

PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE

Tom Ridge,
Governor

Colonel Paul J. Evanko,
Commissioner



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For the Year Ending December 31, 2000



An Internationally Accredited Law Enforcement Agency

*"...lay down my life
as others have done
before me ..."*

On January 13, 2000, Trooper Matthew R. Bond was killed in the line of duty as a result of a crash along Interstate 90, near the Harborcreek interchange. This report is dedicated in his memory and to his honor.



PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE
CALL OF HONOR



"I am a Pennsylvania State Trooper, a Soldier of the Law. To me is entrusted the Honor of the Force. I must serve honestly, faithfully and, if need be, lay down my life as others have done before me, rather than swerve from the path of duty. It is my duty to obey the law and to enforce it without any consideration of class, color, creed, or condition. It is also my duty to be of service to anyone who may be in danger or distress and, at all times, so conduct myself that the Honor of the Force may be upheld."





THE GOVERNOR



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
HARRISBURG

Dear Fellow Pennsylvanians:

Public safety is the most basic responsibility of government. That's why I have worked closely with State Police Commissioner Paul J. Evanko and his command staff over the last six years to ensure that members of the State Police are armed with the best equipment and the latest tools to fight crime and keep our neighborhoods and highways safe.

Throughout their long and distinguished history, the men and women of the Pennsylvania State Police have been leaders in keeping the peace. Regardless of the difficulties and dangers, those who answer this call of honor have committed themselves to providing the very finest in law-enforcement services to the citizens of our Commonwealth.

This service is earning Pennsylvania national recognition for crime-fighting excellence.

Our State Police is:

- First in the nation for using a Web-based system for collecting crime statistics from municipal police departments and making those statistics available to the public;
- A national leader for our latest high-tech tool to fight crime -- equipping State Police patrol cars with computers to give our troopers national and state crime-fighting data while at the scene; and
- The largest police agency in the world accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

Pennsylvanians hold our State Police to a very high standard. We expect the very strongest of moral character, sound judgment and physical strength to face the daily challenges and danger of police work. We also expect that Pennsylvanians will be treated with honesty, dignity, fairness and compassion. Pennsylvanians are truly fortunate to be served by officers who every day set the standard for their profession -- and who honor the tradition of excellence of the Pennsylvania State Police.

We are very fortunate and grateful for the ongoing faithful and honorable service by the men and women who wear the uniform of the Pennsylvania State Police.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Ridge". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Tom Ridge





COLONEL PAUL J. EVANKO
COMMISSIONER



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The Honorable Tom J. Ridge
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
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Dear Governor Ridge:

It is with pleasure and extreme pride I present to you the Pennsylvania State Police Annual Report for calendar year 2000. The report highlights some of the achievements of the Department over the past year, and represents the major accomplishments of the Pennsylvania State Police.

During 2000, two significant events that drew national attention required the commitment of vast resources of the agency. Those events were the National Governors Association Conference held in State College, in July, and the Republican National Convention held in Philadelphia, in August. The successful and uneventful culmination of these events required significant planning, cooperation with other agencies, and coordination of resources. The personnel of the Pennsylvania State Police acquitted themselves exceptionally well and performed in the finest tradition of this nearly 100-year-old police organization.

The first priority of the Pennsylvania State Police remains a commitment to the patrol function. The patrol function is the backbone of the organization and defines the State Police as a law enforcement agency. Making Pennsylvania's highways safer by identifying and removing aggressive drivers, ensuring commercial vehicle safety, and emphasizing use of child safety restraints, are a few of the traffic safety initiatives employed by the agency. The needs of today also necessitated an expansion of the Department's computer crime capability in 2000, and institution of new DNA testing processes that increased efficiency and effectiveness in forensic services.

The hallmark of the advances in 2000 was in the area of technology. A systems integrator for the criminal investigative, traffic safety, Incident Information Management System, was chosen and work started on that initiative. The prototype for a patrol vehicle mobile office was selected and pilot mobile computing devices were installed in the first Department vehicles. As an agency, the Pennsylvania State Police is aggressively moving to the forefront of law enforcement through the use of technology.

An organization can only be as effective as the people who comprise it. The men and women, both enlisted and civilian, who make up the Pennsylvania State Police, are committed to providing the best possible service to the citizens of the Commonwealth. It is this commitment to service that drives us toward our vision of continued excellence and a position of leadership in law enforcement, through integrity, professionalism, responsiveness to the needs of our personnel and the communities we serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Col. Paul J. Evanko". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Colonel Paul J. Evanko
Commissioner

VISION

TO BE A MISSION ORIENTED, STATE POLICE ORGANIZATION THAT ACHIEVES EXCELLENCE AND A POSITION OF LEADERSHIP THROUGH PROGRESSIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY AND SERVICE. TO ACT WITH INTEGRITY AND PROFESSIONALISM, MAINTAINING AN ENVIRONMENT RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF OUR PERSONNEL AND THE COMMUNITY.



MISSION

IT IS THE MISSION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE TO:

- Promote traffic safety, enforce existing statutes, recognize and eliminate traffic hazards, and encourage motorists to practice safe driving techniques.
- Effectively investigate crime and reduce criminal activity.
- Provide investigative assistance and support services to all law enforcement agencies within the Commonwealth.
- Maintain and provide to criminal justice agencies accurate, up-to-date law enforcement information.
- Continually elevate the competence level of law enforcement within the Commonwealth.
- Provide prompt, competent service in emergency situations.
- Ensure personal protection and security for the Governor and other persons designated by proper authority.
- Promote public awareness concerning personal responsibility regarding crime reduction and traffic safety practices.
- Enforce all other State statutes as directed by proper authority.

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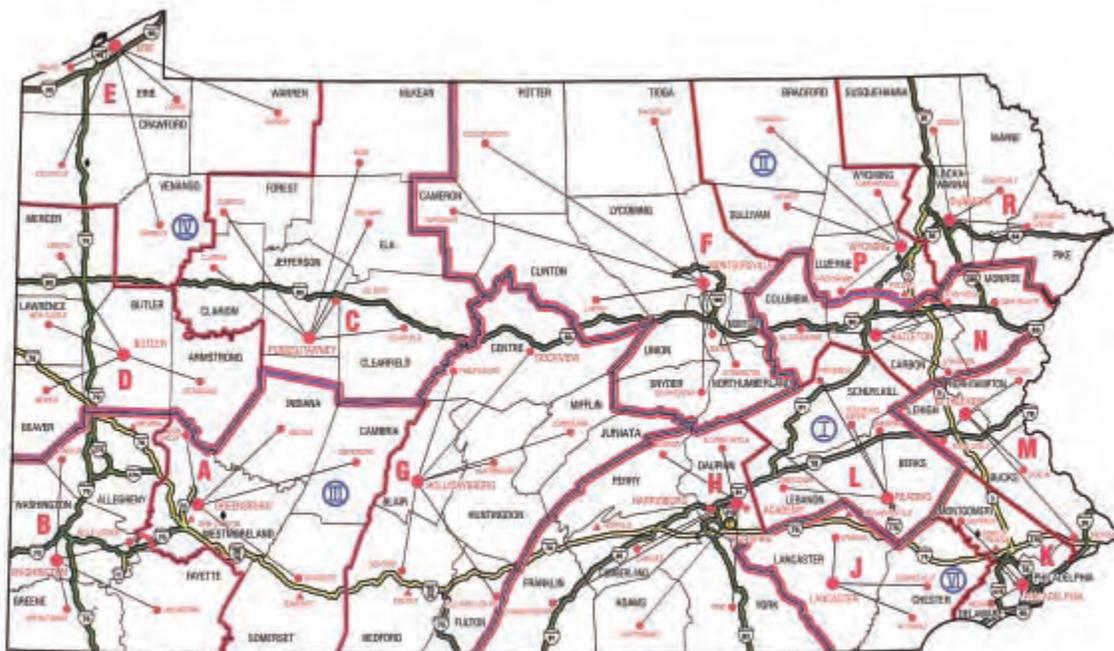
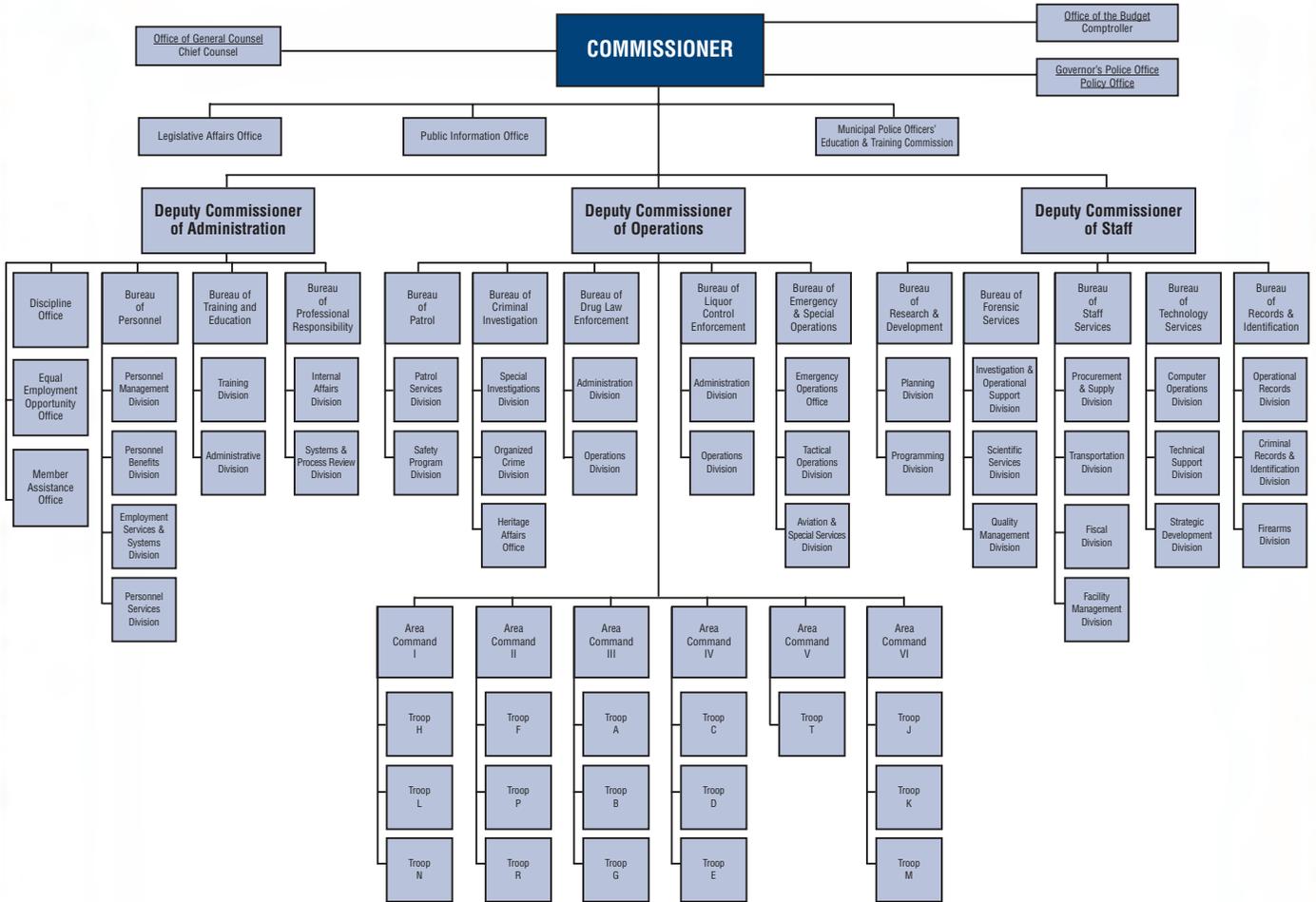
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PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE



Commissioner



Colonel Paul J. Evanko.

The Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police is an appointed position and a member of the Governor's Cabinet. Colonel Paul J. Evanko was appointed by Governor Tom Ridge on February 21, 1995, and confirmed by unanimous vote of the Senate on March 21, 1995. On January 20, 1999, Colonel Evanko

was appointed to a second term and was confirmed by unanimous vote of the Senate on February 8, 1999. The Commissioner exercises administrative, command and fiscal authority, and responsibility over the Department. The Office of Chief Counsel, the Legislative Affairs Office, Policy Office, and the Public Information Office report directly to the Commissioner. He serves as Chair of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission.

Office of Chief Counsel

Ms. Barbara L. Christie, Chief Counsel

The Office of Chief Counsel consists of Chief Counsel, 4 attorneys, and legal support staff based in Department Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. An additional 9 attorneys and support staff are stationed at Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement Legal Offices in Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Allentown, and Pittsburgh to represent the Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement in Liquor Code matters. The Office of Chief Counsel issues legal opinions; reviews contracts, legislation, and legal documents; and represents the Pennsylvania State Police in administrative hearings and in state and federal trial and appellate litigation.

In 2000, the Office of Chief Counsel reviewed 319 service purchase contracts or agreements, issued 419 legal opinions (a 17% increase over 1999) and closed out 571 cases or assignments. The Office of Chief Counsel is also responsible for publishing the monthly *PSP Counselor*, a digest of state and federal court opinions significant to law enforcement.

Legislative Affairs Office

Captain Jeffrey B. Miller, Director

The Legislative Affairs Office, located in Department Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, is responsible for the planning, organization, and coordination of the Department's legislative analysis and liaison program. The office serves as the primary contact for members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation, and other

state agencies with regard to legislative issues affecting the Department. The Legislative Affairs Office also works closely with the Governor's Legislative Affairs Office and the Department's Policy and Chief Counsel Offices in coordinating the Department's position on legislative issues. The duties of the Legislative Affairs Office also include receiving and processing requests for Department information from members of the General Assembly, United States Congress, Governor's Office, Lieutenant Governor's Office, Boards, Commissions, and other executive agencies. These requests include interpretation of Department policy and programs; resolving constituent concerns; and researching, reviewing, and interpreting Pennsylvania statutes. The office also coordinates the preparation of testimony to be presented before Senate or House Committees. The Legislative Affairs Office has direct access to the Pennsylvania General Assembly website, www.legis.state.pa.us. This website allows the legislative staff and Department personnel to access the Senate and House calendars, committee meetings, session schedules, and House and Senate Bill history information from 1989, to the present.



Captain Jeffrey B. Miller being interviewed by Representative Lita Cohen on the television program *Legislative Report*.

Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission

Major Richard C. Mooney, Executive Director

The Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission (MPOETC) is located in Hershey, Pennsylvania, and is under the administrative command of the Commissioner. MPOETC is responsible for establishing and maintaining training standards for municipal and campus police officers; establishing and maintaining training standards for instructors, schools, and curriculum for training; and establishing psychological and physical standards for certification and recertification of municipal police officers on a biennial basis.

Police Training Methods Under Revision: The Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission is involved in a multiyear project to improve law enforcement training in Pennsylvania. The Commission has contracted with Systems Design Group from Harwinton, Connecticut, to accomplish this goal. The first step in the process was to update the job analysis com-

pleted in the early 1980s. This phase was completed and supplied the foundation for the design of a new recruit training program which is approximately 230 hours longer than the 520-hour course developed by Temple University, which was based upon the original job analysis. The new course includes a more standardized presentation through the use of detailed lesson plans that have been prepared for each subject area. This provides a higher level of accountability for the material presented. In the previous course, only course outlines were provided by the Commission. Additional uniformity will be present in the new course by standardization of the examinations given for each topic. Each academy will now be using the same examinations to evaluate the learning objectives that can be assessed using paper and pencil testing. The final element of the project is the creation and implementation of a certification examination administered by the Commission. This test will be used to determine eligibility to be certified for officers completing the police academy and officers for whom a waiver of training has been requested. It will also provide the Commission with a new tool to assess the effectiveness of the training delivered by certified police academies. The test will identify any areas of the course in which an officer is weak, or does not possess sufficient knowledge to warrant certification.

Policy Office

**Mr. Ronald E. Plesco Jr.,
Esquire, Director**

The Policy Office is responsible for the coordinated development of all Department regulations, legislation, legislative testimony, and policy with the Governor's Office. This responsibility also includes the promulgation of all Department regulations contained in Title 37 of the Pennsylvania Code. Regulations and regulatory amendments are drafted and reviewed in consultation with affected Bureaus, Offices, Governor's Policy Office, and Office of General Counsel to ensure compliance with the Commonwealth's Document Law, the Regulatory Review Act, and the Commonwealth Attorney's Act. In 2000, the Office completed the promulgation of two regulations: the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission

regulation and a regulation to further implement the Pennsylvania Uniform Firearms Act. The Office works closely on the development of Department policy with the Commissioner and his command staff, Bureau/Office Directors, Office of General Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, Legislative Affairs Office, and the Public Information Office. The Office continues to present the Department's policy position through a variety of media to various groups and the citizenry.

Public Information Office

Mr. Jack J. Lewis, Press Secretary

The Public Information Office is located in Department Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The members of the Public Information Office are Press Secretary Jack J. Lewis and Corporal Lucien R. Southard, the Public Information Coordinator. Duties of the Public Information Office include answering questions from reporters regarding Department activities; preparing and distributing news releases on Department activities of statewide interest; organizing news conferences on matters of special significance; providing advice to the Commissioner on media-related matters; maintaining the State Police website; and producing *The Communicator*, the monthly newsletter for Department personnel and retirees.

During 2000, the Public Information Office issued nearly 100 news releases and played a role in organizing 10 media events.

Department Website Wins Awards: Corporal Southard received a Public Affairs and Consumer Education (PACE) Award from the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators for the second consecutive year for his efforts in maintaining the State Police website. In a separate competition, the Department received a Golden Fingerprint Award for website design. The Pennsylvania State Police website can be viewed on the World Wide Web at www.psp.state.pa.us.

Deputy Commissioner of Staff

Lieutenant Colonel Robert C. Hickes was appointed as Deputy Commissioner of Staff on October 3, 1998. He is responsible for the administration, coordination, and supervision of the Bureau of Forensic Services, Bureau of Records and Identification, Bureau of Research and Development, Bureau of Staff Services, and the Bureau of Technology Services.



*Deputy Commissioner of Staff,
Lt. Colonel Robert C. Hickes.*



Bureau of Forensic Services

Major John R. Capriotti, Director

The Bureau of Forensic Services, located in Department Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, with regional offices in Wyoming, Bethlehem, Lima, Greensburg, and Erie, is comprised of the Investigation and Operational Support Division, Scientific Services Division, and the Quality Management Division.

Investigation and Operational Support Division

AFIS Section: In 2000, the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) Section had "AFIS21" installed. This was an upgrade to the previous AFIS and added several new features that will allow the AFIS examiners to conduct more thorough and effective searches against the AFIS database. The AFIS21 upgrade allows latent fingerprints to be searched against other latent fingerprints in the Unsolved Latent Print database; latent fingerprints to be searched by merging them to look for a common candidate among the latent prints; and for latent fingerprints previously registered to be searched again against the database if needed.

Ballistics Section: On March 20, 2000, the Department certified three new Forensic Firearm and Tool Examiners; Troopers David M. Hatfield, David A. Krumbine, and Todd M. Neumyer. All three are assigned to the Harrisburg Regional Laboratory. By the end of the calendar year, each had testified in different courts of the Commonwealth. All were recognized as expert witnesses in the field of Firearm and Tool Mark Examination.

Documents Section: At the year 2000 annual meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientists (MAAFS), a nonprofit, professional organization, Trooper Gerhard W. Wendt was elected as Chairman of the Questioned Document Section. Trooper Wendt served as Vice-Chairman for the year 2000 and will serve as the Chairman of the Section after the annual MAAFS meeting in 2001. Trooper Wendt worked with other members of MAAFS Questioned Document Section to organize a Questioned Documents Workshop to be offered at the 2001 Annual Meeting of MAAFS.

Scientific Services Division

Caseload Reduction: Early in 2000, a goal was set to reduce the case backlog by 50% by December 31, 2000. For the Division this meant reducing the case backlog from 7,199 to 3,600. Throughout the year, vigorous efforts were made to accomplish this goal. An action plan was developed outlining the necessary steps to reduce the case backlog. The plan included a dynamic procedure for evaluation and review of case turnaround times in each laboratory, a statewide casework distribution procedure, and implementation of a comprehensive statistical report to provide staff with a regular progress report. Department forensic scientists were trained and incorporated into the action plan. The results of these efforts were dramatic. The Scientific Services Division reduced its case backlog to 2,765 by December 31, 2000. This represents a 4,434 (62%) reduction in the case backlog in one year, exceeding the original goal by 12%. In terms of

average turnaround time, this figure represents approximately 30 days from receipt of a case until its completion.

Enhanced Technology: In 2000, efforts continued to enhance the Scientific Services Division technological capabilities. Two federal grants allowed the Division to acquire nearly \$800,000 worth of additional scientific equipment. These acquisitions continue to enhance our capabilities and equip our technical staff with the tools needed to solve the many crimes in which physical evidence comparison and identification are critical.

