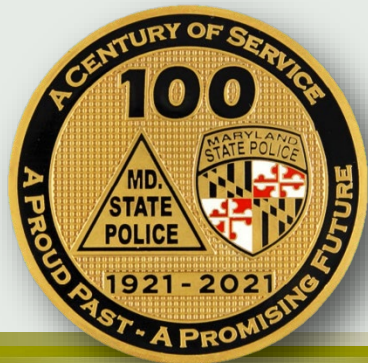


History and Mission of the Maryland Department of State Police

The Maryland Department of State Police (MDSP) was organized in 1921 and charged with reducing crime and highway tragedies through statewide patrol and relentless enforcement of criminal and traffic laws. This directive has not changed and remains the focus of what we do each day. We are proud of our tradition of excellence in serving and protecting the people of Maryland.

Our mission is to be a statewide force for a safer Maryland, and our Troopers and civilian support staff are dedicated to fulfilling that mission while upholding our core values of integrity, fairness, and service.



Just the Beginning

This seminar not only introduces you to many careers within MDSP, it also opens the door to many opportunities including:

- Mentorships
- Internships*
- Networking
- Recruiting
- Future educational opportunities

* MDSP ranked 15th nationally among the "Coolest Forensic Science Internships" - ForensicColleges.com (2021)



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Maryland Department of State Police 7th Annual Leadership and Career Development Seminar

July 17-19 2026





Learning From "Maryland's Finest"

The Four-day, action packed, overnight event is held at the Maryland Department of State Police Training Academy in Sykesville, MD. It is designed to educate future generations of young men and women about the benefits of working for the MDSP as a member of our civilian support staff or as a Trooper.

What Will You Learn?

Attendees will learn and participate in the following classes:

- Emergency communications
- Fitness & defensive tactics
- Facets of a career in law enforcement
- Leadership & Team Building
- Crime Data Analytics
- Details into our diverse civilian occupations
- Emergency Medical Response

Who Will Teach Me?

Civilian employees and troopers from various specialized units will be on hand to share their experiences about life as a mission critical civilian employee or as a state trooper.

The specialized units include:

- Criminal Investigations
- Forensic Sciences
- Police Communications
- Office of the State Fire Marshal



Who Is Eligible?

The Leadership and Career Development Seminar is FREE and open to high school juniors, seniors and incoming college freshmen who have an interest in a career in law enforcement or other civilian occupations within the MDSP.



How To Apply?

- To qualify for enrollment, applicants must submit the required application along with either a two-minute self-taped video or a one-page typed essay to explain why they are interested in a career with the MDSP.
- The deadline for applications is July 4, 2026. This is a competitive process and an early submission is highly encouraged. For more application guidelines please visit: <https://mdsp.maryland.gov/Careers/Pages/Youth-Leadership-Seminar.aspx> or scan the QR code below.



Questions about the seminar and or the application process may be emailed to: mSP.youthprograms@maryland.gov