suspect was subsequently apprehended and charged with first and second degree assault, as well as theft.
- In May, troopers responded to an assisted living facility in Bushwood for a missing person suffering from dementia. Troopers, allied agencies and MSP Aviation began searching the area. Trooper 6 spotted the missing person, and troopers on the ground responded to the area to locate the missing person.
- In October, TFC Pope responded to a motor vehicle collision involving a pedestrian. Further investigation revealed this incident may have been an intentional act, as there was a domestic assault prior to the collision being reported. The pedestrian ultimately died, and the Homicide Unit responded to assume the investigation. Homicide investigators interviewed the suspect, who eventually confessed to striking the victim intentionally with her vehicle. The suspect was charged with first and second degree murder.
- In October, Tpr. Spruell and Tpr. Wheeler responded to an address in Lexington Park for a reported assault. Investigation revealed that the suspect had struck the victim with a vehicle, and the victim was transported for medical care. The suspect was subsequently located, taken into custody and charged accordingly.

Calls for Service	12,277
Investigations	1,044
Arrests	607
Narcan Deployments	2
Guns Seized	91
Traffic Stops	16,298
DUI Arrests	139
Crashes Investigated	319



TALBOT COUNTY



In August, M/Tpr. Rola posed with a youth during National Night Out.

- In April, the Easton Barrack led a coordinated multi-agency DUI checkpoint and saturation patrol across the tri-county area. Troopers conducted a checkpoint in Easton, and 355 vehicles passed through. Four vehicles were directed to a staging area for Standardized Field Sobriety Testing, resulting in two DUI arrests. The saturation patrol yielded 12 additional DUI arrests, 91 traffic stops, 55 citations, 75 warnings, one warrant service and ten juvenile civil citations.

- In September, TFC Repa was patrolling the Easton Bypass and conducted a traffic stop for a vehicle which ran a red light. TFC Repa discovered that the driver was an elderly man who had been reported missing 18 hours earlier in Howard County. The man had dementia, was disoriented and was nearly 70 miles from his home. TFC Repa contacted the man's family and arranged to reunite them.
- In September, Easton Barrack troopers were dispatched for the report of a shooting in Trappe. The suspect had fled from the scene, and troopers put out a BOLO for the suspect's vehicle. The suspect's vehicle was located, and a short pursuit ensued. The suspect then stopped the vehicle and fled on foot. The suspect brandished a firearm and attempted to carjack another vehicle. However, troopers apprehended the suspect and recovered the firearm.
- In November, Cpl. Kemp successfully organized his third annual community food drive within the Easton Barrack area. Cpl. Kemp partnered with three local food pantries and a supermarket in St. Michaels. His efforts resulted in collecting hundreds of non-perishable food items, which he delivered to the three local food pantries, offering vital support to community members in need.



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

Calls for Service	10,814*
Investigations	563
Arrests	173
Narcans Deployments	0
Guns Seized	27
Traffic Stops	8,617
DUI Arrests	94
Crashes Investigated	258

WASHINGTON COUNTY

- In March, TFC O'Neal responded for a suicidal citizen attempting to jump from a bridge on Interstate 81. TFC O'Neal observed the citizen placing her leg over the wall of the bridge and grabbed hold of the citizen. With the assistance of two civilians, the citizen was pulled to safety and transported for medical care.
- In July, Hagerstown Barrack troopers conducted ten enforcement initiatives on feeder routes into Hagerstown City. During the enforcement initiatives, troopers stopped 357 vehicles and issued 189 citations, 251 warnings and 16 safety equipment repair orders. In addition, troopers made one DUI arrest.
- In August, K-9 handler M/Tpr. Thompson responded to Little Orleans for a suspect that had fled on foot. M/Tpr. Thompson made a scent article and deployed K-9 Dailey. K-9 Dailey located the suspect in a thick wooded area along a river bank, and the suspect was placed into custody.
- In September, M/Tpr. Thompson responded to Clear Spring for a missing suicidal citizen. M/Tpr. Thompson made a scent article and deployed K-9 Dailey. K-9 Dailey located the citizen, and the citizen was placed into custody.