The Trace Evidence Section began using its new technologies for casework during the past year. Trace examinations of glass, explosives, soils, and gunshot primer residue (GSR) are now performed exclusively in the Harrisburg Regional Laboratory to take advantage of scanning electron microscopy, microspectrophotometry, and automated glass analysis equipment installed in this laboratory. In order to adequately perform all of the various types of trace analyses done in our laboratory (i.e. gunshot primer residue, paint analysis, fire debris analysis, lamp on/off determinations, broken-cut-torn pieces examinations, glass analysis and examinations, serial number restoration, soil analysis, solvents and toxic vapors analysis and other miscellaneous analyses) training for each subdiscipline was successfully undertaken. Drug analysis technology was further enhanced with the addition of two fully automated gas chromatograph/mass spectrometer systems for separation and identification of controlled drug substances, one fully automated headspace gas chromatograph for processing DUI cases, and two Fourier transform infrared spectrophotometers to identify controlled drug substances.

DNA Laboratory: In April of 2000, the DNA Laboratory began using STR (Short Tandem Repeats) technology to test evidence submitted for DNA identification. Use of this technology through the remainder of 2000 resulted in successfully obtaining results from very small samples found on single hairs, saliva on the mouth of a beer can, a swabbing from the trigger of a gun, blood on a victim's fingernails, and degraded bone fragments. Based on review of STR data generated by our laboratory, the FBI Laboratory selected the Pennsylvania State Police DNA Laboratory to evaluate new STR processing technology that promises to reduce analysis time by at least a third.

The DNA laboratory received a major grant to reduce the nearly 12,000 convicted offender (CODIS) specimen backlog. A



contract was secured and 5,000 specimens were forwarded to the vendor processing by the end of the year. A robotics instrument to assist in the preparation of convicted offender samples for STR analysis was received in late December. This technology is expected to be implemented in 2001.

The DNA Laboratory participated in validating the test kits for several of the genetic loci used in STR technology. These kits were provided free from the manufacturer. This work will result in a publication. Late in the year, the DNA Laboratory made its first convicted offender hit from evidence that was submitted from a 22-year-old homicide case. The hit was confirmed by taking another sample from the offender and reanalyzing it.

Statewide Laboratory Information Management System (SLIMS): During 2000, the Bureau of Forensic Services concluded development of specifications, awarded a contract, and began implementation of a comprehensive, multi-laboratory, barcode-based information management system. The system seamlessly integrated with the recently installed PSP Enterprise Network. Complex evidence scenarios were used to test the viability of proposed case management software. Implementation of this system began in November. Seven servers (one for each regional laboratory), 15 databases, and the case management application were installed. It is expected that data population and user training will be completed in early 2001. The system is projected to become fully operational by April 2001.

Quality Management Division

Auditing Program: The Quality Management Division Auditing Program has been further developed to include discipline-specific quality audit and case review checklists to ensure compliance with ASCLD/LAB criteria. All seven laboratories have been audited during 2000.

Program Manuals: All Bureau manuals (Administrative and Discipline Program manuals) were completed and implemented by September 1, 2000. As a result of the ASCLD/LAB pre-inspection in October 2000, revisions to most Bureau manuals are being produced for implementation in 2001.

Safety: A standardized Safety Training Program has been developed and implemented for all newly hired laboratory personnel. Laboratory personnel now have the option to participate in medical testing to determine exposure to lead and other hazardous chemicals. In order to comply with the United States Department of Transportation Hazardous Material Transport Regulations, procedures for preparation and transport of ninhydrin have been developed and implemented.

Bureau of Records and Identification

Major Ronald J. Hackenberg, Director

The Bureau of Records and Identification, located in Department Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, includes the Criminal Records and Identification Division, the Firearms Division, and the Operational Records Division.

Criminal Records and Identification Division

Internet Record Check-Pennsylvania Access to Criminal History: The Pennsylvania Access To Criminal History (PATCH) system went online during 1999 to address the increasing need for criminal history records checks. Interested agencies and businesses establish an account with the Department and receive an account number and password for access to PATCH. Currently, there are 1,259 registered users of PATCH representing a 54.6% increase of registered users over last year. Present account usage is expected to continue to expand in combination with the new add-ons and the return of dormant users. The system is available to users via the Internet 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The system receives an average of 948 submissions per day, Monday through Friday. The system is being improved and monitored for efficiency and accuracy. Credit card access and e-business use are planned for the system in the near future. In 2000, 226,790 criminal history checks were run through PATCH. The total number of criminal history checks processed for 2000 was 690,888. This is an increase of 54,773 from 1999's total of 636,115.



Firearms Division

The Pennsylvania Instant Check System: The Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS) completed its second full year of operation. PICS was established in accordance with Act 17 of 1995, the Uniform Firearms Act, to conduct background checks on potential firearm buyers and license to carry applicants. During 2000, PICS conducted over 498,000 transactions for sheriffs and licensed firearms dealers throughout the Commonwealth. Nearly 60% of the transactions were approved within minutes. A total of 129 wanted persons were identified by PICS, and subsequently captured, as they attempted to purchase a firearm. The State Police continued its collaboration with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) to arrest prohibited persons, including violent felons, who falsified information on state and federal application forms in an attempt to purchase a firearm. Two hundred sixty cases were referred to various State Police Troops and local police departments, and an additional 18 cases were referred to the ATF. There were 110 arrests reported from these cases. Through the collection of PICS background check fees and taxable sales of firearms surcharges, firearms dealers submitted \$1,783,538.92 in fees for year 2000.

Operational Records Division

Redesign of the Pennsylvania State Police Criminal History Record Information System: In 1984, the Central Repository of Criminal Records was automated. Since then, numerous changes have been made to the various computer programs that support this application. A comprehensive analysis of these programs and all surrounding business processes began in January 2000. A new system is being designed. The new system will interface easily with the redesigned Commonwealth Law Enforcement Assistance Network (CLEAN) and the Integrated Incident Management System (IIMS). Information exchanges with other agencies will also be greatly enhanced by leveraging the current Justice Network (J-NET) System. The new document manager component will provide a permanent solution to the lack of storage space for criminal history documents. Public safety will also be enhanced. All individuals fingerprinted on Live Scan equipment will automatically be run against the wants and warrants file, resulting in increased arrests of wanted persons.

Megan's Law: Seven-year-old Megan Kanka of New Jersey was raped and murdered by her neighbor, a convicted sex offender. Her parents were not aware that their neighbor was a twice-convicted sex offender until he was charged with the brutal rape and murder of their daughter. Megan's Law, named in remembrance of Megan Kanka, authorizes the Pennsylvania State Police to maintain and disseminate registration information pertaining to Sexually Violent Predators and Sexual Offenders. Megan's Law was originally signed into law by Governor Tom Ridge as Act 24 of 1995. The law became effective on April 21, 1996. On June 30, 1999, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court struck down all relevant portions of the Act relating to Sexually Violent Predators. The Pennsylvania Legislature reenacted Megan's Law, with Act 18 of 2000, which became effective July 8, 2000. Act 18 reinstated the Sexually Violent Predator portion of Megan's Law, requiring community notification and lifetime registration for anyone deemed to be a predator by the sentencing court. By the close of the year 2000, there were over 4,400 registered Sexual Offenders in Pennsylvania. Of that number, 371 subjects have been entered as *Sexual Offenders—Lifetime Registrants* since the reenactment of Megan's Law provisions on July 8, 2000.

Bureau of Research and Development

Major R. Dane Merryman, Director

The Bureau of Research and Development, located in Department Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, includes the Planning Division and the Programming Division. The Bureau experienced a realignment of personnel during 2000. The Management Information and UCR Section was placed in the Programming Division, while the Planning and Analysis Section and the Administrative Section remained within the Planning Division. During 2000, personnel continued to provide support to all segments of the Department by fulfilling a variety of responsibilities. Bureau personnel are dedicated to providing excellent customer service as part of the work product.

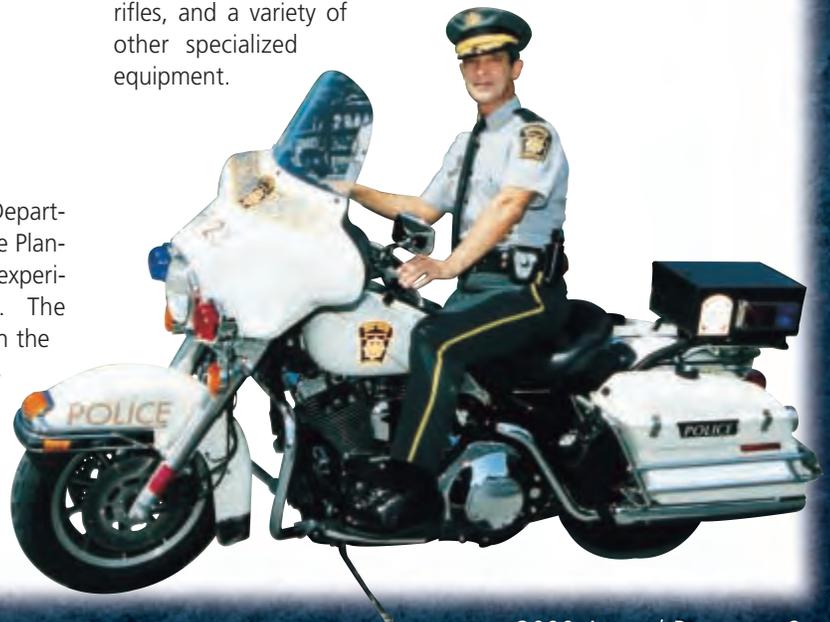
Planning Division

During 2000, each member of the Planning Division prepared individual objectives designed to assist in achieving the Department's goals and to fulfill the Division's Mission Statement to "provide an authoritative source of knowledge for all persons in the Department."

"A Day in the Life of the Pennsylvania State Police": Personnel in the Planning and Analysis Section gathered photographs and developed a photo theme for "A Day in the Life of the Pennsylvania State Police." The layouts, content, and design for the publication was the result of hard work and creativity by the personnel who worked on the project. This document immediately proved to be a valuable recruiting tool and informational guide into the variety of jobs in the Department.

Department Publications Completed: The Planning and Analysis Section is responsible for the production of numerous Department reports. Trooper Christopher Bendl compiled and analyzed data from pursuit reports submitted from the Pennsylvania State Police and the various municipal police departments statewide. Trooper Bendl used this information to complete the *Pennsylvania State Police Pursuit Report* and the *Pennsylvania Pursuit Report*. Corporal David E. Pallone completed the Department's *Annual Report* with the assistance of Corporal Edgars Linauts. The theme of the report was "Then and Now," reflecting the rich history of the Pennsylvania State Police by presenting photographs from the present with photographs of similar activities being performed in the past.

Strategic Planning and Equipment Evaluations: Bureau personnel facilitated 7 strategic management conferences, provided 3 Bureau presentations at Troop Conferences, and completed more than 200 projects ranging from staff studies to correspondence for the Executive and Administrative Offices. Recommendations from equipment evaluations completed within the Division resulted in the acquisition of Armor Containment Systems and Pistol Lockboxes. Furthermore, Division personnel contributed to the evaluation, selection, and procurement of new gas masks, riot helmets, canteens, nuclear-biological-chemical (NBC) protective gear, AR-15 rifles, and a variety of other specialized equipment.





Corporal David E. Pallone marching in the St. Jude Parade, Chicago, Illinois.

School of Police Staff and Command: Corporals David E. Pallone and Robert F. Kelly graduated from the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command in Evanston,

Illinois. This ten-week management program is designed to provide the specialized knowledge and skills necessary to assume increased responsibility in the administration of the Department in the Bureau of Research and Development. While attending the program, Corporal Pallone was invited to march with the Illinois State Police in the St. Jude Parade. The St. Jude Parade is held each year in the city of Chicago to honor fallen police officers. Corporal Kelly distinguished himself in the subject area "Police Resource Allocation." As a result of his academic achievement, he was selected by the Director of Training to become an adjunct instructor in Police Resource Allocation.

Suggestion Program: During 2000, 91 suggestions were received and processed with 11 suggestions being adopted for implementation. The Suggestion Program was able to streamline part of the process using the Enterprise Network. Department personnel are now able submit suggestions electronically, through their Commander, to the Bureau of Research and Development mailbox. Upon receipt, all suggestions are processed and acknowledged by the Bureau Director. The operational or functional segment of the Department responsible for the suggestion is contacted and requested to provide analysis and a recommendation. Suggestion Program updates are published in *The Communicator*.

Grant Acquisition Program: The Department continues to receive new bulletproof vests as a result of the efforts of personnel in the Administrative Section. The Pennsylvania State Police was designated as the Chief Executive Officer for all state agencies requesting grant money as part of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program. Trooper Andrew J. Phillips verified each request and coordinated the on-line submission for all state agencies in Pennsylvania. When the grant awards for the program were announced for 2000, Pennsylvania received the largest award of any state in the country.

Programming Division

Workload and Completed Projects: The Systems and Procedures Section received 654 projects in the year 2000. Projects are received from every organizational segment of the Department. All Department Directives, Regulations, Special Orders, Memorandums, Headquarters Directives, Administrative Regulations (AR), Operations Manuals (OM), and Field Regulations (FR) are processed through the Systems and Procedures Section. Over 92%, (605), of the projects were completed or forwarded for final approval in 2000. In addition, the Section published 191

directives and regulations, including 110 Special Orders, 10 Headquarters Directives, 7 Memorandums, 31 AR Changes, 9 FR Changes, and 24 OM Changes. The Section also processed 57 help desk referrals for form template revisions.

Streamlining of Manuals Equals Savings for the Department: Operations Manual 7-5, Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement, has been rescinded. The provisions of OM 7-5 will be incorporated in a "standard operational procedure" (SOP) that will be issued within the Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement. Rescinding this manual will save the Department approximately \$12,000 in reproduction and distribution costs. In 1999, the Systems and Procedures Section produced the Criminal Justice Pamphlet that resulted in savings of \$92,000 in reproduction and distribution costs for the Department. As more manuals and regulations are eliminated, consolidated, or provided electronically, additional cost savings are anticipated.

Preparation for CALEA Reaccreditation: The Accreditation Section accelerated preparation for the 2001 Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) reaccreditation. A mock assessment occurred in November 2000, to help guide efforts to improve accreditation files and processes throughout the Department. The Acting Accreditation Manager, Mr. Gerald W. Jarsocrak, is actively involved in the Pennsylvania Police Accreditation Coalition (PPAC) and is currently serving as Treasurer. Mr. Jarsocrak is also working with the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association to establish a state accreditation program and is designated as a Commissioner on the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (PLEAC).

Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Reporting System: The redesign project for the Uniform Crime Report (UCR) continued during 2000. The new electronic system will be the first in the country to accept Summary UCR and National Incident-based Reporting System (NIBRS) data. The new system is scheduled to go on-line March 1, 2001. The system will accept, analyze, and report crime statistical data by an Internet application. Reporting agencies will submit data on a computer screen or by file transfer. The data will immediately be checked for errors and corrected prior to being accepted into the database. Accepted data will be instantly available in a report format. This will be the only accepted method of UCR data submission in Pennsylvania.

Headquarters E-Business Initiative: The Headquarters E-Business Initiative (HEBI) project is being managed by Lieutenant Wesley B. Thurston, Bureau of Research and Development. The processes of all Bureaus and Offices are being evaluated to produce a Department Headquarters administrative e-business strategic plan. In addition, the project will provide the Department with methodologies to evaluate and prioritize prospective



Lieutenant Wesley B. Thurston and Mr. Edward C. Commons discuss the Headquarters E-Business Initiative.

projects and effectively manage selected projects. It is anticipated that a contractor will be selected and work will begin on the project in the spring of 2001. The project is scheduled for completion by June 30, 2001.

Bureau of Staff Services

Mr. Robert J. Zinsky, Director

The Bureau of Staff Services, located in Department Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, is comprised of the Facility Management Division, Fiscal Division, Procurement and Supply Division, and Transportation Division.

The Bureau prepares the annual Department budget requests and monitors expenditures for compliance; processes requisitions for supplies, services, and equipment; prepares leases and identifies facility requirements; and administers the Department's automotive fleet and oversees inventory. It also functions as a point of contact with outside entities concerning all financial or procurement programs.

2000-01 Department Budget

\$554,623,000

FUNDING SOURCES:



Where does the Money go?



Major Purchases



During 2000, the following items were purchased:

- Mobile Command Post
- Cessna Fixed-Wing Aircraft
- Commercial Bus for the Academy and Field Operations
- Various Systems of Furniture for Field/Headquarters Offices
- 640 Patrol Vehicles (Marked & Unmarked)
- 42 Undercover Vehicles

Ballistic Helmets: Eleven hundred helmets were received and issued to members at the National Governors' Association and Republican National Convention. We have requested an Advice of Change to the Purchase Order to acquire an additional 3,200 for issuance to all members.

Gear Bags: Eleven hundred gear bags were received and issued to members at the Republican National Convention. We have requested an Advice of Change to the Purchase Order to acquire an additional 3,400 for issuance to all members.

Millennium Gas Masks: One thousand gas masks were received and issued to members at the National Governors' Association and Republican National Convention. We will continue to issue the new gas masks to new Cadets.

Shin Guards and Fanny Packs: Two hundred sets of shin guards and 150 fanny packs were received for the National Governors' Association and Republican National Convention.

Newly Constructed and/or Renovated Facilities In 2000

- Troop B, Waynesburg Station (Additional Space)
- Troop D, Butler Headquarters
- Troop D, New Castle Station
- Troop E, Warren Station
- Troop F, Montoursville Headquarters
- Troop H, Harrisburg Headquarters
- Troop K, Philadelphia Headquarters
- Troop R, Dunmore Headquarters
- Troop R, Gibson Station
- Bureau of Staff Services, Transportation Division
- Bureau of Technology Services, Technical Support Division
- Member Assistance Office (Northwest)

Department Headquarters and Academy Renovations:

Facility Management staff have completed moving the Bureau of Technology Services from the second floor to the first floor area vacated by Troop H. Renovations to the area previously occupied by Technical Support Division have been completed for the Bureau of Forensic Services. Security locks and alarms have been installed in this area. Work is nearing completion on the second floor once occupied by the Bureau of Technology Services, to accommodate segments of the Bureau of Records and Identification. Renovations to the Pennsylvania State Police Academy are ongoing. Year 2000 renovations included a new fitness area, classroom and dormitory area renovations, and improvements to the heating and electrical systems.



Aerial photograph of the Academy under renovation.

Service Contracts: Fixed and estimated cost service contracts and purchase orders totaling \$2,557,558 were prepared and maintained for janitorial; snow removal; lawn maintenance; window cleaning; trash removal; heating, ventilation and air conditioning; and small miscellaneous repairs for all Pennsylvania State Police state-owned facilities.

Bureau of Technology Services

Major Wesley R. Waugh, Director

The Bureau of Technology Services, located in Department Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, includes the Computer Operations Division, Strategic Development Division, and the Technical Support Division.

Enterprise Network Phase I Completed: The IBM Corporation made an Enterprise Network End-of-Project Presentation to the Pennsylvania State Police on February 24, 2000. As the Enterprise Network contract with IBM drew to a close, project personnel were still engaged in work on network performance issues. The capability to remotely control servers and update server software was partially in use, but still needed to be refined to the point of stability and efficiency. The Memex automated criminal intelligence system, the automated laboratory information management system, and both AFIS latent print and live-scan/photo imaging have been integrated with the Enterprise Network. The Department now has e-mail established for all

personnel and global access to the Internet. Future integration projects, including JNET, encryption, the IIMS Mobile Office segment, and a new UCR system, are projected priorities in the Bureau of Technology Services.

The Commonwealth Law Enforcement Assistance Network: The Commonwealth Law Enforcement Assistance Network (CLEAN) completed its 29th year of operation. CLEAN is used by all law enforcement/criminal justice agencies statewide, processes an average of 1.1 million transactions a day, and continues to maintain an availability rate of over 98% with an average response time of .104 seconds. CLEAN provides support information to the State's Justice Network (J-NET), and is currently in the process of researching new methods of providing a more friendly environment to its users. New security policies are being developed that will allow and enhance an agency's communication link with the network via wireless devices. In order to provide a state-of-the-art means of providing imaging through CLEAN, the Unisys 5R1 NCIC 2000 enhancement was implemented this year. Research is currently underway regarding client servers and other viable methods to provide fast and efficient service to our users. CLEAN now has a link on the Pennsylvania State Police website. In order to assist users with compliance to the CLEAN/NCIC regulations, user-friendly templates and work sheets have been posted. These templates and work sheets have been designed to assist the investigator in gathering and documenting vital/required information. The CLEAN Newsletter is also posted on the website.

Initial Mobile Office: The Initial Mobile Office Prime Contractor, Motorola, was contracted to provide mobile offices for the State Police patrol vehicle fleet. The Initial Mobile Office will connect with CLEAN and other resources through the new 800MHz Statewide Radio System. The Initial Mobile Office will be equipped with electronic mapping capability, Microsoft



Corporal Frank V. DeAndrea demonstrating the mobile office.

Word-based templates, on-board Gould's publications (e.g., Crimes and Vehicle Codes), and electronic car-to-car messaging capabilities. Development and testing is underway, and implementation will begin in early 2001.

800MHz Statewide Radio System: Technical staff within the Technical Support Division continue to work closely with the Governor's Office of Administration to develop and implement the new multiagency statewide radio system. The two-way radio system will use digital, trunked technology and operate in the 800MHz frequency band. User agencies will be able to group their users by functionality and, therefore, limit the communications traffic on any particular channel or talk group to only those individuals who need to communicate. Other features of the system include emergency buttons on mobile and

portable equipment as well as transmission of user identification numbers to communications desk personnel.