In March, Hagerstown Barrack troopers visited with the Boys and Girls Club of Washington County.

Calls for Service	10,945
Investigations	1,809
Arrests	397
Narcan Deployments	0
Guns Seized	73
Traffic Stops	15,835
DUI Arrests	125
Crashes Investigated	1,000

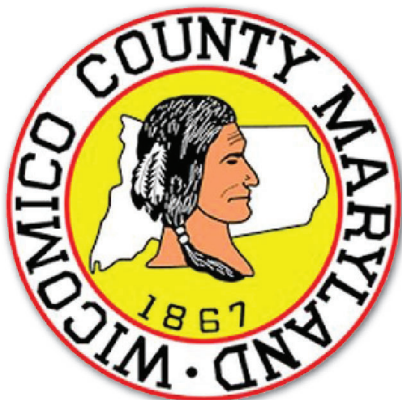


WICOMICO COUNTY

- In March, TFC Norfolk observed a vehicle disregard utility workers' flagging operation and attempt to bypass a construction zone. Due to oncoming traffic, the vehicle then swerved off the roadway into a ditch. The vehicle's driver then accelerated, ran over one of the utility workers and fled the scene. A pursuit was authorized, and troopers performed two rolling roadblocks. Once the suspect driver was brought to a stop, troopers were able to place the suspect into custody.
- In May, MSP and allied agencies collaborated with the Ocean City Police Department to reduce crime during Ocean City Cruising Week. A vehicle was stolen from Ocean Pines, then used to steal three other vehicles. Two of the stolen vehicles were subsequently located in Berlin and, after surveillance, were towed for forensic analysis. The stolen vehicles had a combined value of over \$140,000. The operation also resulted in 59,730 license plate reader scans, 53 confiscated plates and nearly \$7,500 in fines.
- In July, troopers responded to Parsonburg for a welfare check. Before arriving, the Wicomico County Sheriff's Office received a call that an assault had just occurred at the residence. Initial investigation determined that a suspect had attacked a victim. In addition, troopers observed a deceased body in the woods. The Homicide Unit was notified and responded to assume control of the investigation.
- In November, troopers responded to Salisbury for a report of a suicidal citizen. Troopers were able to approach the citizen and take him into custody. The citizen had a loaded firearm on his person, and he was taken to a local hospital for an emergency petition.



In June, Salisbury Barrack troopers visited with the Boys and Girls Club.



Calls for Service	11,277
Investigations	1,715
Arrests	710
Narcans Deployments	1
Guns Seized	93
Traffic Stops	23,444
DUI Arrests	241
Crashes Investigated	597

WORCESTER COUNTY



In December, a Berlin Barrack trooper participated in Shop With A Cop.

- In May, TFC Brader conducted a traffic stop and developed reasonable articulable suspicion. A K-9 scan was performed, and, after a positive alert, a search yielded 95 grams of cocaine, packaged in a manner indicative of intent to distribute. The passenger of the vehicle was placed under arrest, and a search revealed a loaded firearm. The passenger was charged accordingly.

- In May, after a seven-month investigation, the Worcester County Criminal Enforcement Team served a series of search and seizure warrants on a known drug trafficking organization (DTO). As a result, four members of the DTO were arrested, and five vehicles, 1.2 kilograms of cocaine, 727 grams of marijuana and currency were seized.
- In August, troopers were dispatched to a motor vehicle collision in Berlin. As a result of the collision, the driver of vehicle one was trapped inside a burning car. TFC Bradley and TFC Kreiling, along with two deputies from an allied agency, extricated the unconscious driver from the vehicle, saving her life.
- In August, troopers responded to a residence in Berlin for a welfare check. Upon troopers' arrival, they began conversing with an adult male observed inside the residence, who confirmed his suicidal intentions. The adult male appeared to lose consciousness while communicating with troopers. Troopers gained access to the residence and located the adult male, unresponsive from a self-inflicted knife wound. Troopers rendered emergency aid until paramedics arrived. As a result of the troopers' actions, the adult male survived his self-inflicted injuries.