Mobile Command Post: On March 1, 2000, the Department took delivery of a custom-built, 37-foot Command and Communications vehicle from Lynch Diversified Vehicles of Burlington, Wisconsin.

The Mobile Command Post or MCP features:

- 25,200 pound Freightliner forward control chassis equipped with a 210 hp, turbo-charged Cummins diesel engine
- Allison 4-speed automatic transmission
- 20 KW Kohler diesel generator
- The vehicle is capable of running all systems on the generator or commercial power.

Other mechanical features include:

- Computer-controlled automatic leveling system
- Manual deployable ice chains
- 60 gallon fuel tank
- Observation platform located on the vehicle's roof
- Pneumatic telescoping mast with surveillance camera
- Manual telescoping radio antenna mast

The interior layout features:

- Communication area with five workstations
- Oak cabinets
- Dry erase boards
- Galley, complete with microwave, coffeemaker, refrigerator, and sink
- Conference area



An inside view of the Mobile Command Post.



Personnel inspect the newly delivered Mobile Command Post.

The 11 radios on board will operate with the current State Police radio system, the new Statewide Radio System, Citizen Band (CB), low band, and UHF radios. There are 8 telephones located in the interior and 3 in lockboxes accessible from the exterior of the vehicle. A small key system that combines 4 cellular and 4 landline circuits, an intercom, and a public address system all interface the telephones. Eight computer positions are available. Eventually these computers will be part of the mobile office suite. A color printer and a fax/copy machine are included. Two industrial grade TV monitors and VCRs capable of receiving regular TV broadcast, cable TV, or video input from surveillance cameras or other sources are installed.

Deputy Commissioner of Administration

Lieutenant Colonel Hawthorne N. Conley was appointed as Deputy Commissioner of Administration on September 2, 2000. Lieutenant Colonel Conley replaced Lieutenant Colonel Thomas K. Coury. His duties include coordinating and supervising the Department Discipline Office, Equal Employment Opportunity Office, Member Assistance Office, Bureau of Personnel, Bureau of Professional Responsibility, Bureau of Training and Education, and other related administrative duties.



*Deputy Commissioner of Administration,
Lt. Colonel Hawthorne N. Conley.*

Equal Employment Opportunity Office

Sergeant Marcenia M. Robinson

Equal Employment Opportunity Officer

The Equal Employment Opportunity Office (EEOO), located in Department Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, is assigned to the Executive and Administrative Offices. The EEOO is responsible for training Department personnel in matters concerning sexual harassment, discrimination, and zero tolerance policies as mandated by federal statutes, Commonwealth directives, and Department regulations and policies. The EEOO also investigates complaints of sexual harassment and discrimination and monitors the work environment to ensure it is free of sexual harassment and discrimination. The EEOO assists in recruitment efforts and monitors hiring practices to ensure the Department maintains a diverse workforce.

Training Overview

<i>Personnel</i>	<i>Number of Classes</i>
Command	1
Supervisory	2
Police Communications Operators	1
Cadets	3
Liquor Enforcement Officer Trainees	1
Troop Conferences	3
Troop Drills	1
Bureaus	1
Bureaus/Decentralized Locations	1

The Commonwealth Contract Compliance Program: The EEOO acts as the Department's Contract Compliance Officer. As such, every effort is made to ensure that the Department contracts business with vendors who do not engage in discriminatory practices. Through various audits and formulas, a determination is made as to whether a potential contractor is under utilizing women and minorities. The EEOO ensures that appropriate measures are taken by the companies to come into compliance with nondiscriminatory hiring and employment practices as mandated by state law.

Member Assistance Program

Corporal Govan A. Martin III, Manager

The year 2000 marked the 14th year of operation of the Member Assistance Program (MAP). It was a year of continued growth for the program. Nine new peer contacts were added in 2000 increasing the total to 82. Also, this year the number of enlisted, civilians, and their families using the program increased.

Assisting Other Agencies: MAP continues to be sought for guidance by agencies that are starting Peer Based Employee Assistance Programs. This year MAP assisted the Reading Police Department and the Pennsylvania Game Commission in their efforts to start similar programs. MAP continues to provide assistance to other police agencies during critical incidents when the agency does not have a Peer Based Employee Assistance Program.



Quick Facts:

MAP responded to 29 critical incidents during 2000.

MAP encountered a total of 2,988 enlisted personnel and 995 civilians who sought assistance from the program (enlisted and civilian personnel and their families).

MAP personnel dedicated 5,594 hours to assisting Department personnel and their families. MAP personnel also dedicated 1,726 hours of their personal time conducting peer contacts. This marks an increase of 577 hours from last year.

The most frequent requests for assistance relate to workplace issues and family pressures. These two areas account for approximately 60% of total individual contacts and hours expended.

Bureau of Personnel

Mrs. Linda M. Bonney, Director

The Bureau of Personnel, located in Department Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, is comprised of the Personnel Management Division, Personnel Benefits Division, Employment Services and Systems Division, and the Personnel Services Division.

Recruiting Efforts: During 2000, the Recruitment Section developed and implemented the "Everyone's A Recruiter" program. The program acknowledges the fact that all Department personnel are stakeholders, and have an interest in attracting applicants of the highest quality to seek careers with the Pennsylvania State Police. The program encourages all personnel to "act as a recruiter" when they identify potential applicants who would make a positive contribution to the Department. The Recruitment Section also aggressively pursued other avenues to inform the public of opportunities to apply to be a Pennsylvania State Police Trooper. An unprecedented advertising campaign was launched using both print and broadcast media outlets. The State Police website was also used to connect with potential applicants. As a result of these efforts, there was a substantial increase in applications this year.

Enlisted, LEO, and Civilian Hires: During 2000, the Bureau of Personnel adminis-





tered the State Police Cadet test. There were 6,018 applications for the written examination. Through the selection process, the field was narrowed to 1,131 applicants who remain active on the Cadet eligibility list. This list was used to staff classes throughout 2000, and will remain in use the first half of 2001. The Bureau facilitated the hiring of 105 civilian employees, 65 Cadets, and 25 LEO trainees in the year 2000.

State Police/State Highway Patrol

Directory: The Bureau prepared and distributed the *State Police/Highway Patrol Telephone Directory* which provides specific contact numbers for the various organizational segments of State Police and Highway Patrols in 49 states. The directory serves as a useful tool by allowing personnel to go straight to the source of the information required from other agencies.

It minimizes the time spent on the telephone being cross directed while trying to find

the "right person" to speak with.

Department Sick Leave Usage the Lowest of Large Commonwealth Agencies: Among other activities, the Bureau of Personnel maintains an account of the leave usage of Department personnel. Once again, the Pennsylvania State Police had the lowest usage of sick leave for large Commonwealth agencies. In fact, only one agency, the State Ethics Commission, comprised of twenty employees, had lower sick leave usage overall. This impressive record reflects the dedication and commitment shown by Pennsylvania State Police personnel.

Bureau of Professional Responsibility

Major W. John Pudliner, Director

The Bureau of Professional Responsibility is comprised of the Internal Affairs Division and Systems and Process Review Division. The Bureau's Administrative and Central offices are headquartered in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, with regional offices in Breinigsville and Pittsburgh.

Internal Affairs Division

A committee formed by the Bureau of Professional Responsibility is considering significant revisions to the Department's discipline system. The committee is represented by members from the Internal Affairs Division, the Department Disciplinary Officer, Labor Relations Liaison, the PSTA and field representatives. The committee is conducting a complete analysis of the Internal Affairs process, from conducting an investigation, up to, and including the imposition of the appropriate level of corrective action. The goal of the committee is to establish a discipline

process that is effective, efficient, and affords field commanders the authority to resolve supervisory issues at their level. A proposed Operations Manual is in draft form.

Members of the Internal Affairs Division have received training and equipment to conduct computer crime investigations. Forensic hard-drive examinations will be conducted within the Internal Affairs Division, relating to criminal/administrative misconduct involving the Enterprise Network System.

Systems and Process Review Division

During 2000, three specialized review teams assigned to the eastern, western, and central sections of the state conducted formal reviews of 54 Department locations. Various Troop Headquarters, Stations, segments within Department Headquarters, and decentralized operations were subjected to intensive examination of the physical facilities, vehicles, equipment, personnel, investigative procedures, and all reporting/record keeping functions. As a result of the 2000 reviews, a total of 16 action recommendations were developed by the teams. Action recommendations identify current Department regulations and procedures which need to be reevaluated or clarified to ensure organizational effectiveness.

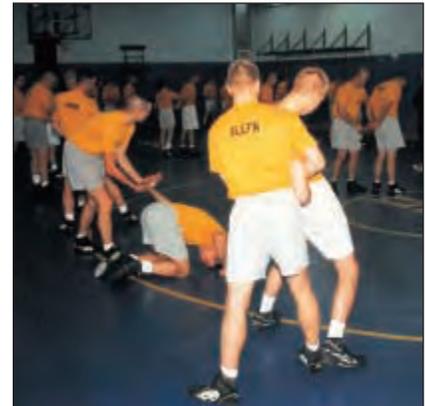
Bureau of Training and Education

Major Robert R. Einsel, Director

The Bureau of Training and Education is headquartered in Hershey, Pennsylvania. The Bureau operates the Academy in Hershey and Regional Training Centers located at Schwenksville, Greensburg, Forty Fort, and Meadville.

New Troopers, Liquor Enforcement Officers (LEO), and Municipal Police Officers Complete Training:

In 2000, 112 new Troopers were sworn in by Commissioner Paul J. Evanko with the graduations of the 106th and 107th Cadet Classes. The 108th Cadet Class entered the Academy on September 11, 2000, with 34 Cadets remaining in



Cadets practicing take-down holds during basic training at the Academy.



A Cadet takes cover during shoot-don't shoot scenario training at the Academy range.



the class at year's end. Twenty-five new LEOs graduated from basic training at the Southwest Training Center. Act 120 training of municipal police officers continued with the Southeast Training Center graduating 15 members from the 56th Municipal Police Class and the Academy in Hershey graduating 9 members from its 56th class.

Video Unit Receives National Award: The Department production of "Our Goal is Service," a video profiling the myriad of services provided by the Department to other law enforcement agencies and the general public, received a First Place National Award from the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators. The Video Unit also produced several projects including two for use by the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, and several Department training and informational videos.

The Ceremonial Unit: The Ceremonial Unit participated in 37 Department funerals and 9 funeral details for other agencies. Funerals attended included the funeral for Trooper Matthew R. Bond, who was killed in the line of duty, former Governor Robert P. Casey, and retired Lieutenant Colonels Edward McGroarty and George Sauer. The Ceremonial Unit also participated in 66 color guard and firing details for a total of 112 appearances. The Ceremonial Unit competed in a Color Guard competition in Harrisburg, placing second by less than one point behind a full-time military Color Guard Unit. The Department's Ceremonial Unit was one of only four selected to stand guard at the entrance to the National FOP Memorial in Washington, D.C., as survivors arrived for the National Memorial Service and was further selected as the final Honor Guard for the ceremonies to retire the colors.

Community Services Officers: The Community Services Unit added to its capability to present professionally prepared crime prevention and safety programs by creating custom computerized programs using PowerPoint presentation systems. A black 1995 Cobra SVT Mustang convertible, obtained in a drug forfeiture case, was detailed for use by Community Services Officers throughout the state during drug and alcohol education programs. To date, 1,559 crime prevention education programs were presented to 61,776 people. There were 5,815 safety education programs presented to 199,456 people from children to adults.

The Second Commissioner's Honor Camp: The second Commissioner's Honor Camp was held at the State Police Academy in Hershey. Thirty-one Cadets were selected from Troop Camp Cadets to attend the Honor Camp. Cadets were offered

an in-depth look at State Police operations and state government. Camp highlights included a tour of Department Headquarters and the State Capitol.

Academy Renovations Continue: Renovations of the Academy facilities continued during 2000 with an addition to the gymnasium facilities, including state-of-the-art exercise equipment, and an addition to the garage to house the Procurement and Supply Unit, improvements to the training tank, renovation of the water tower, and new laundry room facilities for Cadets.

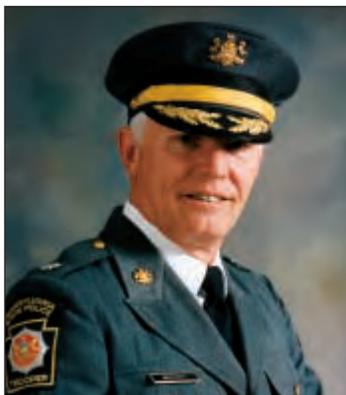


The state seal being applied to the outside of the gymnasium addition at the Academy.

Deputy Commissioner of Operations



Deputy Commissioner of Operations, Lt. Colonel Thomas K. Coury



Lieutenant Colonel Thomas K. Coury was appointed as Deputy Commissioner of Administration on February 21, 1995. He was appointed as Deputy Commissioner of Operations, following the retirement of Lieutenant Colonel Joseph H. Westcott, in July 2000. He has operational authority over the Executive Service Section, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Bureau of Emergency and Special Operations, Bureau of Patrol, Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement, Bureau of Drug Law Enforcement, and all Area Commands.

Lt. Colonel Joseph H. Westcott (Retired)

Bureau of Criminal Investigation

Major Ralph M. Periandi, Director

The Bureau of Criminal Investigation, located in Department Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, consists of the Heritage Affairs Office, which is responsible for tracking hate crimes throughout the Commonwealth, the Special Investigations Division, and the Organized Crime Division.

Heritage Affairs Office

Publications, Videos, and Website to Assist Officers: The Heritage Affairs Office produced a Guidebook, "Responding to Hate Crimes: A Police Officer's Guide to Investigation and Prevention," for distribution to all members. Also, a video, "Responding to Hate Crimes, A Roll Call Video for Police Officers," was distributed to each Station and Bureau/Office. The Heritage Affairs Officer is the Department liaison with the Inter-Agency Task Force on Civil Tension. During 2000, the Inter-Governmental Response Team of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Civil Tension, comprised of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, the Pennsylvania State Police, and the Pennsylvania Attorney General, developed a website to report bias-related incidents. This website will be of tremendous benefit to the citizens of Pennsylvania, and will be an effective and efficient way to further the missions of all member agencies of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Civil Tension. The website is scheduled to go online in early 2001.

Special Investigations Division

Auto Theft Task Force: The year 2000 was the Auto Theft Task Force's most effective year of operation since inception. A total of 265 vehicles were recovered with a retail value of \$5,672,431.95. Also, \$15,600 in stolen parts was recovered, bringing the total retail value of stolen property recovered to \$5,688,031.95. In addition, 119 individuals were arrested for felony violations. The Auto Theft Task Force contract with the Auto Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA) expires on June 30, 2001. Negotiations have commenced for ATPA to finance the expansion of the Central Auto Theft Task Force to include Troops F, G, P, and R, and the Western Auto Theft Task Force to include Troops C and E. This would bring Pennsylvania State Police Auto Theft Task Force coverage to the entire Commonwealth.

Computer Crime Unit: The Computer Crime Unit conducted a total of 263 forensic examinations on computer hard drives. The Unit also obtained 68 court orders and executed 50 search warrants across the Commonwealth. Additionally, the Unit conducted 14 classes on computer crime and related subjects. This year the Unit was expanded to a supervisor and 3 full-time investigators. The goal of training enlisted personnel in every Troop was achieved this year when 21 members were trained and equipped to conduct computer crime investigations.

The Pennsylvania State Police has been designated as the 24/7 contact agency in the Commonwealth for law enforcement agencies (local, state, or federal) who require technical/investigative assistance in computer crime investigations. An 800 hot line was activated to provide immediate access by requesting agencies to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Computer Crime Unit.

Fugitive Apprehension Unit: During this year, a total of 352 cases were cleared by either physical arrest, location, or exceptional clearance. Of those, the most notable included the captures of William Kaercher, one of the United States Marshal Service 15 most wanted fugitives, who was apprehended in Lancaster County; Roy Edward Krum, escaped murderer, captured in the Bloomsburg area; Randy Drawbaugh and Roger Young, Jr., suspected of committing nearly 50 burglaries in South Central Pennsylvania; and Thomas Wills, homicide suspect, wanted for a 1995 murder in Schuylkill County.

Criminal Investigation Assessment/Missing Persons Unit: The Criminal Investigation Assessment (CIA)/Missing Persons Unit is divided into Eastern and Western Sections. The Eastern Section meets in Hazleton every third Wednesday of the month. The Western Section meets in Punxsutawney every first Thursday of the month. During these meetings, an assessment of cases is prepared, including, but not limited to: victimology, victim and offender risk assessments, offender typology, crime typology, prioritized investigative considerations, and interview or interrogation strategies. To date, the meetings have resulted in a clearance rate in excess of 50% of cases reviewed.

Fire Marshal Unit: The Fire Marshal Unit provided training to 180 members of the Pennsylvania State Police. Courses included Basic and Advanced Fire & Arson, Post Blast and Advanced Post Blast Training, Basic Electrical Fire Investigation Training (first time offered exclusively by and for PSP members), and Vehicle Fraud Arson/Theft Training presented to Fire Marshals as well as Auto Theft and Patrol Unit members. Additionally, AR 9-9, the Fireworks Law, the Fire Marshal Law (Act 291), and the Department Headquarters Fire and Safety Plan were all revised.

Polygraph Unit: The Quality Control Program instituted last year has produced a uniform approach to polygraph examinations. The Unit's confession rate was 82% for 2000, which was well above the national average of 50-65%; while the inconclusive rate was 8%, which is well below the national average of 15-25%. The Troop-based examiners continue to administer the Cadet applicant polygraph examinations; and, of the applicants tested, 22% were directly eliminated through this process.



Organized Crime Division

Automated Intelligence System: The Intelligence Section has implemented a new Automated Intelligence System (AIS) for gathering and analyzing criminal intelligence information. Comprised of two tools known as Crime Workbench and Memex Information Workbench, AIS was purchased from Memex Inc., headquartered in Scotland, United Kingdom. Crime Workbench is a database management tool used for entering and retrieving criminal intelligence information. Memex Information Workbench is a powerful database access and analysis tool. A unique capability of the Memex Information Workbench is the ability to perform queries on proprietary databases through custom-designed external interfaces. Using this feature, an end user can search other Commonwealth databases including the Commonwealth Law Enforcement Assistance Network, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, and the Pennsylvania Justice Network, as well as commercial database services such as Lexis-Nexis. It can also perform searches on legacy database applications including Mosaic, Rapidstart, and PenLink.

Bureau of Emergency and Special Operations

Major Leonard Washington Jr., Director

The Bureau of Emergency and Special Operations, located in Hershey, Pennsylvania, is comprised of the Emergency Operations Office, Aviation and Special Services Division, and Tactical Operations Division.

Aviation and Special Services Division

New Aircraft Added to Fleet: The Aviation Section provides aerial support to field personnel and local police departments with a fleet of 7 helicopters and 7 airplanes. This year a new Cessna 182, a single-engine, high-wing airplane, was added to the fleet. The primary missions for this aircraft include aerial surveillance, traffic enforcement, and specialized assignments.

Department Aviation Maintenance Program Honored: A primary goal for the Aviation Section during the year was to decrease downtime for aircraft maintenance. An additional mechanic hired by the Department significantly helped in achieving this goal. Department aircraft maintenance is completed in-house, which allows aircraft to be returned to operational status in a timely manner. The Department's aircraft maintenance program was honored by the federal government this year. The Department received one of the few Diamond Awards offered by the Federal Aviation Administration. The Diamond Award recognizes excellence in aviation maintenance training.

Technical Operations Section: The Technical Operations Section is responsible for the deployment, service, and maintenance of wiretap and other electronic surveillance equipment throughout the state. During 2000, the Section responded to over 460 requests for technical assistance from various state, federal, and municipal law enforcement agencies representing a 19% increase over 1999. The Section is now fully staffed with the recent increase in personnel. This includes 6 technical investigators, 1 inventory control officer, and a Section supervisor.



During the last several years, the telecommunications industry has flooded the market with advanced digital technology, primarily in the field of wireless communication. The Section devised a project plan and sought funding to set up a digital wiretap collection network at strategic locations throughout the Commonwealth. A federal grant was sought to fund the program. On October 1, 2000, the Section received an award from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) in the amount of \$865,000. This funding will enable the State Police to remain a national leader in wiretap capabilities and training. The Technical Operations Section is also responsible for providing wiretap training for all state and municipal law enforcement officers. During 2000, the Section conducted 9, 1-week certification classes for Class "A" Certification and 1, 3-week session for Class "B" certification. A total of 156 officers receive this training yearly.

Emergency Operations Office

Y2K Planning and Response Efforts: One of the fundamental roles of the Pennsylvania State Police is to provide for the safety and security of communities in the Commonwealth. Over the years, we have responded to a wide range of police incidents where our skills and ingenuity have been tested to the extreme. This same level of professionalism provided the foundation for Y2K planning and response efforts. With uncertain parameters and an unpredictable event waiting to unfold, the Department prepared for Y2K. Planning included traffic and crime control contingencies, adjusted staffing levels, and special equipment placed on alert. All critical computer applications were remedied and tested prior to January 1, 2000. On the eve of the event, a command post was established and staffed to handle any problems. The New Year was ushered in without incident.

Personal Protective Equipment for Department Members: During 2000, the Emergency Operations Office coordinated Department efforts for the initial purchase and distribution of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for members. As part of the preparedness efforts for possible terrorist incidents involving weapons of mass destruction, a Department innovation team

recommended the acquisition of a PPE ensemble for all members. The initial stage of this proposal was implemented in 2000, with the members assigned to the National Governors' Association Meeting and the Republican National Convention. Members assigned to these events were provided awareness training for terrorist incidents involving nuclear, biological, and chemical agents. The members were also equipped with a PPE Level C ensemble consisting of an Air Purifying Respirator, Tyvek® protective coveralls, and rubber gloves. The Air Purifying Respirator training conformed to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) "fit-testing" standards and included irritant fume testing to ensure the Air Purifying Respirators fit properly. The new Air Purifying Respirators provide a higher level of protection than the current "gas masks," which are being replaced as the new respirators become available. It is anticipated the Department will purchase additional PPEs over the next three years to ensure all members are issued the new equipment.



Fit testing on new respirators.



Troopers being fitted for protective coveralls.

COBRA Training for Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical (NBC) Officers: Department Weapons of Mass Destruction preparedness expanded with the training of an additional 13 members at the U.S. Department of Justice Center for Domestic Preparedness at Fort McClellan, Alabama. The members were trained to become NBC Officers. The 1-week training program consists of intensive classroom instruction on the operational issues involving weapons of mass destruction agents and also

includes several practical exercises in which students don Personal Protective Equipment and perform various emergency response tasks. The training concludes with a "hands-on" training exercise in a simulated nerve agent environment. All Department NBC Officers will be afforded the opportunity to attend COBRA training as positions are made available to the Department.

Tactical Operations Division

Canine Section: The Canine Section has expanded into the areas of explosive and accelerant detection. During the first half of the year, the 3 explosive detection teams made 120 searches in support of federal, state, and local authorities. The Accelerant Detection Pilot Project ran from January to July of this year. The canine team completed 32 searches for Fire Marshals during the project. Plans are being developed to train additional teams to provide this capability to other areas of the state. Drug detection teams also conducted 90 canine searches in schools across the state. Four new drug detection teams completed training in November 2000, bringing the Section to 17 handlers in all disciplines. During the 5-year period ending December 31, 2000, the drug detection canines conducted 7,374 seizures of illegal drugs, firearms, vehicles, and United States Currency with a value totaling \$137,876,872.

Special Emergency Response Teams: The National Governors' Association Meeting and the Republican National Convention presented unique challenges to the Special Emergency Response Team (SERT) for the year 2000. It was clear that several different skills needed to converge to accomplish these ongoing missions. Over the last year, SERT increased training hours in the disciplines of dynamic entry, hostage rescue, motorcade protection, and surveillance. The likelihood that either of these events could present an opportunity for civil disturbance was recognized. SERT met the challenge in 3 ways: first, by developing a lesson plan which would increase the use of force options in dealing with unruly protesters; second, by presenting the "Mobile Field Force" concept to the Department's command structure via a seminar; and third, by providing classroom and scenario training to Troopers assigned to both details. Due to the successful planning in all areas for these events, the utilization of these tactics was not necessary. However, from this beginning, the Department plans to move forward with the "Mobile Field Force" concept.

Through October 2000, the Negotiation Section presented approximately 35 Critical Incident Survival Programs to school districts throughout the Commonwealth. There are still requests coming in for this program, which has been enthusiastically accepted by educators and commercial businesses.

SERT DEPLOYMENTS

Barricaded gunmen	39
Felony Warrant Service	4
Narcotic Warrants	3
Mental Health Commitments	6
Surveillance Operations	4
Wooded Terrain Searches	4
Escort	1

Bureau of Patrol

Major Kathryn E. Doult, Director

The Bureau of Patrol, located in Department Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, is comprised of the Patrol Services Division and the Safety Program Division. The Bureau of Patrol works to facilitate the safe and efficient movement of people and goods on Commonwealth highways.

Patrol Services Division

DUI Enforcement Efforts Produce Results: The Bureau of Patrol compiles and analyzes data on the Department's Driving Under the Influence (DUI) enforcement initiatives and other special enforcement efforts. A study of the data from the past 10 years yields promising results. In 1999, 11,450 persons were arrested for DUI. The 10-year period ending in 1999, showed a 19% increase in DUI arrests, accompanied by a 14% reduction in alcohol-related crashes, a 29% decrease in fatal crashes, and a 19% reduction in injury crashes.

"Every Thirty Minutes" Alcohol Awareness Program Continues: In cooperation with the Pennsylvania DUI Association and the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children, the Department continues its effort to inform high school students of the dangers of drinking and driving by offering an effective alcohol awareness program. The program, known as "Every Thirty Minutes," focuses on the consequences of a student's destructive decision to drink and drive. "Every Thirty Minutes" refers to the fact that someone is killed every thirty minutes as the result of an alcohol-related crash. "Every Thirty Minutes" partners school districts with local and state emergency service providers, law enforcement, health care facilities, and most importantly, the students' families, to vividly demonstrate the tragic and widespread effects of drunk driving.

Safety Program Division

Over 4,000 Child Safety Seats Inspected: The Department's Occupant Protection Program currently boasts 204 trained Child Passenger Safety Technicians and 2 Child Passenger Safety Technician Instructors, all certified by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. During 2000, this group inspected over 4,000 child safety seats while teaching mothers, fathers, and caregivers how to safely transport children. The technicians detected some type of misuse in 94% of the child safety seat inspections. In these cases, the deficiencies were brought to the attention of the parents and were corrected. Most had more than 1 problem, demonstrating the pressing need

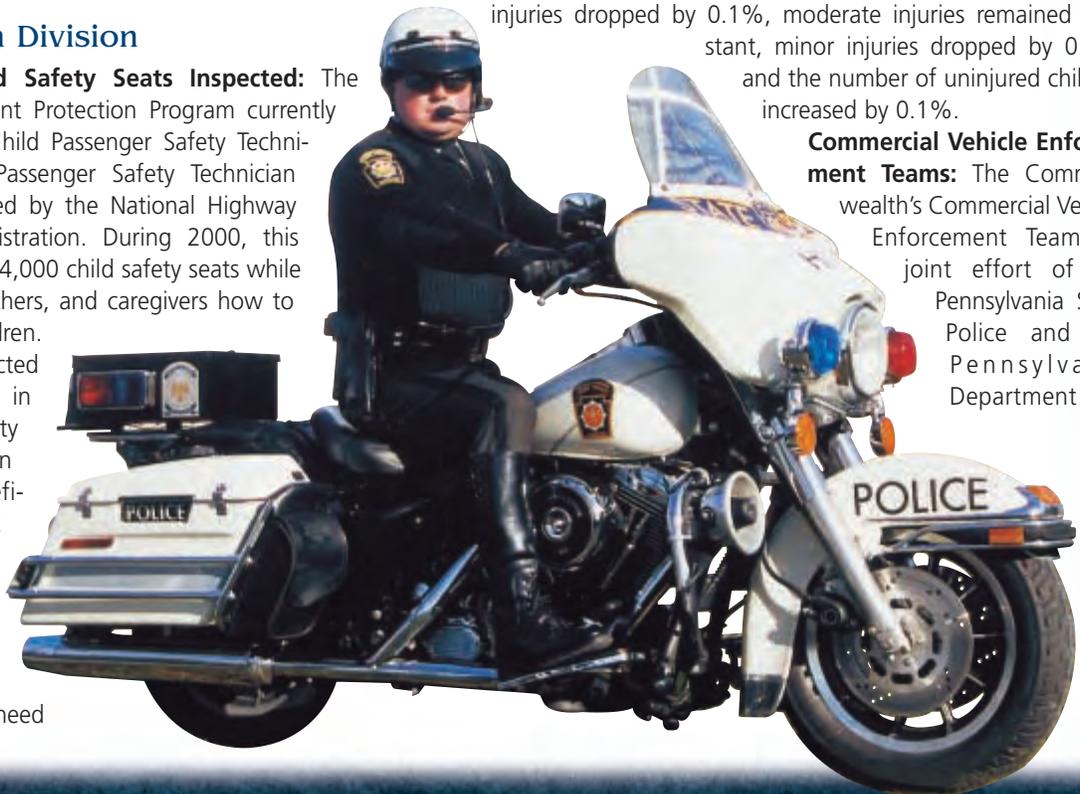


Trooper Linda E. Gerow speaks with a mother about child safety seats at a display in a local mall.

for this public service. Approximately 20 members also received the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Operation Kids Program training, which was a 1-day familiarization course on child passenger safety.

Improved Child Safety Seat Use Reduces Fatalities: From 1997 through 1999, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation reported an 8% drop in deaths of children under 5 in child safety seats, and a 17% drop in deaths of children not properly restrained in child safety seats. During this same period, there was a 25% decrease in deaths of children under 5 restrained *improperly* by safety belts only, and a 23% decrease in totally unrestrained child fatalities. Additionally, there was a 1.3% reduction in major injuries to children *properly* restrained in child safety seats. With improved child safety seat use, a decrease in injury statistics is expected, as an increased number of children will survive their injuries. Despite this expectation, as a percentage of all children involved in motor vehicle crashes, major injuries dropped by 0.1%, moderate injuries remained constant, minor injuries dropped by 0.3%, and the number of uninjured children increased by 0.1%.

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Teams: The Commonwealth's Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Teams, a joint effort of the Pennsylvania State Police and the Pennsylvania Department of



Transportation, promote greater traffic safety through enforcement of commercial vehicle laws. Historically, the teams concentrated their efforts on size and weight enforcement. In April 2000, the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Teams were reorganized, and their focus was changed to "safety," reflecting the changing dynamics of the Commonwealth's highway system. The teams are now primarily responsible for enhancing highway safety through commercial vehicle traffic enforcement and roadside safety inspection efforts. In response to these changes, the Bureau of Patrol distributed a commercial vehicle familiarization computer training presentation to all field commands. The training presentation, available to all Patrol Unit Troopers, is designed to encourage increased commercial vehicle enforcement by familiarizing the recipients with basic commercial vehicle requirements, and increasing their confidence in conducting commercial vehicle enforcement.

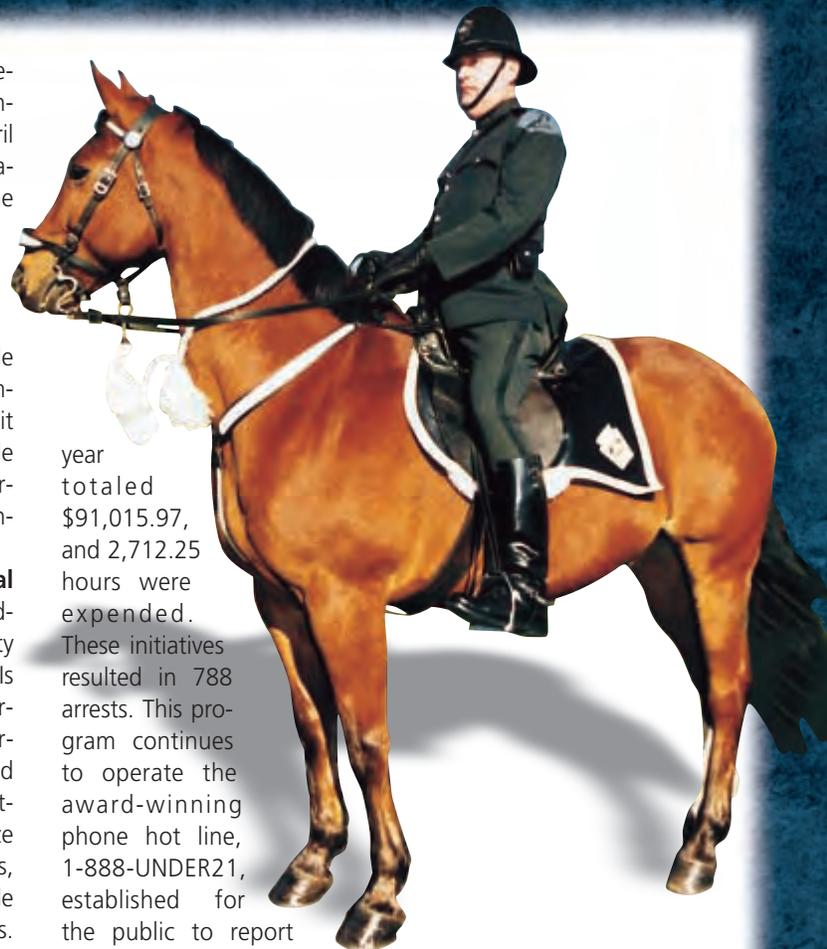
Vehicle Fraud Investigator Program Receives Federal Grant: The Vehicle Fraud Investigator (VFI) program was awarded a grant from the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA). These funds were used to send 4 VFIs to the National Odometer and Title Fraud Enforcement Conference held in Denver, Colorado. The funds were also used to purchase tool kits that allow VFI members to better detect and investigate odometer tampering. The VFI program has reinstated its basic training course, which is designed to familiarize newly appointed VFI members with investigative procedures, and acquaint them with outside agencies who could provide additional resources during odometer tampering investigations. Twenty-two VFIs have received the basic training course for calendar year 2000. Through enforcement of Act 27, State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons Regulations, \$1.7 million in fines has been levied against various Pennsylvania automobile dealerships in the year 2000. This reflects a 62% increase in enforcement activity from calendar year 1999.

Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement

Major Phillip L. DeWire, Director

The Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement Headquarters is located on Vartan Way, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The Bureau has 9 district offices located in Philadelphia, Wilkes-Barre, Harrisburg, Pittsburgh, Altoona, Williamsport, Punxsutawney, Erie, and Allentown.

University/College Underage Enforcement Program: The Bureau and Troops participate in this joint effort for the purpose of curtailing the purchase and consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors. During 2000, 82 raids were conducted, resulting in 874 arrests. Since this project's inception in September 1992, there have been 779 raids resulting in 7,995 arrests. The Bureau has completed the 2nd year of the "Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws Program" which is funded by a federal subgrant. The subgrant is funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and awarded through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. The amount of funding devoted to enforcement initiatives for this



year totaled \$91,015.97, and 2,712.25 hours were expended. These initiatives resulted in 788 arrests. This program continues to operate the award-winning phone hot line, 1-888-UNDER21, established for the public to report incidents of underage drinking. The information is directed to the Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement and forwarded to the appropriate agency. Callers, who can remain anonymous, are encouraged to provide tips about planned events involving underage drinkers or parties already underway.

The Choices Program: The Choices Program continues to serve as an educational tool to address the problem of underage drinking by middle and high school age students. The program has also been offered at the college level for the past 2 years, increasing our participation in freshman orientations. The program consists of a presentation made by Bureau representatives emphasizing alternative forms of recreation that do not involve alcohol. There were 1,021 presentations in 2000, with 79,131 attendees, resulting in 6 requests for enforcement action. The Bureau conducted 3 Choices Conferences entitled "Choices 2000" during May 2000. The conferences were hosted by West Chester University, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and Bloomsburg University. These conferences reached over 800 middle and high school students from over 40 schools.

Nuisance Bar Program: A primary initiative of the Bureau is the Nuisance Bar Program. This program targets "nuisance" or "problem" establishments whose operations have a negative impact on the quality of life in the surrounding community. Bureau personnel participate on nuisance bar task forces in the Philadelphia, Wilkes-Barre, Harrisburg, Pittsburgh, Punxsutawney, and Reading areas. This year the Bureau received 60 nuisance bar-related complaints, initiated 22 nuisance bar-related investigations, issued 32 citations, and closed 7 nuisance bars.



Illegal Gambling Initiative Continues Its Success:

The Bureau is responsible for enforcing illegal gambling and related activities occurring in establishments licensed by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board. Bureau personnel are trained in recognition and enforcement procedures for illegal gambling machines and devices. The initiative consists of two levels of enforcement. The first level is directed at the individual licensed establishments. The second level focuses on operations identified through intelligence information as corrupt organizations. In 2000, 783

investigations were conducted, resulting in 247 administrative citations, 95 criminal arrests, and seizure of 481 machines and over \$173,010.09. In September, video gambling device raids were held in Cambria, Indiana, Jefferson, Somerset, and Westmoreland Counties. The raids concluded a 17-month investigation into the operations of a Cambria County vendor of video gambling devices. During this investigation, the Bureau was assisted by members from the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Western Task Force Organized Crime Unit (Harmarville and Erie) and the Troop A, Greensburg Vice Unit. The raids also involved agents from the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigative Division and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Federal search warrants were served at 52 locations, including the vendor's warehouse and 4 residences. There were 130 video gambling devices and \$1.3 million seized. The Internal Revenue Service investigations continue. Administrative and criminal charges are pending against the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board licensed establishments. Criminal charges are pending against the unlicensed businesses.

Liquor Enforcement Officer of the Year: In July 2000, Gary W. Morneweck of the Erie District Enforcement Office was selected as the 1999 Liquor Enforcement Officer (LEO) of the Year. LEO Morneweck served for 3 years at the Philadelphia District Enforcement Office before transferring to the Erie District Enforcement Office where he currently serves. A 16-year veteran,



Liquor Enforcement Officer of the Year, Gary W. Morneweck.

LEO Morneweck has served the citizens of the Commonwealth faithfully and honorably. In 1998, he issued 26 administrative citations and 6 administrative warnings. He also cited 76 minors. In 1999, he played a key role in an investigation that resulted in the seizure of large quantities of illegal liquor. The liquor was reportedly stolen from Michigan and was being sold in the area of New Castle, Pennsylvania. His enforcement efforts reflect his dedication to duty and commitment to service. He has built a well-deserved reputation for honesty and integrity among his peers and other associates. He continues to do this while maintaining a solid home life. He and his wife have successfully raised 3 children. He is active in Little League Baseball, the Rocky Mountain Elk Federation, and the Wild Turkey Federation.

Bureau of Drug Law Enforcement

Major Tyree C. Blocker, Director

The Bureau of Drug Law Enforcement (BDLE), headquartered in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, is comprised of 2 Divisions, Operations and Administration. The Bureau is responsible for investigating the illegal possession and distribution of illegal drugs and narcotics. The Bureau has 21 offices across the Commonwealth staffed with 140 Troopers and 7 civilians. Five BDLE Area Offices and 15 Tactical Narcotic Teams are aligned with the Department's Area and Troop Commands. The Bureau also staffs 2 Interdiction Units, Eastern and Western.

Intelligence/Information Sharing: The BDLE Intelligence Unit continues to compile and disseminate valuable intelligence information to Pennsylvania State Police Troopers, as well as other state, municipal, and federal agencies. Building upon last year's product, the Intelligence Unit continues to maintain a statewide Heroin Brand Name database. Information on additional substances, including Methamphetamines and Oxycontin, was also disseminated. The Intelligence Unit also produced an extensive educational program on the emerging club drug phenomenon in the Commonwealth. Three individual programs have been designed; 1 for young adults, 1 for parents and educators, and 1 for law enforcement personnel. These programs are being offered at colleges, secondary schools, and law enforcement agencies throughout the Commonwealth. Additionally, the programs have been offered to 16 law enforcement agencies outside of Pennsylvania, and to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Marijuana Eradication: The Bureau coordinated the Statewide Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression operations throughout the Commonwealth during 2000. The Bureau, with the assistance of the Pennsylvania National Guard, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and various municipal police departments, located and eradicated 642 marijuana plots containing 9,395 individual plants.

Erie Area Gang Law Enforcement (EAGLE): A Task Force comprised of Troopers, municipal law enforcement officials, and federal authorities has been operating in northwestern Pennsylvania for 4 years. The EAGLE Task Force has been very successful in combating an influx of cocaine traffickers from the New York City area. Since inception, EAGLE members have made 143 felony arrests, seized more than \$460,000 and 40 firearms. They

have also seized 53 kilograms of powder and crack cocaine.

Drug Dealers in Prison: In early May 2000, members of the BDLE, Area III Tactical Narcotic Team, initiated a wiretap investigation of convicted drug lord Ronald Whethers. The investigation also focused on potential corruption of guards at the Westmoreland County Prison. Although already serving a life prison term on federal drug charges, Whethers used a cellular telephone to continue operating a multistate cocaine trafficking ring from his cell in the Westmoreland County Prison. Undercover Troopers purchased more than \$100,000 worth of drugs through deals with Whethers prior to an unprecedented State Police raid at the county prison on June 22, 2000. The raid ultimately resulted in the arrests of Whethers, 2 prison guards, and 14 others connected to the drug



Undercover officers with eradicated marijuana.

operation. Whethers had been incarcerated in the Westmoreland County Prison while awaiting trial on State Police charges related to the drug-related homicide of Ronald Lucas, who was beaten by a group of Whethers' cohorts. The beating became a national news story when Lucas' heart and liver were transplanted into then Governor Robert Casey.

Bureau of Drug Law Enforcement Efforts

ARRESTS AND WARRANTS

ARRESTS1,374
SEARCH WARRANTS 137

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE SEIZURES

COCAINE 85.81 kg
STIMULANTS 55.2 kg
DEPRESSANT 67 kg
HEROIN 1.35 kg
LSD 3,492 Dosage Units
HALLUCINOGENIC03 kg

ASSETS SEIZED

VEHICLES30 \$ 470,003.00
BOATS 1 \$ 75.00
REAL ESTATE 2 \$ 120,125.00
CASH \$ 975,326.00
TOTAL \$1,565,529.00

WEAPONS CONFISCATED

HANDGUNS 44
RIFLES 26

National Governors' Association

State College, July 8–July 11, 2000

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hosted the National Governors' Association (NGA) Annual Summer Business Meeting, July 8 through July 11, 2000, at the Pennsylvania State University, University Park. The NGA meetings bring together the Nation's Governors and other national and international dignitaries, to address the most pressing issues from current events and government. Thirty-eight Governors attended the meetings with their families and staff. Extensive media coverage and large demonstrations accompanied the event. Daily attendance was between 1,200 and 1,500 people.