Calls for Service	10,848
Investigations	1,304
Arrests	576
Narcan Deployments	2
Guns Seized	12
Traffic Stops	17,273
DUI Arrests	346
Crashes Investigated	462



FORENSIC SCIENCES DIVISION



In February, the Forensic Sciences Division (FSD) celebrated the International Day of Women and Girls in Science.

- In April, a suspect was charged with first and second-degree murder, first and second-degree arson, reckless endangerment and multiple other charges. The incident had occurred in Aberdeen, where firefighters found three bodies and detected the odor of gasoline. Fire debris, DNA and firearms evidence was sent to FSD for testing. The biological evidence found on submitted clothing, swabs from victims' hands and a fingernail linked the suspect to the three murders.

- In July, the suspect in a cold case from Charles County from 1979 was finally convicted of first degree murder, and FSD's Biology Section was instrumental in solving this case. In 2022, the Biology Section used newer DNA technology to test clothing collected from the murder scene. A DNA match was found, and the suspect was located and charged in 2023.



- In 2024, FSD implemented the Organization of Scientific Area Committees (OSAC) Registry Standards for Forensic Science. This significant accomplishment marks a major goal achieved by FSD in 2024. The OSAC for Forensic Science plays a pivotal role in establishing national standards and other guidance essential for ensuring the reliability and reproducibility of forensic results.

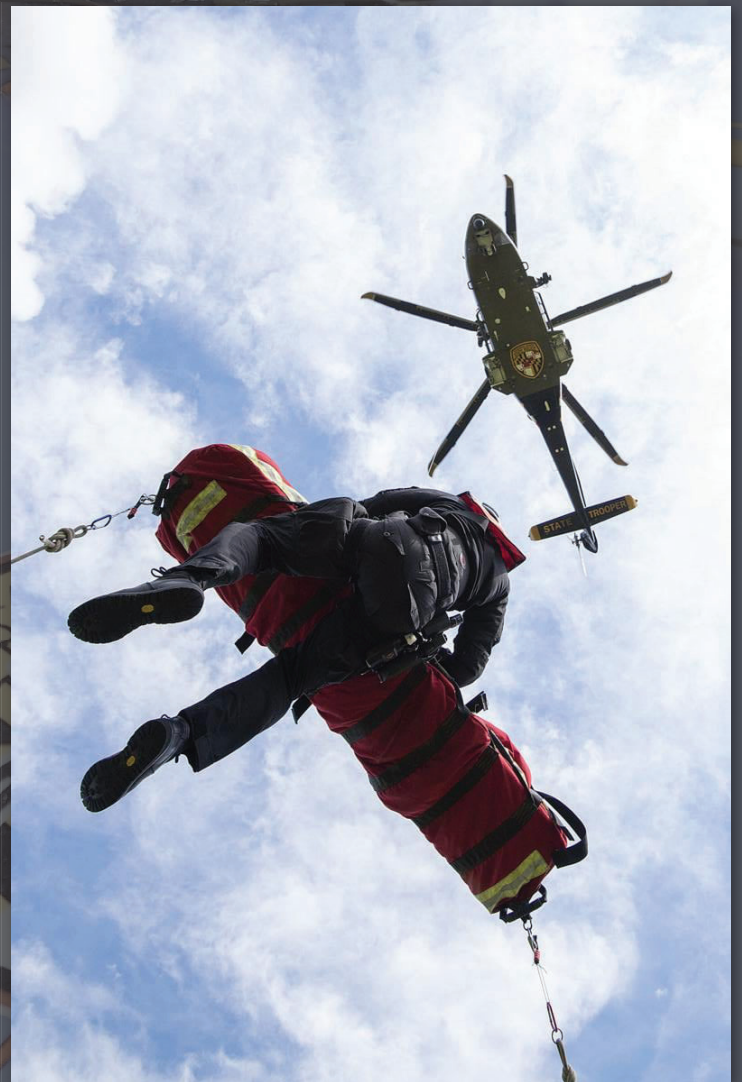
AVIATION COMMAND



- In 2024, MSPAC's Whole Blood Program administered 134 units of whole blood to 100 patients, bringing the total to 211 units administered to 163 patients since the program's inception in May 2023.
- In 2024, MSPAC completed 2,867 missions, with 2,520 total flight hours.