The Pennsylvania State Police mission for this event was to provide transportation and security for the Governors and their families. Troopers had to balance the rights of demonstrators

and freedom of speech against the safety of the dignitaries and the security of the community. The event involved 2 years of planning between event organizers, the NGA, the staff of State College NGA 2000, the Office of Governor Tom Ridge, and the Pennsylvania State Police.

The Pennsylvania State Police was the lead law enforcement agency at the NGA. The State Police was responsible for coordinating security issues with all involved agencies at the federal, state, and local levels. Personnel from each Troop, Bureau, and Office were assigned to assist at the event. All personnel displayed integrity and professionalism and completed the mission of the State Police without a significant incident or disruption to the meetings.





Republican National Convention

Philadelphia, July 31–August 3, 2000

The Pennsylvania State Police assisted the city of Philadelphia with security at the Republican National Convention held in the city of Philadelphia from July 31 through August 3, 2000. The primary mission was the transportation and security of visiting Governors, Lieutenant Governors, and other designated dignitaries. The secondary mission would be to provide assistance to the Philadelphia Police Department in the event of public unrest, disobedience, or rioting.

More than a year of planning and preparation was required for this event. Organizational and task force meetings between federal, state, and municipal agencies and the Republican National Convention staff outlined action plans for transportation, housing, credentials, hazardous materials, aviation concerns, intelligence, and many other anticipated issues. The State Police and the city of Philadelphia Police Department developed plans for the safety of delegates, dignitaries, their staff and families, and the general public.

Hours of training in dignitary protection, crisis management, hazardous materials and weapons of mass destruction were provided. Frontline Troopers and personnel assigned to the Mounted Detail were provided with refresher training in

riot formations and crowd control tactics for confrontations with demonstrators. In addition, the Department purchased a variety of new equipment for use in the event of a nuclear-biological-chemical (NBC) terrorist attack during the convention.

After all of the meetings, training, coordination, and issuing of new equipment, it was dependent upon the personnel of all involved agencies to complete the mission. Troopers worked 12-hour shifts and slept in dormitories at Temple University. The pride and professionalism of the Pennsylvania State Police was evident as delegates and dignitaries toured the city of Philadelphia and attended convention activities with a feeling of safety. The dedication and commitment of everyone involved helped to prevent any major incidents.

The personnel involved with the Republican National Convention in 2000 distinguished themselves and are worthy of praise for a job well done. In addition, accolades of praise are extended to the city of Philadelphia Police Department and their officers. They displayed professionalism and restraint during a worldwide media event that forced the city and the police department to be scrutinized under a spotlight.





Area I



**Major Henry D. Oleyniczak,
Commander**

Area I Headquarters is located at Troop H, Harrisburg. Area I is comprised of Troop H, Harrisburg; Troop L, Reading; and Troop N, Hazleton.



Troop H, Harrisburg Headquarters.



Troop H, Harrisburg Quick Facts

Captain Michael J. Marcantino, Commanding Officer

Headquarters located in Dauphin County 6 additional Stations:

- Carlisle, Cumberland County
- Chambersburg, Franklin County
- Lykens, Dauphin County
- Newport, Perry County
- Gettysburg, Adams County
- York, York County

- 369 enlisted and civilian personnel
- Total population of Troop area: approximately 1,060,573
- Total area served by Troop: 3,828.1 square miles
- Total number of incidents handled by Troop during the year 2000: 57,921

Troop H Enforcement Efforts

Traffic Citations	36,776
DUI Arrests	1,361
MCSAP Inspections	1,670
School Bus Inspections	2,428
Criminal Arrests	8,544
Drug-Related Arrests	566
Fire Marshal Investigations	262

Three Arrested for Double Homicide: On December 10, 1994, the bodies of Philip and Rachel Hoover were discovered dead at their residence in Hamilton Township, Adams County. Both subjects died as the result of multiple stab wounds. Initially, the investigation failed to establish a motive for the crime or a suspect. Investigators focused on family relationships exploring the possibility that a daughter-in-law was responsible for the deaths. Intense investigative efforts did not produce any viable clues, causing the investigation to lose momentum. However, investigators continued to focus on developing a motive and a suspect. Near the end of 1997, Trooper Francis C. Donnelly utilized skills he learned while assigned to the Criminal Investigation Assessment Unit and developed a case strategy. The case strategy, many hours of interviews, and traditional investigative techniques developed 3 suspects who lived near the crime scene. Evidence surfaced about a burglary ring involving the same 3 suspects. Corporal Ivan E. Taylor, Trooper Donnelly, and the entire Gettysburg Station worked to develop enough evidence to charge the suspects with Murder I, Murder II, Conspiracy, and Burglary. In May 2000, the 3 suspects who lived near the victims each plead guilty as charged. Edward Seibor pled guilty to 2 counts of First-Degree Murder; Joseph Seibor pled guilty to 2 counts of Second-Degree Murder; Kristina Seibor pled guilty to Conspiracy to Commit Burglary.

South Central Camp Cadet: Troopers Edward S. Asbury, Joseph P. Nolte, and Linette G. Quinn coordinated the South Central Camp Cadet 2000 for Troop H. The South Central Camp Cadet was a great success. The camp was attended by 137 boys and girls from 12 to 15 years of age and was supervised by an assortment of State Police Troopers, municipal police officers, and community volunteers from throughout Troop H. Camp counselors and volunteers provided an educational and entertaining experience at Fort Indiantown Gap, Headquarters for the Pennsylvania National Guard. South Central Camp Cadet is funded through donations from sponsors and the proceeds of the Annual Camp Cadet golf tournament.



Troop H, Camp Cadet.

Internet Friendship Results in Homicide: On June 26, 2000, at approximately 1:00 a.m., Robert Kenneth Seiler was leaving for work when he was attacked from behind and brutally assaulted. The actor used a baseball bat to incapacitate the victim before "carjacking" his Ford Expedition. The actor drove over the victim's body as he fled the scene in the stolen vehicle.

Mr. Seiler's daughter heard his screams for help and immediately called an ambulance and the State Police. Upon the arrival of Troopers from the Newport Station, Mr. Seiler was alert and conscious, but he did not know who assaulted him. While waiting for a helicopter to fly him to a trauma center, Mr. Seiler died from multiple blunt force traumas to his body. Troopers immediately began to canvas the area to determine if there were any witnesses to the crime. Mr. Seiler rented a trailer to Ginney Foster 2 houses away from his residence. Ginney Foster shared the trailer with her nephew Joshua Foster, her sister Mary Pierce, her niece April Pierce, and Jason White. Everyone who lived in the trailer was asked if they had any information concerning the incident and if they knew of anyone who might have been involved. They all stated that they did not have any information and that no one else lived in the trailer. Jeffery Martin, a friend who was visiting the Fosters, was also interviewed and stated that he had no knowledge of the crime.

Later that day, a neighbor was interviewed and stated that there was another individual staying at the Foster residence. The neighbor related that the person had been staying with the Fosters during the past week and that he was a "bad egg." The neighbor had noticed the individual's nametags on his luggage and provided the name CJ Mizzell and an address in South Carolina. Everyone from the Foster residence was reinterviewed and eventually provided the details of the incident. It was learned that Curtis Jason Mizzell arrived by train after meeting Jason White on the Internet. He had no money and was not able to return home. The night of the incident, they joked about killing Mr. Seiler because he was in the process of evicting them. Curtis Mizzell said he would not kill him but stated that he would "carjack" his Ford Expedition. Jeffery Martin volunteered to provide him with a baseball bat to use in the crime and the others agreed to assist him with his escape. During the incident, they could hear Mr. Seiler screaming for help. They became fearful of being caught and agreed to hide Mizzell's belongings and lie to the police about the situation.

Troopers sent a statewide radio broadcast to "be on the look out for the suspect and the stolen vehicle." Authorities in South Carolina were also notified. The Newport Station received a telephone call from the North Charleston Police Department relating that they had discovered the stolen vehicle and were currently in a multi-vehicle, high-speed pursuit. Approximately 10 minutes later, the detective called from his portable telephone to relate that the vehicle had crashed. The detective stated that Curtis Mizzell was the driver and was admitting to the crime. The bloody baseball bat was still in the vehicle. On June 27, 2000, 2 Troopers from the Newport Station flew to South Carolina to interview the suspect and serve a search warrant on the vehicle and his residence. The blood-splattered clothes that he was wearing during the attack were recovered from his residence. On June 28, 2000, Curtis Mizzell waived extradition and returned to Pennsylvania. Arrest warrants were issued for everyone who was living in the trailer, as well as Jeffery Martin. Charges include Criminal Homicide, Criminal Conspiracy, Tampering with Physical Evidence, and Hindering Apprehension.

The bat used in the crime was sent to the Pennsylvania State Police Forensics Lab to see if DNA "friction" evidence could be gathered from the handle. Forensic scientists at the DNA Lab determined that the blood on the end of the bat was Mr. Seiler's and a swabbing taken from the bat handle matched the DNA of Curtis Mizzell. The lab report stated that the probability of randomly selecting an unrelated individual exhibiting this combination of DNA types is approximately 1 in 5 quadrillion. In October 2000, all 7 individuals pled guilty. Curtis Mizzell was sentenced to life in a state correctional institution and the other 6 received sentences ranging from 2 to 5 years in prison.

Carlisle Station Keeps Peace at Ku Klux Klan Rally: On September 23, 2000, Troop H assisted the Carlisle Borough Police Department and the Cumberland County Sheriff with security for a Ku Klux Klan rally at the Cumberland County Courthouse. A pre-deployment briefing was conducted at the Carlisle Fairgrounds to establish the mission and explain the action plan. The detail consisted of 152 State Police Troopers, 33 Carlisle Borough Police Officers, and 25 Cumberland County Sheriffs. Ku Klux Klan members were required to assemble at the Carlisle Borough garage and travel by bus to the Cumberland County Courthouse. Approximately 25 Ku Klux Klan members assembled for the rally. The event concluded with only 1 arrest. As a result of detailed planning and thorough execution, no property damage or physical injury occurred during the rally.



Troop H, KKK rally.



Troop H, Crash scene following South Carolina pursuit.

Troop L, Reading Quick Facts

Captain Richard S. Zenk, Commanding Officer

Headquarters located in Berks County 4 additional Stations:

- Jonestown, Lebanon County
- Frackville, Schuylkill County
- Hamburg, Berks County
- Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill County
- 214 enlisted and civilian personnel
- Total population of Troop area: approximately 617,404
- Total area served by Troop: 2,007.4 square miles
- Total number of incidents handled by Troop during the year 2000: 36,464



Troop L, Reading Headquarters.

Troop L Enforcement Efforts

Traffic Citations	18,039
DUI Arrests	484
MCSAP Inspections	1,728
School Bus Inspections	3,147
Criminal Arrests	4,570
Drug-Related Arrests	187
Fire Marshal Investigations	94

Major Case Team Activated to Investigate Crash: On April 20, 2000, at approximately 6:00 p.m., in Sinking Spring Borough, Berks County, a train struck a vehicle occupied by 2 women and their children, killing all 4. This incident attracted worldwide media attention. As investigators started to examine the crash in detail, suspicion developed that the vehicle may have been pushed into the path of the train by the ex-boyfriend of 1 of the women in the vehicle. Evidence quickly surfaced leading investigators to believe that the crash was in fact a

homicide. A key witness was a passenger in the vehicle that struck the victims, causing them to move into the path of the train. The witness stated that they had been following the victims throughout the afternoon and that the actor intended on harming them. The Troop L Major Case Team was activated and 18 Troopers devoted hundreds of hours to this investigation. Investigators were able to prove that the victim had stopped for the train crossing when the actor approached from behind and used his vehicle to push the victims' vehicle into the path of the train. The actor was charged with 4 counts each of Criminal Homicide, Aggravated Assault, Recklessly Endangering Another Person, and Risking or Causing a Catastrophe.



Troop L, Vehicle pushed into path of train.

Troopers Pair with Reading City Officers: During 2000, the city of Reading experienced a dramatic increase in homicides with an unprecedented 25 murders. With violence spreading throughout the city and residents concerned for their safety, officials from the Reading Police Department requested assistance from Troop L. A task force was assembled in equal proportion to the violence they were up against. A saturation patrol strategy was launched using 52 Troopers paired up with officers from the city of Reading. The pairs executed a proactive patrol presence in high-crime areas and maintained a strong presence in the entire city of Reading. The saturation patrol efforts resulted in 32 criminal arrests and a reduction in violent crime. The saturation patrols reduced all criminal activity and helped city residents feel secure. City residents positively received the increased patrols and welcomed the efforts of city officials and the State Police.



Troop L, Troopers pair with Reading police.

MCSAP Enforcement Efforts: Troop L experienced a dramatic increase in MCSAP enforcement efforts during 2000. The number of inspections increased more than 275% from 1999, and the total hours dedicated to MCSAP increased more than 195%. Motor Carrier Inspectors targeted specific locations in Troop L, including Interstate 78 in Berks and Lebanon Counties, and Interstate 81 in Schuylkill County. The efforts of Motor Carrier Inspectors help to ensure that commercial vehicles meet the required safety and inspection standards.

Camp Cadet Rod Run: The 2nd Annual Camp Cadet Rod Run was held July 23, 2000, at Fireman's Park in Palmyra Borough, Lebanon County. Trooper Edward F. Maloney organizes this event to raise money for the Troop L Camp Cadet. In its first 2 years, 411 antique and classic cars have been displayed and \$8,900 raised for the Camp Cadet Program. The 2000-Rod Run featured a marked State Police 4-wheel drive Jeep and a marked State Police sport utility vehicle. The Rod Run required efforts from everyone at the Jonestown Station to ensure a success.



Troop L, State Police vehicles on display at Rod Run.

Second Year of Hamburg Station Blitz: In October 1999, the Hamburg Station, with the assistance of other Stations in Troop L, started an enforcement initiative along Interstate 78. In 1999, it was reported as the Hamburg Station Blitz, involving speed enforcement from aircraft, nonconventional vehicles for radar detail, marked patrol units, and MCSAP inspections. The effort expanded in 2000 to include Troop M, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association, and AAA Chapters in the area. The dedication and commitment of everyone involved in the enforcement effort is evident from the enforcement results of 3,000 written warnings, 6,000 traffic citations, 200 commercial vehicles and 100 commercial drivers placed out of service by MCSAP inspections, and 20 DUI arrests. Troop L members are making a difference by making this highway safe for everyone who travels in the Commonwealth.



Troop N, Hazleton Quick Facts

Captain John G. Rice, Commanding Officer

Headquarters located in Luzerne County 4 additional Stations:

- Bloomsburg, Columbia County
- Leighton, Carbon County
- Fern Ridge, Monroe County
- Swiftwater, Monroe County

- 243 enlisted and civilian personnel
- Total population of Troop area: approximately 234,879
- Total area served by Troop: 1,476.0 square miles
- Total number of incidents handled by Troop during the year 2000: 35,435



Troop N, Hazleton Headquarters.

Troop N Enforcement Efforts

Traffic Citations	21,381
DUI Arrests	538
MCSAP Inspections	1,940
School Bus Inspections	1,155
Criminal Arrests	3,375
Drug-Related Arrests	139
Fire Marshal Investigations	112

Operation Clean Sweep: From November 1999 through June 2000, an investigation was conducted by the Troop N Vice/Narcotics Unit with the assistance of other State Police units, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), and the Columbia County Pennsylvania Drug Task Force. The investigation, designated as Operation Clean Sweep, focused on an organization responsible for the distribution of more than 1,000 pounds of methamphetamine to drug dealers throughout northeastern Pennsylvania, and specific targets in southern California, Louisiana, and New York. The drug distribution organization was centered on a trucking company, located in Berwick. The owner of the company had been

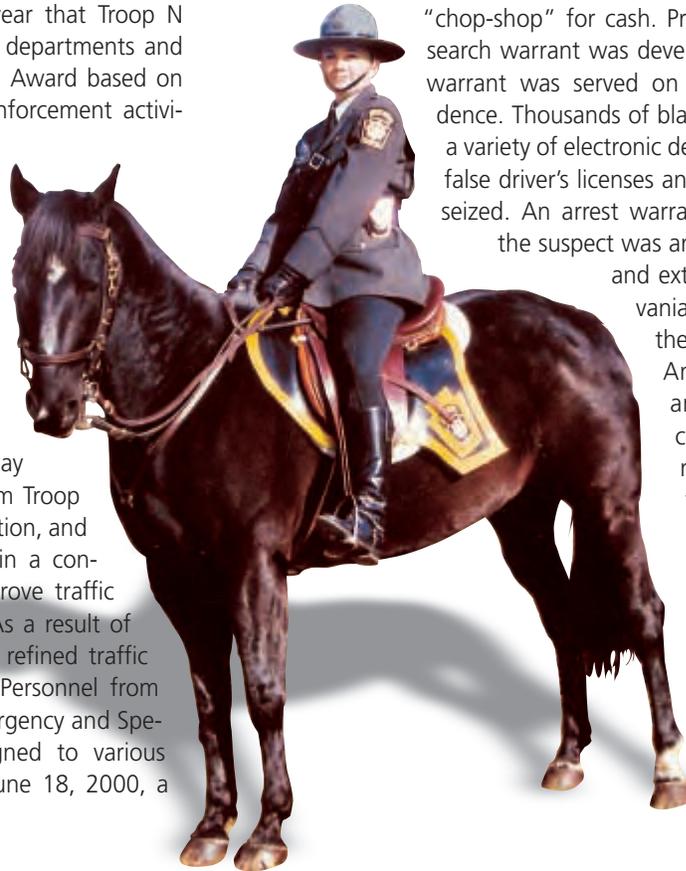
using his trucking business to transport methamphetamine out of southern California for approximately 5 years. Prior to using his trucking company, he used his personal vehicle and a trailer to ship the drugs. In late May 2000, a truck tractor suspected in the distribution ring was followed to a location in southern California. Surveillance was conducted for 4 days. On June 2, 2000, the truck tractor was stopped by the California Highway Patrol and a search was conducted. The search revealed 43 pounds of methamphetamine, 3 pounds of marijuana, and a pistol. The suspect and his passenger were arrested and federally indicted for their part in the drug distribution network. On June 3, 2000, 3 search warrants and 5 arrest warrants were served in Columbia and Luzerne Counties. Investigators seized more than \$30,000 in currency, 20 vehicles, and various properties. The investigation revealed that the suspect was involved in the distribution of methamphetamine for 7 years with profits of more than \$6 million in the past 3 years.

Governor's Highway Safety Award: On October 20, 2000, Troop N received the Governor's Highway Safety Award for their enforcement efforts and educational programs in the area of seatbelt and child safety seat usage. State Transportation Secretary Bradley L. Mallory presented the Silver Buckle Award during the annual Governor's Highway Safety Conference in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania. This is the third consecutive year that Troop N received this award. A total of 12 municipal departments and State Police Troops received the Silver Buckle Award based on safety belt policies, promotional activities, enforcement activities, education and training of their officers, and the overall success of their programs.

NASCAR Winston Cup Series Races: In June and July each year, the Pocono 500 and Pennsylvania 500 NASCAR races are held at the Pocono International Raceway in Long Pond, Tunkhannock Township, Monroe County. These NASCAR events are among the largest single-day sporting events held in the Commonwealth. Most of the 150,000 to 200,000 fans in attendance arrive on race day causing traffic control problems. Officials from Troop N, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, and Pocono International Raceway are involved in a constant exchange of ideas about ways to improve traffic flow during NASCAR Winston Cup events. As a result of advanced planning, mutually developed and refined traffic control patterns are utilized for each race. Personnel from Troops N, L, K, and H, and the Bureau of Emergency and Special Operations, Aviation Section, are assigned to various assignments for these events. On Sunday, June 18, 2000, a

race was scheduled. Due to inclement weather, the race was postponed to Monday, June 19, 2000. This was the first time in 21 years that the race had to be postponed. Additional manpower and a contingency plan had to be utilized for the Monday race date. Due to the cooperation of everyone involved, the delayed race took place without any major incidents or traffic control problems.

State Police Assist American Express: On April 3, 2000, Troopers Peter P. Gutowski and Craig M. VanLouvender, Swiftwater Station, investigated a report of credit card fraud in Stroudsburg Borough, Monroe County. American Express fraud investigators turned to the Pennsylvania State Police for assistance. Investigators focused on a suspect who was using a network of people in various businesses, such as hotels and video stores, to obtain credit card information. Credit card information was being copied from customers and then sold to the suspect. The individual used the stolen information to make false driver's licenses and credit cards. With false identification and duplicated credit cards, the suspect was able to charge thousands of dollars worth of merchandise before the credit card companies became aware of the fraud. Often, the suspect would obtain a rental car using a false driver's license and duplicated credit card and then sell the rental car to a "chop-shop" for cash. Probable cause for a search warrant was developed and a search warrant was served on the suspect's residence. Thousands of blank credit cards and a variety of electronic devices used to make false driver's licenses and credit cards were seized. An arrest warrant was issued and the suspect was arrested in New York and extradited to Pennsylvania. Before his arrest, the suspect defrauded American Express and other major credit card companies of \$160,106 in the Stroudsburg area and more than \$1,000,000 in the State of New York and the Commonwealth of Virginia.



Area II



**Major Francis E. Koscelnak,
Commander**

Area II Headquarters is located at Troop P, Wyoming. Area II is comprised of Troop F, Montoursville; Troop P, Wyoming; and Troop R, Dunmore.



Troop F, Montoursville Headquarters.

Troop F, Montoursville Quick Facts

Captain Coleman J. McDonough, Commanding Officer

Headquarters located in Lycoming County 7 additional Stations:

- Coudersport, Potter County
- Emporium, Cameron County
- Lamar, Clinton County
- Mansfield, Tioga County
- Milton, Northumberland County
- Selingsgrove, Snyder County
- Stonington, Northumberland County

- 291 enlisted and civilian personnel
- Total population of Troop area: approximately 412,063
- Total area served by Troop: 5,976.5 square miles
- Total number of incidents handled by Troop during the year 2000: 33,162

Troop F Enforcement Efforts

Traffic Citations	.39,751
DUI Arrests	.854
MCSAP Inspections	.2,634
School Bus Inspections	.1,237
Criminal Arrests	.4,935
Drug-Related Arrests	.172
Fire Marshal Investigations	.113

Highway Worker Killed By Hit-and-Run Crash: On October 30, 2000, an employee of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation was struck and killed by a hit-and-run vehicle while working along Interstate 80 in Union County. Troopers from the Milton Station quickly responded to the scene and obtained a description of the vehicle and suspected operator for statewide broadcast. Trooper Roger L. Furlong received the radio broadcast concerning the hit-and-run and followed a "hunch" that the vehicle would be travelling north on Route 15. Approximately 2 hours later, Trooper Furlong, Mansfield Station, was on patrol and observed a vehicle traveling north on Route 15 in Tioga County matching the description of the hit-and-run vehicle. Trooper Furlong observed damage to the windshield and mirror that were consistent with the radio broadcast. Trooper Furlong immediately stopped the vehicle and observed physical evidence to indicate that the vehicle had struck a human. The driver admitted that he may have hit something, but he did not know what it was. The traffic stop, subsequent interviews of the operator, collection and comparison of evidence, and further investigation resulted in an arrest for Homicide by Vehicle.

Troop Headquarters Renovated: From October 1999 through July 2000, the Montoursville Headquarters building was expanded and improved during a \$250,000 renovation. Headquarters personnel continued to provide 24-hour police services without interruption by conducting operations from temporary housing until the construction was completed. Renovations included new offices in space formerly used as a garage and storage space, an addition of 8,000 square feet to provide a maintenance bay, processing area for the Identification Unit, and suitable storage space for equipment, supplies, and bulk evidence. The most popular addition for all personnel is a 1,000 square foot locker/weight room. The improvements will help Troop Headquarters to be more energy efficient with the addition of state-of-the-art heating and air conditioning systems, increased insulation, and new doors and windows.

Trooper Provides First Aid Following Shooting:

On January 4, 2000, Troopers Craig D. Heim and Douglas C. Homan, Emporium Station, responded to report of a domestic disturbance in Lumber Township, Cameron County. Upon their arrival, the victim and her children were outside the residence standing by a car. The Troopers interviewed the victim who stated the actor cut her with a knife and remained inside the residence. The Troopers observed injuries to the victim, including cuts on her face and blood dripping from fresh wounds. Troopers proceeded to the front door of the residence to attempt entry into the home to take her husband into custody for the assault. The front door was locked; however, they discovered a rear door unlocked and gained entry. Inside, the



actor threatened to kill the Troopers and advanced toward them with a hunting knife in his hand. Troopers continually ordered the actor to stop and drop the weapon; however, he continued to violently approach. Trooper Heim shot the actor in the chest, effectively stopping his advance and protecting himself and Trooper Homan. Following the shooting, both Troopers administered life-saving first aid to the actor, who moments before was threatening to kill them. The actor recovered and was later convicted of 2 counts of Aggravated Assault and miscellaneous other charges resulting from the domestic dispute.

Vice Investigations Cross State Borders: The Troop F Vice Unit was instrumental in cooperative ventures throughout north central Pennsylvania and southern New York. A joint endeavor in August 2000, involving the Pennsylvania State Police and New York State Police resulted in the service of a search warrant on an indoor "grow" operation in New York State. Based on information supplied by undercover Troopers, 4,369 marijuana plants were confiscated, an elaborate hydroponics grow operation was dismantled, and 2 suspects were arrested. Another joint investigation with Troop F and Troop N Vice Units and several other agencies led to the seizure of 43 pounds of methamphetamine being transported to Pennsylvania for distribution, and more than 12 federal indictments for drug trafficking and racketeering.

Safety Blitz Cracks Down on Underage Drinking: On May 26, 2000, Troopers from the Stonington Station, assisted by the Pennsylvania Game Commission, conducted a "Safety Blitz" on property owned by Reading Anthracite Coal Company, in Zerbe Township, Northumberland County. The blitz was a response to a high number of complaints about underage drinking parties and criminal trespass violations within active and abandoned surface coal mine locations. One party ended with the death of 2 men who drowned when they drove their Jeep into a frozen pond. Troopers from the Stonington Station developed a plan to crack down on underage drinking and increase enforcement in the area of the surface mines. The blitz resulted in 47 arrests for Underage Drinking and Trespass by Motor Vehicle.



Troop P, Wyoming Headquarters.

Troop P Enforcement Efforts

Traffic Citations	14,710
DUI Arrests	361
MCSAP Inspections	920
School Bus Inspections	723
Criminal Arrests	2,778
Drug-Related Arrests	361
Fire Marshal Investigations	243

Son Shoots Stepfather to Protect Mother: On February 18, 2000, at approximately 1:00 a.m., Towanda Station investigated a shooting incident in Sayre, Bradford County, involving Robert Eugene Porter, Bessie Amanda Porter, and her son Timothy Ray Hall. All 3 were engaged in a family argument at their residence when Robert Porter went into his bedroom and returned with a shotgun. He fired a shot toward Bessie Porter from close range. She was able to duck below the barrel, causing the shot to miss her head by inches. Timothy Hall immediately grabbed a different shotgun from another part of the residence. Robert Porter and Timothy Hall became involved in a standoff. As Robert Porter prepared to shoot Bessie Porter a second time, Timothy Hall shot him in the abdomen in defense of his mother. Robert Porter was transported by life-flight to Robert Packer Hospital and treated for his injuries. Initially, Timothy Hall was arrested for shooting Robert Porter; however, all charges were dropped. Robert Porter was convicted in Bradford County Court of Aggravated Assault for his involvement in this incident.

Trooper Extinguishes Fire and Saves Residence: On April 11, 2000, Trooper Jeffery T. Price was on patrol in Dushore Borough when he observed a woman standing along the street flagging him to stop. Trooper Price stopped his patrol vehicle and was advised by the woman that her house was on fire. Trooper Price immediately asked if anybody was still inside the residence and was told a dog was still inside. Trooper Price entered the residence and could see a flame in the kitchen coming from a kerosene heater. Trooper Price observed sever-

Troop P, Wyoming Quick Facts

Captain Carmen R. Altavilla, Commanding Officer

Headquarters located in Luzerne County 4 additional Stations:

- Laporte, Sullivan County
- Towanda, Bradford County
- Shickshinny, Luzerne County
- Tunkhannock, Wyoming County

- 185 enlisted and civilian personnel
- Total population of Troop area: approximately 425,230
- Total area served by Troop: 2,863.9 square miles
- Total number of incidents handled by Troop during the year 2000: 21,279

al coats that had fallen onto the kerosene heater and determined that this was the source of the fire. He dragged the kerosene heater from the residence. While waiting for fire personnel to arrive, he reentered the residence and used the fire extinguisher from the trunk of the patrol vehicle to stop the fire from spreading. Due to the contentious patrol work and diligent effort of Trooper Price, the residence was spared and severe damage averted.

Commuter Plane Crash: On May 21, 2000, a commuter plane crash occurred in Bear Creek Township, Luzerne County. The plane was a private charter travelling from Atlantic City, New Jersey, to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Airport. The pilot communicated with air-traffic control that the flight was experiencing problems that resulted in engine failure. There was thick fog mixed with cold and rainy weather conditions. Upon approach, the plane missed the airport on the first pass. While turning, there was a total loss of power causing the airplane to crash. Everyone onboard the plane was killed. Personnel from Troops P and N immediately started to search for the missing airplane. In spite of the treacherous weather, a helicopter from the Hazleton Aviation Patrol Unit assisted with the search. The Aviation crew located the burning aircraft and led rescue workers to the scene. The Incident Command System was utilized to efficiently manage the resources from all responding agencies. Troop P personnel provided scene security and security at the temporary morgue throughout the investigation.

Physical Evidence Solves Hunting Accident: On November 27, 2000, Corporal Charles H. Snyder, Laporte Station, assisted the Game Commission with an investigation of a hunting accident that resulted in a death. A single shot shattered the victim's femur and severed his femoral artery causing the victim to bleed to death. It was not immediately apparent how the accident occurred from the physical evidence at the scene. Corporal Snyder was able to examine the scene and recreate the accident. From information provided by the victim's son, investigators knew that the victim had an injured left leg and would extend it while in a seated position to relieve pressure. Additional interviews provided information that a hunter had shot a deer near the scene of the accident and was "tracking" the wounded deer when another shot was heard. Corporal Snyder examined the location and angle of the entry wound to determine that the victim accidentally shot himself while trying to draw a pistol from a sling. The sling held the weapon through the trigger guard, which caused an accidental discharge. As a result of the experience and thoroughness of Corporal Snyder, the Game Commission was able to quickly close this investigation, freeing them for other incidents during this busy hunting season.

Troop P Assists With The Largest Move in Commonwealth History: Troop P personnel assisted with the delivery of a dryer to Proctor and Gamble in Mehoopany, Wyoming County. The delivery involved hours of planning and preparation and the assistance of several Troops and Stations. This escort was the largest move ever made in the history of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The load's weight was over 562,000 pounds and the height was over 20 feet. The trip to Mehoopany started near Philadelphia and ended at the Proctor and Gamble facility approximately one month later.



Troop P, Troop P members control the scene as onlookers gather to watch the largest superload movement in Commonwealth history.

Troop R, Dunmore Quick Facts

Captain Joseph T. Marut, Commanding Officer

Headquarters located in Lackawanna County 3 additional Stations:

- Honesdale, Wayne County
 - Blooming Grove, Pike County
 - Gibson, Susquehanna County
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- 204 enlisted and civilian personnel
 - Total population of Troop area: approximately 336,143
 - Total area served by Troop: 2,556.8 square miles
 - Total number of incidents handled by Troop during the year 2000: 29,548



Troop R, Dunmore Headquarters.

Troop R Enforcement Efforts

Traffic Citations	17,909
DUI Arrests	419
MCSAP Inspections	1,295
School Bus Inspections	753
Criminal Arrests	4,205
Drug-Related Arrests	312
Fire Marshal Investigations	163

Conviction For 1985 Homicide: On November 3, 2000, the trial of Mark Conaway ended with a conviction for First Degree Murder and a sentence of life in prison without parole. This investigation began on September 18, 1985, when the body of Joyce Ann Harding was found in a wooded area in LaPlume Township, Lackawanna County. The Troop R major case team was assembled and an intense investigation was started with Corporal William J. Strong as the lead investigator. During the investigation, Troopers learned that the accused was at the Shadow Brook Inn with the victim on the night she was killed. The accused and an associate, both members of the Warlock motorcycle gang, left the Shadow Brook Inn with the victim and went to a nearby hotel where they raped and beat her. In the early morning hours, they took her to a deserted area along a rural highway and shot her twice in the head with a .38-caliber handgun. Troopers exhausted hundreds of hours interviewing suspects and developing leads in this investigation. The perseverance of everyone involved with this investigation is a tribute to the dedication and professionalism of the Pennsylvania State Police.

Monument Dedicated at Troop R Headquarters: On May 2, 2000, a memorial service was conducted at Troop R Headquarters to honor Troopers who were killed in the line of duty. A monument donated by the Fraternal Order of Police, John Hancock Memorial Lodge, was dedicated during the ceremony. Monsignor Joseph Quinn, Diocese of Scranton, participated in the service and assisted with the dedication. As the names of the deceased were being read, 2 retired Troopers placed a wreath at the base of the memorial. Approximately 80 friends and family members of fallen State Troopers accompanied active and retired State Police personnel at the dedication. In addition, the memorial service marked the 95th Anniversary of the Pennsylvania State Police.



Troop R, Members attend the 7th annual Blue Mass.



Troop R, Retired members Lt. Edward P. Mitarnowski and Tpr. James O. Colbert attend the memorial service honoring Troopers killed in the line of duty. Memorial stone donated and installed by John Hancock Memorial Lodge #46.

7th Annual Blue Mass: The 7th annual Blue Mass was conducted on Sunday, September 24, 2000, at St. Peter's Cathedral, in the city of Scranton. The Pennsylvania State Police detail at the mass included Ceremonial and Mounted Units and personnel from Troops R, P, and N. Captain Joseph T. Marut, Commanding Officer, Troop R, participated in the mass by presenting a reading.

Troop R Camp Cadet: The 13th Annual Troop R Camp Cadet Program was conducted at Camp LaDore, Wayne County, during the week of August 14–19, 2000. The 2000 Troop R Camp Cadet was dedicated to the memory of Trooper Matthew R. Bond, who was killed in the line of duty in January 2000. The camp hosted 57 boys and girls ranging from 13 to 15 years of age selected from applicants throughout Troop R. The camp was once again a success under the direction of Troopers Charles G. Sands and William E. Satkowski Jr., Troop R Community Services Officers. The weeklong program consisted of activities and presentations, including a day at the range, sponsored by the Lackawanna County Chiefs of Police Association.

Computer Crime Unit Catches Child Pornographer: On May 2, 2000, a 19-year-old resident of Wayne County was arrested for felony offenses related to Trading Child Pornography over the Internet. This arrest was the result of a joint investigation conducted by Troop R Headquarters, the Honesdale Station, and the Lackawanna and Wayne Counties District Attorney's Offices. The investigation was started when Trooper

Frank J. Bartalotta, Computer Crime Unit, was monitoring activity on the Internet and discovered another Internet user offering child pornography for trade. Through the investigation it was revealed that the accused had accumulated and saved on his computer more than 1,600 photographs and 26 movie clips depicting child pornography. The accused pled guilty to 3 felony charges and was sentenced to 11 to 23 months in the Wayne County Prison. The accused is required by statute to register with the Megan's Law Section for the next 10 years.

Troopers Fight Fire to Save Home: On November 8, 2000, Trooper Michael J. Mulvey, Blooming Grove Station, was on patrol along Route 402 when he observed a woman emerge from her home frantically waving her arms. Trooper Mulvey stopped to investigate and discovered a fire in the residence. Troopers Sandra A. VanLuvender and Bradley R. Beach, who were in the area, proceeded to the scene to provide assistance. The Troopers attempted to extinguish the fire; however, they could not stop it from burning. Upon the arrival of the Blooming Grove Fire Department, it was discovered that not enough personnel were available to fight the fire. Trooper VanLuvender, Troop R Fire Marshal, and volunteer fire fighter, took control of the scene. Under Trooper VanLuvender's direction, Troopers Mulvey and Beach, and one fire fighter from the Blooming Grove Fire Department were successful in using the available equip-

ment to contain the fire until additional fire fighters arrived. After more fire fighters arrived, the fire was fully extinguished and the home was saved from destruction. As a result of the quick and decisive action of these Troopers, the home sustained only minimal damage.



Troop R, Presidential Candidate George W. Bush converses with Troop R members during a presidential campaign visit.

Area III

**Major Lyle H. Szupinka,
Commander**

Area III Headquarters is located at Troop B, Washington. Area III is comprised of Troop A, Greensburg; Troop B, Washington; and Troop G, Hollidaysburg.

**Headquarters located in Westmoreland County
4 additional Stations:**

- Ebensburg, Cambria County
- Indiana, Indiana County
- Kiski Valley, Westmoreland County
- Somerset, Somerset County

Troop A, Greensburg Quick Facts

Captain Frank H. Monaco, Commanding Officer



Troop A, Greensburg Headquarters.

- 327 enlisted and civilian personnel
- Total population of Troop area: approximately 707,071
- Total area served by Troop: 3,614.9 square miles
- Total number of incidents handled by Troop during the year 2000: 46,622

Troop A Enforcement Efforts

Traffic Citations	26,908
DUI Arrests	920
MCSAP Inspections	1,814
School Bus Inspections	2,455
Criminal Arrests	6,589
Drug-Related Arrests	355
Fire Marshal Investigations	255

Trooper of the Year:

On June 30, 2000, Trooper Dean A. Kerklo was honored as Pennsylvania State Trooper of the Year. Trooper Kerklo and other Troopers responded to a report of a protection from abuse order (PFA) violation. The incident occurred in Hempfield Township, Westmoreland County. At the scene, Troopers discovered that the actor forced his way into the residence of his estranged wife and was threatening to kill her. Trooper Kerklo attempted



*Trooper of the Year,
Trooper Dean A. Kerklo.*

to disarm the subject and was shot in the face. Despite his injury, Trooper Kerklo attempted to move the woman to safety. Reflecting on Trooper Kerklo, Commissioner Evanko remarked, "a hero is a person who rises to the occasion and does whatever needs to be done, regardless of the risk involved. Trooper Kerklo has proven that he is a hero in every sense of the word." In addition to being named Trooper of the Year, Trooper Kerklo was awarded the State Police Medal of Honor and the State Police Purple Heart for his actions at this incident.

Troopers Catch Bank Robbers Fleeing from Scene: While on patrol, Trooper Mark S. Bernd was monitoring radio traffic and intercepted a radio transmission concerning a bank robbery which had just occurred in Saint Clair Township, Westmoreland County. Shortly after hearing the transmission, while traveling east on Route 22, Trooper Bernd observed the suspects' vehicle travelling west on the other side of a physically divided highway. Trooper Bernd was forced to continue eastbound for several miles until he found a break in the barrier. After turning around and working his way through traffic, Trooper Bernd observed the suspect vehicle turn off of Route 22, travelling toward a public park. Trooper Bernd immediately stopped the vehicle, without backup, to keep the actors away from the park. Textbook felony stop tactics were used and the two actors were arrested without incident. More than \$70,000 of stolen money was recovered less than 30 minutes after the initial report of the robbery. Both actors pled guilty to all charges from the incident.

Trooper Solves Internet Auction Crime: A victim who won an Internet auction but never received the merchandise contacted the Indiana Station for assistance. Trooper Timothy S. Lipniskis investigated and uncovered an Internet scam involving a 20-year-old Indiana County man. The actor placed items on an auction site and notified bidders that they had the highest bid. The actor would request half of the bid price up front. After receiving payment, the actor would not send the item. The actor was arrested by Trooper Lipniskis and admitted to receiving more than \$70,000 from his auction scam. The victims were from all over the United States and Puerto Rico. The case was turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the actor was prosecuted in federal court.

Driver and Passenger Arrested for DUI: On March 16, 2000, Troopers investigated an unusual 2 vehicle crash along Route 53 in Reade Township, Cambria County. It was unusual because the driver and passenger of one of the vehicles were both arrested as a result of the crash. Both were intoxicated and under DUI-related suspensions. The passenger was urging the driver to pass another vehicle and continually prompted him by grabbing and jerking the steering wheel. Ultimately, the passenger caused the vehicle to veer into oncoming traffic causing a violent collision with a vehicle approaching from the other direction. The operator of the approaching vehicle was severely injured and was transported to a nearby hospital for treatment. Trooper Charles K. Mack arrested the driver and his passenger for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Controlled Substance, Driving While Operating Privilege is Suspended or Revoked, Reckless Driving, Recklessly Endangering Another Person, Aggravated Assault by Vehicle While Driving Under the Influence, and a variety of equipment and insurance violations.

Troop B, Washington Quick Facts

Captain Roger N. Waters, Commanding Officer

Headquarters located in Washington County 4 additional Stations:

- Belle Vernon, Washington County
 - Findlay, Allegheny County
 - Uniontown, Fayette County
 - Waynesburg, Greene County
- 380 enlisted and civilian personnel
 - Total population of Troop area: approximately 1,715,442
 - Total area served by Troop: 2,952.8 square miles
 - Total number of incidents handled by Troop during the year 2000: 54,327



Troop B, Washington Headquarters.

Troop B Enforcement Efforts

Traffic Citations	44,302
DUI Arrests	2,019
MCSAP Inspections	1,737
School Bus Inspections	3,256
Criminal Arrests	7,516
Drug-Related Arrests	572
Fire Marshal Investigations	253

Troop B, Members from Troop B, Troop A, and the Aviation Unit, along with the Murrysville



Police Department, attend the Pittsburgh Children's Hospital Annual "Heart to Heart" picnic.

Operation C.A.R.E. Kick-off Ceremony: The Operation C.A.R.E. (Combined Accident Reduction Effort) kick-off Ceremony was held on May 24, 2000, at the Claysville Welcome Center, along Interstate 70 in Washington County. This program emphasizes traffic law enforcement during the travel periods that correspond to major holidays. In an effort to reduce traffic-related fatalities and all vehicle crashes, adjoining states to the Troop B area participated in this program. Approximately 150 people attended the ceremony that was held at the beginning of the Memorial Day holiday travel period. The following agencies were represented at this program: Pennsylvania State Police, Troop B, West Virginia State Police, Ohio Highway Patrol, the Washington County Sheriff's Department, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, West Virginia Department of Transportation, and the Ohio Department of Transportation.