- In February, Trooper 5 was requested to the scene of a motor vehicle accident with heavy entrapment in Rawlings, in Allegany County. The Shock Trauma GO-TEAM was deployed and whole blood was administered on scene. The patient was transported for further medical care.
- In May, Dr. Floccare, F/Sgt. Svites, Sgt. Heins and Cpl. Peterson were recognized at the annual State Employee Risk Management Administration conference and received the "Award for Heroism" for their dedication and work to implement the Whole Blood Program.



COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

- During 2024, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division personnel weighed approximately 1 million commercial motor vehicles and conducted 46,756 roadside inspections. The Division issued 12,451 citations with total fines of over \$4.1 million. In addition, 8,595 unsafe commercial motor vehicles and 3,439 unsafe or unqualified drivers were placed out of service.
- In 2024, the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) completed its 57th year of operation in Maryland. Four state agencies, along with the Maryland State Police, participate in the program with the assistance of 23 allied agencies. The Maryland State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division is the lead law enforcement agency in the Program and is tasked with training and certifying all police officers from allied agencies associated with the MCSAP.



- In 2024, the Crash Team responded to 421 incidents, including 203 fatal collisions, 143 injury collisions, 30 cases for allied police departments, 27 Criminal Enforcement Division/ crime scenes, three departmental collisions, and 15 investigations for the Attorney General's Independent Investigations Division.
- In 2024, the Work Zone Automated Speed Enforcement (WZASE) Unit processed 423,997 violations, an increase of 19,152 compared to the numbers processed in 2023.
- In 2024, the Chemical Test for Alcohol Unit (CTAU) processed 434 blood alcohol kits, of which 75 were additionally tested for drugs and 227 drug recognition expert (DRE) blood kits.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

- The Internal Affairs Division (IAD) is tasked with upholding the integrity of the Maryland Department of State Police (MDSP) and the trust of the citizens it serves. The IAD team is committed to ensuring the Department polices fairly and professionally without bias or prejudice. The MDSP employs IPro and BlueTeam (BT) to support patrol, supervisory, and command oversight within the Department. BT is the front-line platform used by the field while IPro is used exclusively by members of IAD. The IAD uses BT coupled with IPro for direct data entry, which promotes seamless statistical analysis and expedites the investigative process while identifying possible training and/or policy issues within the Department.



- The IAD oversaw the completion of 300 total cases in 2024, processing 182 citizen / external complaints and 118 internal complaints (including firearm discharge investigations). Of the 300 cases, 135 are pending adjudication.
- In 2024, the IAD processed 49 vehicle pursuit reports, 2 non-agency investigations, 240 departmental collisions, 41 PIA requests and 95 commendations.

LICENSING DIVISION

- During 2024, the Firearms Registration Unit processed 103,440 regulated firearms transactions. The Unit disapproved 390 applications, of which 305 of those denials were due to criminal-related prohibitors. In 2024, 12,018 LiveHelp requests were handled.
- In 2024, the Handgun Qualification License Unit received 39,573 new applications, disapproving 655 applicants.
- The end of 2024 marked a significant milestone in the Licensing Division's ten plus year automation project, with the release of the fully electronic applications for Security Guard, Private Detective, Security System Technician, Special Police, Railroad Police, Security Guard Agency, Security Guard Employer, Private Detective Agency, Dual Agency and Security Systems Agency. With the addition of these electronic applications, all applications under the Licensing Division purview have moved to fully electronic processes.
- During 2024, the Handgun Permit Unit processed 84,108 total applications, a 21% increase in total volume from 2023.
- The Administrative Investigations Unit completed 51,448 background checks in 2024.



OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL



- In 2024, the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) conducted 684 investigations and closed 72 cases by arrests. In addition, the OSFM conducted more than 12,905 inspections, ensuring that field conditions are consistent with approved designs and required safety standards are maintained. Also, the OSFM completed 1,403 pre-construction plan reviews, evaluating building and systems designs for compliance with the State Fire Prevention Code.
- In 2024, the OSFM celebrated its 130th anniversary. The Office was initially created in 1894, making it one of the oldest public safety organizations in Maryland and the oldest State Fire Marshal in the country.
- In March, the OSFM Underwater Hazardous Device Team (UHDT) was requested to assist with the rescue and recovery efforts at the site of the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse. OSFM UHDT members spent several days at the incident, providing a boat, divers, their dive command unit and their remote-operated underwater vehicle (ROV).
- The OSFM hired its first female African-American Deputy State Fire Marshal in late 2023, and she graduated from the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Academy in August 2024. Deputy Sierra Hawkins is assigned to the Lower Eastern Regional Office, where she will complete her field training and continue to pursue advanced technical certifications. Hawkins is one of the youngest investigators appointed in the agency's history and the first non-lateral applicant since the fall of 2020.

COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS

Boys and Girls Clubs: Benefitting children in the community

Clothing Drives: Benefitting local families in need

Deep Creek Dunk: Benefitting the Special Olympics Maryland

Food Drives: Benefitting local families in need

Law Enforcement Torch Run: Benefitting the Special Olympics Maryland

MSP Polar Bear Plunge: Benefitting the Special Olympics Maryland

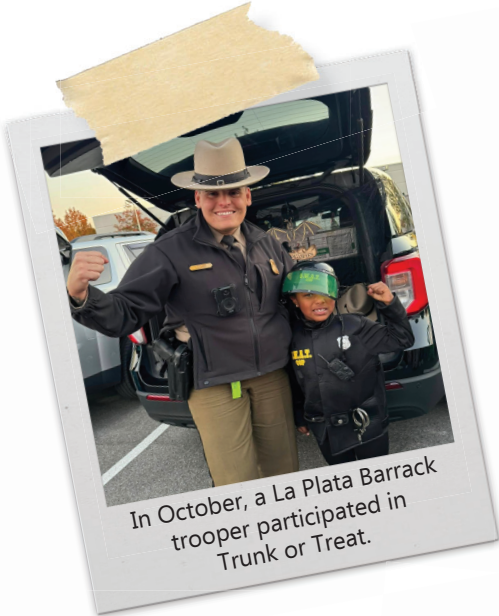
National Night Out

Shop With A Cop / Police Providing Presents: Benefitting local families in need

Toys for Tots / Holiday Toy Drives: Benefitting local families in need

Trunk or Treat / Not So Scary Halloween: Benefitting children in the community

COMMUNITY VOICES



In October, a La Plata Barrack trooper participated in Trunk or Treat.

“Trooper was reassuring, professional, kind, thorough and cool under pressure during the entire experience...”



In May, TFC Litz participated in a competition at the Benfield Sports Complex.

“[V]ery personable...Such a class act and great example of the MSP!”



In August, Golden Ring troopers participated in National Night Out.

“He was extremely kind, compassionate, relatable, and informative... We want to recognize the exceptional service...”



In August, Tpr. Schlothauer participated in National Night Out in White Marsh.

“Trooper was very professional and pleasant. He is an outstanding representative of our Maryland State Police.”



In December, Prince Frederick Barrack's D/Sgt. Hunt participated in Shop With A Cop.



Above: In August, a Leonardtown Barrack trooper participated in Back To School Shop With A Cop.



Top Right: In December, a Forestville Barrack trooper participated in Shop With A Cop.

Bottom Right: In August, children tried on Sgt Parson's uniform at Merritt Athletic Club Camp Heroes Day in Howard County.





Above: In October, JFK Memorial Highway Barrack's TFC Harsh visited with students at Children's Village in Hagerstown.

Top Left: In December, a Forestville Barrack trooper participated in Shop With A Cop.

Bottom Left: In May, Retired Cpl. Burton and K-9 Rocky visited with Girl Scout Troop 4364.

Below: In April, Tpr. Strawser visited with a youth at Pointer Ridge Elementary School in Bowie.





Key Bridge Collapse

After a heavy cargo ship crashed into the Francis Scott Key Bridge on March 26, 2024, the bridge collapsed and six lives were lost. MSP personnel, led by Colonel Butler, Jr., were instrumental in the response to the emergency situation, from Aviation Command assessing the scene to the Underwater Rescue Team assisting with recovery efforts to Criminal Enforcement Division investigators communicating with the families of the deceased.



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