Troop B, Troopers from Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia participate in the Operation C.A.R.E. kick-off Ceremony.

Quarterly Cultural Programs: As part of the Department's 2000 Goals and Objectives, several quarterly cultural programs were conducted for Troop B personnel. The programs utilized guest instructors from within the Department and subject matter experts from outside the Department. The topics of these programs included the following: Asian Culture; Highlighting Asian Gang Activities; Spanish Culture; Motorcycle Gang Cul-

ture; Hearing Impaired Culture; Officer Wellness; SERT Protocols and Patrol Members Response to Barricaded Gunmen and Active Shooting Incidents; Patrol Members' Contacts with Various Individuals; and Members' Assistance.

Presidential Campaign 2000: During 2000, responsibilities of the Findlay Station often included supporting the United States Secret Service in Presidential Campaign 2000. Station personnel assisted with 44 separate dignitary visits from March through November. A total of 4,706 manpower hours were exhausted and each mission was accomplished without incident during the advance work, motorcades, and the event. A close working relationship was established with the Allegheny County Police Department, the city of Pittsburgh Police Department, and local police. In addition, members frequently changed their schedules and volunteered for details to accomplish the missions. The dedication and cooperation of all personnel and other agencies helped to make each visit a success.



Troop B, Findlay Members assist United States Secret Service with Protection/Escort duties for Presidential Candidate George W. Bush.

Inmate Reports Child Abuse Incident: On November 1, 2000, the Uniontown Station received a letter from an inmate at the Mercer County Prison, Mercer, Pennsylvania, alleging that his 5-year-old son was being abused by the juvenile's mother and stepfather. The abuse was allegedly occurring at their residence in Redstone Township, Fayette County. Trooper Thomas B. Broadwater was assigned to investigate this case. During the course of the investigation, it was discovered the 5-year-old child had been severely abused. The child had been forced to stay in a single room of the residence without access to food or bathroom facilities. He slept on a single mattress in a room filled with the odor of stale urine and no other furniture. The child had sores on both his wrists and ankles from being taped to an aluminum chair during the parents' absence. Scars were also visible over his eyes and mouth from having been taped shut. The investigation revealed that at some point during this nightmare, the child attempted to burrow through his bedroom wall to get access to food and was severely punished. Connie F. Misiewicz and Edward S. Misiewicz were arrested and charged with Aggravated Assault, Unlawful Restraint, and numerous other charges. Bond was set at \$1,000,000. Both accused waived their court hearing and plead guilty to the charges.

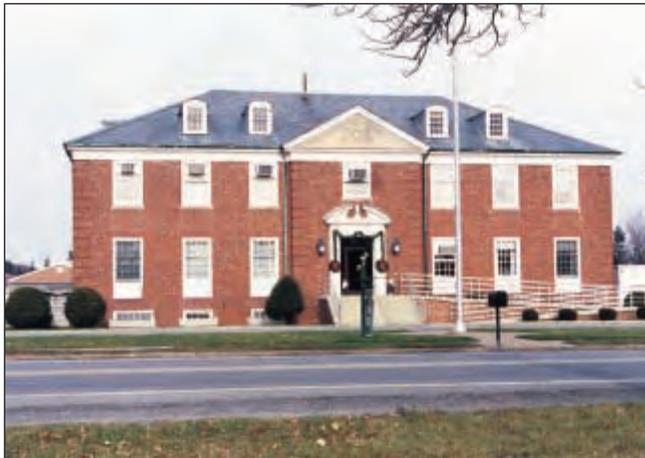
Troop G, Hollidaysburg Quick Facts

Captain Joseph A. Holmberg, Commanding Officer

Headquarters located in Blair County 6 additional Stations:

- Bedford, Bedford County
- Huntingdon, Huntingdon County
- Lewistown, Mifflin County
- McConnellsburg, Fulton County
- Rockview, Centre County
- Philipsburg, Centre County

- 276 enlisted and civilian personnel
- Total population of Troop area: approximately 437,779
- Total area served by Troop: 4,763.1 square miles
- Total number of incidents handled by Troop during the year 2000: 35,324



Troop G, Hollidaysburg Headquarters.

Troop G Enforcement Efforts

Traffic Citations	26,781
DUI Arrests	686
MCSAP Inspections	2,257
School Bus Inspections	1,002
Criminal Arrests	4,831
Drug-Related Arrests	345
Fire Marshal Investigations	176

National Governors' Association: From July 8 through July 11, 2000, at the Pennsylvania State University, University Park, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hosted the National Governors' Association (NGA) Annual summer business meeting. The NGA meetings are some of the most important bipartisan forums in political leadership, bringing together Governors and

other dignitaries to address current issues facing the Nation. The Pennsylvania State Police was the lead law enforcement agency responsible for transportation and security for the Governors, their families, and other VIPs. The Department assigned 456 personnel to attend NGA meetings and other activities. Every Troop and Bureau was involved in the planning and completion of the mission at this event. The mission of the State Police required personnel to provide security for visiting dignitaries, preserve the peace in the community, and permit protestors and other citizens to demonstrate and voice their opinions.



Troop G, Task Force assembles.

19 Arrested for Riot at the State College Arts Festival:

During the week of July 11, 2000, State College Borough and the Pennsylvania State University celebrated the annual State College Festival of Arts. During the week of the Arts Festival, more people migrate to downtown State College than during any other event throughout the year. On Sunday, July 16, 2000, in the early morning hours, a large crowd estimated between 2,500 and 3,000 people began to form in an area referred to as *The Canyon* between the 200 and 300 Blocks of Beaver Avenue in State College Borough. The crowd started to grow unruly, began blocking traffic, and attempted to damage lights, signs, and posts along Beaver Avenue. Many people in the crowd and perched on balconies began to throw bottles and other items into the street and at police officers. One police officer was struck on the helmet with a rock and another was struck with a beer bottle, causing the face shield on his riot helmet to shatter. Troop G had assigned 30 members to assist the State College Borough Police Department during this event. Both agencies quickly assembled and outfitted themselves with riot equipment to deal with the crowd. As a result of training and a well-executed plan, the riotous crowd was quickly cleared from the area. Within an hour of the start of the riot, order was completely restored within State College Borough and 19 subjects were charged with Riot and Related Offenses. By the end of the riot, only one officer received a minor injury and a total of 55 State Police members and more than 45 municipal police officers were on the scene.

As a result of the riots occurring during the Arts Festival,

Troop G scheduled saturation patrol details of approximately 22 members to work in conjunction with the State College Borough Police Department during special events. During 2000, these details were scheduled from 10:00 p.m. until 4:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday when the Pennsylvania State University hosted a football game. This commitment of personnel was in addition to the 14-member complement of Troopers who provide traffic control and stadium assistance during home football games. Two-officer teams, consisting of a Trooper and a State College Borough Officer, performed driving and foot patrol in State College Borough and the surrounding area. While a variety of arrests were made during the saturation patrol effort, the riotous conditions of the Festival of Arts did not occur.

Community Policing Program: During 2000, Troopers assigned to the Troop G Community Policing effort attended various training programs to enhance the skills needed to main-

tain a Community Policing Program while working within the regulations and policies of a State Police Agency. From the training, Troopers made modifications to standard Community Policing Programs to meet the specific needs of the citizens in Troop G. As a result, the foundation for a unique Community Policing Program evolved and was developed. The program has helped to establish positive partnerships between Troopers and the communities they serve. Proactive efforts and direct involvement with community leaders, youth groups, and social centers help to identify current issues and resolve community disputes before they become serious problems. Troopers working in the Community Policing Program work closely with members assigned to Troop G Stations in participating municipalities. A criminal investigator works closely with the Community Policing Trooper to conduct follow-up investigations based on information learned during Community Policing Programs.



Area IV

**Major Terry L. Seilhamer,
Commander**

Area IV Headquarters is located at Troop D, Butler. Area IV is comprised of Troop C, Punxsutawney; Troop D, Butler; and Troop E, Erie.



Troop C, Punxsutawney Headquarters.



Troop C, Punxsutawney Quick Facts

Captain James R. Tripp, Commanding Officer

Headquarters located in Jefferson County 6 additional Stations:

- Clarion, Clarion County
 - Clearfield, Clearfield County
 - DuBois, Clearfield County
 - Kane, McKean County
 - Ridgway, Elk County
 - Tionesta, Forest County
- 246 enlisted and civilian personnel
 - Total population of Troop area: approximately 256,649
 - Total area served by Troop: 4,639.0 square miles
 - Total number of incidents handled by Troop during the year 2000: 29,983

Troop C Enforcement Efforts

Traffic Arrests	.35,760
DUI Arrests	.686
MCSAP Inspections	.1,598
School Bus Inspections	.629
Criminal Arrests	.3,912
Drug-Related Arrests	.150
Fire Marshal Investigations	.134

Traffic Enforcement Initiatives: During the year 2000, Troop C Stations participated in a variety of traffic enforcement initiatives with the goal of making the highways safer for the motoring public. The Interstate patrols from Clarion, Clearfield, and DuBois Stations aggressively patrolled along Interstate 80



issuing 15,442 citations, 7,295 warnings, and assisting 1,610 motorists. Centipede and TAG-D enforcement details conducted on regular and overtime hours targeted specific areas to reduce speeding and aggressive driving. Troop C has 15 MCSAP inspectors, 3 of which are full-time Weight Detail members. The Motor Carrier Inspectors participated in Commercial Vehicle Enforcement along Interstate 80, such as Operation WHIP, Roadcheck 2000, and Operation Airbrake. The results of these enforcement programs include 1,006 inspections, 90 drivers placed out of service, 214 vehicles out of service, 770 citations, and 2,670 warnings issued. The Clarion County Interstate 80 Weigh Station is also an integral part of the Troop's enforcement program. Approximately 242,000 commercial vehicles were weighed, utilizing the weigh-in-motion scale; 730 citations were issued for overweight or length violations and 4,885 warnings were issued.

Troop C Camp Cadet: Forty-nine boys and girls attended the Troop C Camp Cadet held at Clarion University, Clarion County, from July 30, 2000, to August 5, 2000. Troopers from throughout Troop C volunteered their time and worked to make this a successful camp. During the weeklong camp, volunteers from the community, enlisted members, and campers participated in a canoe trip and a variety of training exercises. On graduation day, cadets provided a drill and ceremony program for their parents. The participants and volunteers always enjoy the Camp Cadet experience. One parent had the following to say about her daughter's experience, "she absolutely loved this past week, and raved and raved about all her experiences... I just wanted to thank you personally for the time you gave of yourself this past week to all the campers. You must have a very special spot in your heart for children to be able to spend this past week as you did."

Amy Lesko Memorial Golf Benefit: On September 2, 2000, the 3rd Annual Amy Lesko Memorial Golf Benefit was held at the Highlevel Golf Course in Clarion County. Clarion Station personnel, their families and friends worked hard to make this benefit successful. Approximately \$8,000 was raised and the money was donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to benefit 4-year-old Drew Kaye. Drew was diagnosed with Leukemia when he was two years old. He is the nephew of Trooper James E. Lesko, Jr. of the Clarion Station and the late Amy Lesko.

Centipede and TAG-D Enforcement Efforts: Troop C conducted Centipede and TAG-D enforcement details. Each Station in the Troop targeted designated areas to reduce speeding and aggressive drivers.

	Total Hours Worked	Traffic Citations Issued	Written Warnings Issued
Centipede Regular Hours	1,971	2,514	1,209
Centipede Overtime Hours	715	1,484	518
TAG-D Regular Hours	497	782	473
TAG-D Overtime Hours	405	695	532



Troop D, Butler Headquarters.



Troop D, Butler Quick Facts

Captain Sidney A. Simon, Commanding Officer

Headquarters located in Butler County 4 additional Stations:

- Kittanning, Armstrong County
- Mercer, Mercer County
- Beaver, Beaver County
- New Castle, Lawrence County
- 295 enlisted and civilian personnel
- Total population of Troop area: approximately 643,534
- Total area served by Troop: 2,907.5 square miles
- Total number of incidents handled by Troop during the year 2000: 41,593

Troop D Enforcement Efforts

Traffic Citations	27,952
DUI Arrests	954
MCSAP Inspections	1,783
School Bus Inspections	2,658
Criminal Arrests	5,059
Drug-Related Arrests	406
Fire Marshal Investigations	229

Employee of the Year:

Police Communications Operator (PCO) Anthony J. DeCarbo, of New Castle, Lawrence County, was honored as the Pennsylvania State Police Employee of the Year during ceremonies at the State Police Academy. PCO DeCarbo works at the New Castle Station and has been employed by the State

*Employee of the Year,
PCO Anthony J. DeCarbo.*



Police since 1979. PCOs receive telephone and radio communications, dispatch State Police patrols, and provide information to citizens. Colonel Evanko offered the following remarks at the ceremony: "PCO DeCarbo is enthusiastic in his work, helpful and courteous to the public and fellow employees, and a valued asset to the Department. In addition, he is an active leader in his church and in numerous community organizations." PCO DeCarbo is a licensed paramedic and past president of Lawrence County Emergency Medical Services, board member of the Lawrence County Cancer Society, and past president of the New Castle Lions Club and Lawrence County Crimestoppers. In addition, PCO DeCarbo is an Eucharistic minister at St. Vitus Church, where he has served in various volunteer positions. PCO DeCarbo received a certificate of accomplishment and a plaque during the award ceremonies.

Troop D Citizen Police Academy: The 2nd Annual Troop D Citizens' Police Academy was conducted by Trooper Cheryl P. Michalski at Butler Headquarters, Butler County, between September 5 and November 7, 2000. Trooper Randall H. McPherson, Beaver Station, simultaneously coordinated the first Citizens' Police Academy for Beaver and Lawrence Counties during the same time period. Citizens' Police Academies provide an opportunity for Troopers to educate the community and to promote an understanding of procedures and methods utilized by the State Police. Graduates were very appreciative and complimentary of the program and left with an appreciation for dedication of Troop D personnel. Plans are being made to promote and expand these programs in 2001.

Bruce Petrik Memorial Golf Outing: On September 29, 2000, the Beaver Station hosted the 4th Annual Bruce Petrik Memorial Golf Outing at Rolling Acres Golf Course. In November 1990, Bruce Petrik tragically died from cancer. He was respected by his peers and viewed as a role model and exemplary State Trooper. Prior to this year's event, members of the State Police Ceremonial Unit provided a ceremonial presentation and Trooper Mark P. Ponsonby, Troop D, Butler, sang the National Anthem and a special song in Bruce's memory. This event has become an extremely positive community event that brings together business owners; judges; district justices; lawyers; doctors; politicians; news media; federal, state, and local law enforcement; and other caring individuals. This event raised more than \$14,000 for the Bruce Petrik Memorial Fund with \$13,000 donated to the Beaver County Cancer and Heart Association, \$1,000 to the Bruce Petrik Memorial Scholarship Fund, and \$500 to the Salvation Army's Give-A-Christmas Campaign.

Murderer Arrested With Victim's Scalp: On August 5, 2000, an actor fatally shot and then scalped an individual following a domestic dispute in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. The Cuyahoga Falls Police issued an Aggravated Murder arrest warrant for the actor who fled from Ohio into Pennsylvania along Interstate 80. A motorist travelling Interstate 80 reported a disabled vehicle and a suspected intoxicated operator at Milepost 27, near Exit 3, Venango County. Troopers Dan M. Brennan and Shawn E. King, Sr., Mercer Station, were dispatched to the scene. Upon arrival, Troopers Brennan and King could not locate the operator. A registration check revealed that the Cuyahoga Falls Police were searching for the vehicle and its operator related to an

Aggravated Murder investigation. Mercer Station PCO Jeffrey S. Albaugh summoned Patrol Units from 4 adjacent Stations, the Aviation Unit, and 2 Canine Units from Crawford County to assist at the scene. Following an intensive search of the wooded area, the accused was located by a Canine Unit and was taken into custody. While the suspect was in custody, it was discovered that the accused had the murder victim's scalp in his possession, stuck in the waistband of his pants. Evidence was gathered, and the accused was transported to the Troop D, Mercer Station, where he provided a voluntary statement admitting to the murder. The accused was extradited to Ohio, and following a trial on November 2, 2000, was convicted of Aggravated Murder. Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Connie J. Haslinger, Summit County, Akron, Ohio, was very complimentary of the aggressive investigation, excellent reporting, and trial preparation of Troopers Brennan and King. She stated that never in her career has she encountered law enforcement officers more prepared for direct and cross-examination.

100% Participation in SECA: For the 7th year in a row, New Castle Station personnel responded to the Annual SECA campaign with 100% participation. The total pledges and cash contributions were \$3,092.

Troop E, Erie Quick Facts

Captain Erby L. Conley, Commanding Officer

Headquarters located in Erie County 5 additional Stations:

- Corry, Erie County
 - Franklin, Venango County
 - Girard, Erie County
 - Meadville, Crawford County
 - Warren, Warren County
- 267 enlisted and civilian personnel
 - Total population of Troop area: approximately 472,590
 - Total area served by Troop: 3,373.1 square miles
 - Total number of incidents handled by Troop during the year 2000: 40,485



Troop E, Erie Headquarters.

Troop E Enforcement Efforts

Traffic Citations	21,957
DUI Arrests	896
MCSAP Inspections	1,457
School Bus Inspections	1,150
Criminal Arrests	6,150
Drug-Related Arrests	306
Fire Marshal Investigations	121

Line of Duty Death: January 13, 2000, began as a routine day with snowy weather greeting members at the Erie Station. Trooper Matthew R. Bond was assigned to accompany Trooper William F. Stuckey on the day shift. No one could anticipate the tragedy that would follow when Troopers Bond and Stuckey were dispatched to a stranded motorist who had spun off the roadway along Interstate 90, near the Harborcreek interchange. Upon arrival at the scene, a tractor-trailer slammed into the rear of their marked patrol car. The impact severely damaged the patrol vehicle and rendered the two-way police radio inoperable. However, Trooper Stuckey was able to radio the Erie Headquarters from his portable radio and request help. At Erie Headquarters, PCO Merrie Duda called for an ambulance and sent additional Troopers to the scene. Troopers Bond and Stuckey were rushed to Erie's Hamot Medical Center. Trooper Bond died the next day from critical head injuries sustained in the crash and Trooper Stuckey recovered from his injuries.

Funeral services for Trooper Bond were attended by hundreds of State Police members from every Troop in Pennsylvania. Countless numbers of law enforcement officers from other states, municipal departments, and State Police retirees attended the funeral at the Edinboro University field house. Trooper Bond's death resulted in a massive outpouring of memorial tributes to his life, and to his dedication as a State Trooper. The following are tributes to his character and demonstrate the respect of his peers and superiors:

"The death of Matthew Bond is a tragic loss for the people of Pennsylvania. Although he was only 28 years old, Trooper Bond had already distinguished himself as an outstanding law enforcement officer and public servant."

Governor Tom Ridge

"We are duty-bound to honor him by helping to care for others, as he so compassionately did; by protecting the rights of others, as he so valiantly did; by acting with courage and with strength of conviction, as he so steadfastly did; and by demonstrating that the values he so passionately embraced, live on in our memories, our traditions and in our hearts."

Colonel Paul J. Evanko

"We are strengthened by remembering his wonderful sense of humor and duty; by the grace displayed by his widow Shelly and her family at his funeral; and by the lasting tributes the memorial scholarships in his name will provide to deserving students at his high school and university."

Captain Erby L. Conley

"He was a good teacher and a good protector. I miss my friend."

Trooper Robert Newton

Trooper Bond's name was inscribed on the Troop E memorial that contains the names of those who died in the line of duty in Troop E. In addition, a burnished aluminum memorial is displayed in the Headquarters lobby, below a portrait of Trooper Bond wearing his Medal of Honor. The display greets all visitors as they enter the Erie Headquarters. At the State Police Academy on May 6, 2000, Trooper Bond's widow, Shelly, was presented with the State Police Cross.



Troop E, Colonel Evanko presents the State Police Cross to Mrs. Shelly Bond.

Bicycle Patrol Unit: Troop E began efforts on April 2, 2000, to organize, train, fund, and outfit a Bicycle Patrol Unit. The project originated with Corporal Michael F. Presnar and Trooper James R. Rogers writing a comprehensive plan and gaining approval from Captain Erby L. Conley. Funding for equipment was secured through forfeiture funds released by several District Attorneys in Troop E. Troop training funds were used to send 5 members to training provided by the International Police Mountain Bike Association. The Troop E Bicycle Patrol Unit operates in pairs and is supported by a Trooper in a marked patrol vehicle. They are assigned to selected areas in the Troop and limited to scheduling opportunities. The Troop E Bicycle Unit participated with Governor Tom Ridge in the Keystone Ride 2000 and escorted Governor Ridge and Governor George W. Bush as they jogged together in Presque Isle State Park, Erie. Other events included the Harborcreek Parade, Wattsburg 5k race, and assisting the city of Franklin Police Department at the Applefest.

Troop E Bicycle Patrol Enforcement Efforts

Written Warnings	19
Traffic Citations	2
Criminal Arrests	1
Motorist Assists	3
Suspicious Person	1
Crash Investigation	1
Indecent Assault	1
Corruption of Minors	1
State Department Investigation	1

Troop E Camp Cadet: The Troop E Camp Cadet program graduated 56 cadets after 5 days of instruction on the Mercyhurst College campus. Cadet instructors from the Erie Station included: Corporals Elizabeth A. Frankowski and Mark M. Zaleski, Troopers Robert E. Bemis, Candy Hendricks-Brundage, Mark D. Noce, and James R. Rogers. Cadet seminars on State Police radar, use of force, drug interdiction, and traffic stops were conducted during the camp. In addition, cadets toured the Erie

County Prison and were given instruction by Emergycare, which operates Erie's Lifestar Helicopter and ambulance services. Cadets were given daily marching exercises and performed their newly learned marching skills during graduation ceremonies.

CPR Rescue and AED Usage: On August 14, 2000, Trooper Vernon C. Brown was on patrol as he drove by the local Wendy's restaurant and observed a group of people gathered in the parking area. Upon further investigation, it was learned that Debra Faye Shaffer was suffering from a cardiac arrest. Trooper Brown immediately called for the AED, which was on Station less than a mile down the road, and began CPR with the assistance of an off-duty Emergency Room nurse until the arrival of the AED unit. During initial analysis, the AED unit detected a heartbeat and did not provide an electrical shock. Rescue breathing was continued until the arrival of the ambulance. The State Police Medical Officer reviewed the AED disk and provided crucial information to Ms. Shaffer's doctor. The Medical Officer also indicated that Ms. Shaffer was in critical condition, and the actions of Trooper Brown and the nurse saved this woman's life.

100% Participation in SECA: For the 2nd year in a row, the Meadville Station has 100% SECA participation.



Major Roger C. Peacock, Commander

Area V Headquarters is located at Troop T, Highspire. Area V is comprised of one Troop that spans the entire Commonwealth covering the Pennsylvania Turnpike.



Troop T, Highspire Headquarters.

Troop T, Highspire Quick Facts

Captain Richard A. Stein, Commanding Officer

Headquarters has been temporarily relocated to Silver Spring Township, Cumberland County, while the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission Administration Building undergoes a multi-million-dollar face-lift. Headquarters will return to Highspire in the Spring of 2001. The Operations Center has remained in Highspire. Troop T Headquarters is the only Troop Headquarters from which no patrols originate.

Troop T provides patrol coverage for the entire 514 miles of the Pennsylvania Turnpike System, including 55 Fare Collection Facilities, 22 Service Plazas, 2 Traveler Information Centers, and 20 Maintenance Facilities.

8 Stations:

- Gibsonia, Allegheny County
- New Stanton, Westmoreland County
- Somerset, Somerset County
- Everett, Bedford County
- Newville, Cumberland County
- Bowmansville, Lancaster County
- King of Prussia, Montgomery County
- Pocono, Carbon County

234 enlisted and civilian personnel

More than 156,200,000 vehicles use the Pennsylvania Turnpike each year.

Total number of incidents handled by Troop during 2000: 27,029

Troop T Enforcement Efforts

Traffic Citations	74,325
DUI Arrests	156
MCSAP Inspections	2,716
Criminal Arrests	620
Drug-Related Arrests	97
Written Warnings	25,635
Drug Seizures	\$100,845



Troop T, Trooper William Badie recovering in hospital.

Trooper Survives Being Struck by Truck Tractor:

On June 15, 2000, Trooper William Badie, Bowmansville Station, was struck by a truck tractor as he exited his patrol vehicle to investigate a crash at Mile-

post 267, in Lancaster County. The impact launched Trooper Badie over the patrol vehicle, landing approximately 20 feet from point of impact. Trooper Badie was transported to the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center where he underwent emergency surgery for the injuries sustained in the crash, including a fractured back, front and rear pelvis, right leg, left knee, right arm, both wrists, one toe, and a dislocated shoulder. After a considerable hospital stay, Trooper Badie was later moved to Ephrata Hospital where he began physical therapy. Medical staff believe that because he was wearing his ballistic vest, Trooper Badie incurred no life-threatening upper torso injuries. Trooper Badie has been discharged from Ephrata Hospital and continues to undergo outpatient therapy.

Gateway Interchange Damaged by Fire: On May 23, 2000, Trooper Wayne R. Kress, Gibsonia Station, responded to investigate a crash at the Gateway Interchange. The driver of a truck tractor was attempting to exit the Turnpike and approached the tollbooth at an excessive rate of speed. The driver failed to direct the truck tractor straight into the lane and struck a concrete barrier located at the front of the tollbooth. The impact with the barrier caused the truck tractor to burst into flames. Personnel at the Interchange worked frantically to reduce injuries and divert traffic from the raging fire. The intensity of the fire caused extensive damage to the Interchange facility causing the westbound traffic lanes to be closed for 6 days. The crash killed the truck driver and caused serious injuries to 3 Turnpike toll collectors.



Troop T, Fire at the Gateway Interchange.

High Speed Pursuit Breaks Up Auto Theft Ring: On March 2, 2000, Corporal James L. Murphy, Troop H, Harrisburg, was travelling on the Pennsylvania Turnpike in Lancaster County when two Mercedes Benz and a Nissan Maxima passed him at a high rate of speed. Corporal Murphy radioed Troop T, Bowmansville, and Troop T, King of Prussia, for assistance. A high-speed pursuit ensued covering approximately 40 miles of the Turnpike. During the pursuit, 1 of the violators attempted to exit the Turnpike by driving through a field; however, the vehicle became disabled. The violator abandoned the vehicle near Exit 23, Downingtown Interchange, in Chester County, and ran into a wooded area where the Uwchlan and Upper Uwchlan Township Police Departments subsequently arrested him. Troopers from King of Prussia Station apprehended the second violator at Exit 24, Valley Forge Interchange, in Chester County, after he abandoned his vehicle at the end of a traffic backlog. The third violator abandoned his vehicle along the Turnpike and was apprehended several days later. An investigation conducted by Trooper Ellery F. Joynes revealed the suspects were part of an auto theft ring that had been stealing luxury cars from dealers in the Harrisburg area. The entire chase was videotaped by a local Fox News affiliate helicopter and was featured on the Fox national program "Police Videos."

Crash Investigation Solves Bank Robbery: On July 20, 2000, Trooper Denne L. Osman, Everett Station, responded to a crash along the Turnpike at Milepost 175.1, Fulton County. The operator fled on foot into a wooded area along the Pennsylvania Turnpike. At the crash scene, there was cash visible on the ground and inside of the wrecked vehicle. Trooper Osman requested assistance. Trooper Eric R. Sebastian and Corporal Michael K. Price, Everett Station, and Troopers Bruce T. Campbell and Robert L. Reed, Troop G; tracked the fleeing subject through the woods to a private residence. He was unsuccessful in his attempt to evade capture. With additional assistance from the Maryland State Police and a Canine Unit from Troop A, the subject was apprehended without incident. Further investigation determined that the operator was wanted for a bank robbery in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and a burglary in McConnellsburg, Pennsylvania.

Area VI



**Major Robert G. Werts,
Commander**

Area VI Headquarters is located at Troop M, Bethlehem. Area VI is comprised of Troop J, Lancaster; Troop K, Philadelphia; and Troop M, Bethlehem.



Troop J, Lancaster Headquarters.

Troop J, Lancaster Quick Facts

Captain Frank E. Pawlowski, Commanding Officer

Headquarters located in Lancaster County 3 additional Stations:

- Avondale, Chester County
- Ephrata, Lancaster County
- Embreeville, Chester County

- 257 enlisted and civilian personnel
- Total population of Troop area: approximately 840,001
- Total area served by Troop: 1,912.1 square miles
- Total number of incidents handled by Troop during the year 2000: 36,422

Troop J Enforcement Efforts:

Traffic Citations	19,970
DUI Arrests	548
MCSAP Inspections	1,525
School Bus Inspections	2,051
Criminal Arrests	3,964
Drug-Related Arrests	296
Fire Marshal Investigations	182

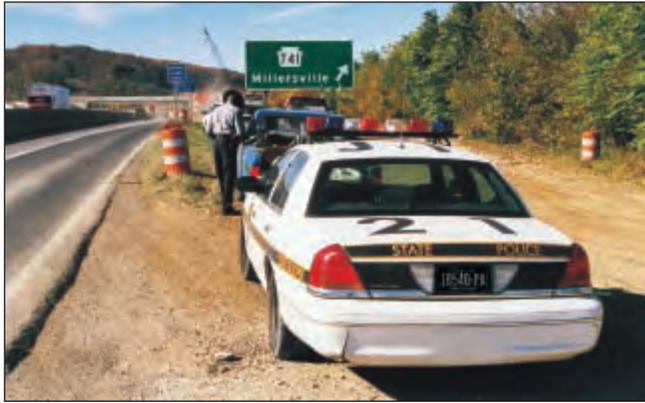
Armed Suspect Shot and Killed: On January 16, 2000, Corporal John T. Malone and Trooper Jerry P. Cessna responded to an armed robbery at a gas station in West Bradford Township, Chester County, that ended with a pursuit and a crash. The incident started when a suspect armed with a 357-magnum revolver forced the owner and an employee into a back room, tied them with ropes and stole money from the cash register. As Corporal Malone and Trooper Cessna arrived at the scene, the suspect was observed fleeing in a vehicle. A short pursuit ensued ending with the suspect crashing his vehicle, fleeing on foot into a wooded area, and brandishing a pistol. The suspect was pursued on foot and repeatedly ordered to stop and put down the weapon. As Corporal Malone approached close to the suspect, he turned toward Corporal Malone and attempted to shoot. At that instant, Corporal Malone and Trooper Cessna fired their weapon at the suspect, striking him with a fatal shot. An investigation following the incident revealed that the suspect had 2 prior convictions for armed robbery, and the firearm he used in the crime was stolen prior to the gas station robbery. The Township Board of Supervisors honored Corporal Malone and Trooper Cessna with a resolution recognizing their "heroic service and protection of the residents of West Bradford Township."



Troop J, Corporal John T. Malone and Trooper Jerry P. Cessna honored for heroic service.

Midnight Patrol Responds to Plane Crash Along Route

30: At 5:19 a.m. on January 10, 2000, Troopers from the Embreeville Station responded to an unusual crash along Route 30 involving a small plane. Upon arrival, Troopers learned that a twin-engine Piper Aerostar struck a tree, skidded across both lanes of Route 30, and came to rest in a field south of the highway. The pilot and a passenger were killed instantly. The crash occurred along a heavily traveled portion of the highway in West Caln Township, Chester County, and caused severe traffic problems. The highway was closed for more than 10 hours as representatives of the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board conducted their investigation. Troopers assisted the federal agencies by providing scene security and traffic control.



Troop J, Construction zone enforcement.

Route 30 Construction Zone Enforcement Efforts: Troop J continues to work with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation on the Route 30 construction project in Lancaster County. The community and local media have provided widespread support and positive reviews for the high visibility and strict enforcement of speeding and aggressive driving violations within the construction zone. As part of a continuing effort to reduce crashes and encourage voluntary compliance with posted speed limits in the construction zone, Troopers issued 5,889 speeding citations, 937 other traffic citations, 1,760 written warnings, and arrested 31 intoxicated drivers.



Troop K, Philadelphia Quick Facts

Captain Thomas J. LaCrosse, Commanding Officer

Headquarters located in Philadelphia County 2 additional Stations:

- Media, Delaware County
- Skippack, Montgomery County

- 235 enlisted and civilian personnel
- Total population of Troop area: approximately 2,774,837
- Total area served by Troop: 802.5 square miles
- Total number of incidents handled by Troop during the year 2000: 42,464



Troop K, Philadelphia Headquarters.

Troop K Enforcement Efforts

Traffic Citations	. . . . .	28,798
DUI Arrests	. . . . .	673
MCSAP Inspections	. . . . .	838
School Bus Inspections	. . . . .	4,816
Criminal Arrests	. . . . .	2,820
Drug-Related Arrests	. . . . .	528
Fire Marshal Investigations	. . . . .	153

Troopers Prevent School Shooting: On November 20, 2000, at approximately 1:40 p.m., Troopers Matthew W. Blauvelt and Christopher T. O'Neill were dispatched to investigate a report of a man with a gun at Glenwood Elementary School, Middletown Township, Delaware County. Troopers Blauvelt and O'Neill arrived at the scene, checked the school building, and located a suspect walking through the hallways wearing a black hooded jacket and a mask. The Troopers arrested the suspect without incident. It is believed that the quick response and decisive action by Troopers Blauvelt and O'Neill prevented a violent shooting at the school. The suspect previously worked as a custodian at the school. When he was arrested, he was in possession of a loaded .45 caliber revolver and stated that he intended to shoot his former supervisor. From the moment Troopers Blauvelt and O'Neill were dispatched to the school and time the actor was in custody, only 2 minutes and 3 seconds elapsed.

Service Station Surveillance Nets Robbers: On November 28, 2000, 2 gunmen robbed a Sunoco service station located in Middletown Township, Delaware County. Troopers from Media linked the robbery to several other gas station robberies that occurred in Delaware County and surrounding jurisdictions. There was a pattern and a common method of operation in each of the robberies. On November 29, 2000, Media Station began systematically assigning marked and unmarked patrol vehicles to provide surveillance of area service stations. On December 5, 2000, representatives from Media Station attended a multi-jurisdictional meeting conducted by Delaware County District Attorney Patrick Meehan to exchange information between all affected agencies about the service station robberies. The next day, Trooper Troy K. Hyman was working a plainclothes detail at a service station when he received notification from Chester County Dispatch that 2 gas station robberies had just occurred in West Goshen Township. Trooper Hyman observed the suspect vehicle fleeing the scene and executed a traffic stop. One by one, the occupants were ordered out of the vehicle and taken into custody using "felony stop tactics." The suspects surrendered without incident. Further investigation revealed that the actors were involved in multiple gas station robberies throughout the tri-county area and 2 additional robberies in the state of Delaware.

Off-Duty Trooper Saves Life of Infant: On November 26, 2000, Trooper Robert W. Whitbeck, Jr., Philadelphia Headquarters, was at home on a day off from work when a neighbor, Mr. Todd Herd, came to the door frantically asking for help. Mr. Herd's 6-week-old baby, Evan Herd, was not breathing and lost consciousness. Trooper Whitbeck ran to

the home and discovered the baby with no pulse and no sign of breathing. Trooper Whitbeck could see that Evan's airway was blocked with a mixture of blood and vomit. He immediately cleared the airway and began CPR. After approximately 1 minute of CPR, a pulse returned and the infant began to breathe on his own. Doctors at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia diagnosed that Evan experienced near Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). The doctors suggested that the actions of Trooper Whitbeck saved Evan's life. Although the infant was unconscious for 3 to 5 minutes, the baby suffered no neurological damage, and is recovering fully.

Memorial Service to Honor Private John F. Henry: On May 24, 2000, a memorial service was conducted to honor Private John F. Henry, the first Pennsylvania State Police member killed in the line of duty. Private Henry was killed on September 2, 1906, in Florence, Jefferson County, while attempting to make an arrest. The ceremony involved Troops J, K, L, and M; Commissioner Paul J. Evanko; local dignitaries; clergy; and the State Police Ceremonial Unit. The memorial service resulted from the efforts of Trooper Joseph J. Dragan. In 1998, Trooper Dragan went to St. Dennis' Cemetery, in Havertown, Pennsylvania, to place a State Police Memorial Flag on the gravesite of Private Henry. Trooper Dragan was surprised to learn that there was no grave marker to honor the death of Private Henry. For 2 years, Trooper Dragan worked tirelessly at ensuring that Private Henry received a grave marker and honor due for laying down his life in the line of duty.



Troop M, Colonel Evanko and Captain Kohuth inspecting the troops.

Troop M Enforcement Efforts

Traffic Citations	.25,749
DUI Arrests	.626
MCSAP Inspections	.2,341
School Bus Inspections	.2,220
Criminal Arrests	.2,925
Drug-Related Arrests	.239
Fire Marshal Investigations	.140

Troop M, Bethlehem Quick Facts

Captain Theodore D. Kohuth, Commanding Officer

Headquarters located in Lehigh County 4 additional Stations:

- Dublin, Bucks County
- Fogelsville, Lehigh County
- Treose, Bucks County
- Belfast, Northampton County
- 227 enlisted and civilian personnel
- Total population of Troop area: approximately 1,118,235
- Total area served by Troop: 1,323.2 square miles
- Total number of incidents handled by Troop during the year 2000: 38,140



Troop M, Bethlehem Headquarters.

Troop M Continues I-78 Coalition: During 2000, Troop M continued to participate in the "I-78 Coalition" along Interstate 78 in Lehigh and Northampton Counties. The partnership involves zero tolerance with regard to traffic violations along Interstate 78. Troopers assigned to the coalition also work aggressively at reducing motor vehicle crashes and the enforcement of traffic safety along Interstate 78. Enforcement efforts from the "I-78 Coalition" produced more than 4,643 traffic citations. In addition, Troopers assigned to the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) conducted 2,198 commercial vehicle inspections with more than 2,100 safety violations detected, 944 vehicles placed out of service, and 420 drivers placed out of service.

I-78 Coalition Enforcement Efforts

Traffic Citations	.4,643
Written Warnings	.5,687
Crashes	.251
Injuries	.77
Fatalities	.4
MCSAP Inspections	.2,198
Inspection violations	.2,100
Vehicles placed out of service	.944
Drivers placed out of service	.420

Wife Attempts Witchcraft to Banish Husband: In May 2000, the Dublin Station received information that a wife was planning on killing her husband by lacing his mashed potatoes with the poisonous herb belladonna, also known as "deadly-nightshade." The wife frequently discussed her hatred of her husband with a neighbor who is an admitted practitioner of "white witch craft" and member of a witches association known as "Wicca." The wife begged the neighbor to cast a "banishing-spell" to make her husband leave. The neighbor advised the wife that she could not cast a spell to make him leave. The wife continued to devise a method to get rid of her husband. She learned of the poisonous herb belladonna and believed it could not be detected in an autopsy. She purchased 2 vials of the herb at a local health food store and decided to use it on her husband. Unbeknownst to the wife, the belladonna sold in health food stores is not concentrated enough to produce a deadly effect. The wife planned her attack and shared the information with her neighbor. The neighbor feared that she would be an accomplice to murder and notified the State Police. An investigation was started and a recording made of the wife discussing the plan to poison her husband for the insurance money. The wife was arrested and charged with attempted murder. After a 4-day trial and a 3-hour deliberation by the jury, the wife was found guilty and sentenced to 4½ to 10 years in State Prison. This case garnered local and national media attention and was featured on the television shows Inside Edition, Date-line NBC, and the Montel Williams Show. In addition, People Magazine printed a story about the investigation.

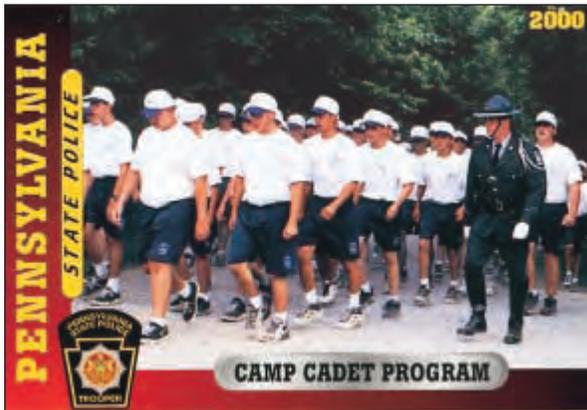
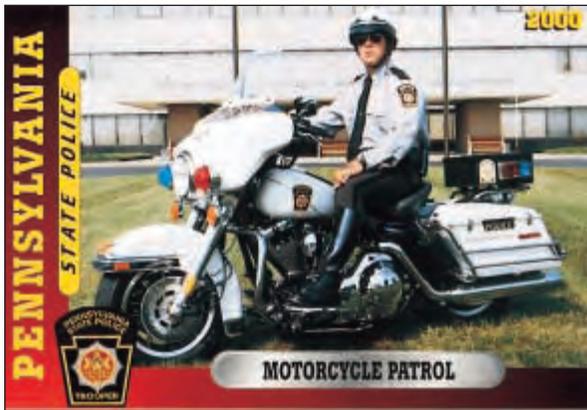
Suspect Identified from a Fingerprint and Bloody Gauze: The Bethlehem and Fogelsville Stations became involved in a multi-county burglary investigation in November 1999 that culminated in January 2000. The burglaries occurred in Lehigh, Bucks, Berks, Northampton, Montgomery, and Schuylkill Counties. The actor smashed the front door to gain entry for the burglaries. Once inside, the actor would take the cash register, cigarettes, lottery tickets, and other small items that could be carried from the scene. The Troop M Identification Unit found a latent print on a shard of glass

from a broken window and was able to identify a suspect through a submission to the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS). In addition, blood was recovered from the scene of several burglaries from injuries the suspect sustained while gaining entry. Shortly after being identified as a suspect, the actor was arrested while trying to gain entry into a business in Schuylkill County. When he was arrested, the suspect possessed instruments used in the commission of crimes and evidence from other crimes. A search warrant was served on the suspect's residence. During the search, several cash registers, cash boxes, and receipts were recovered along with blood-soaked gauze that the suspect used to treat his injuries. The accused was charged with 62 counts of burglary and related charges.

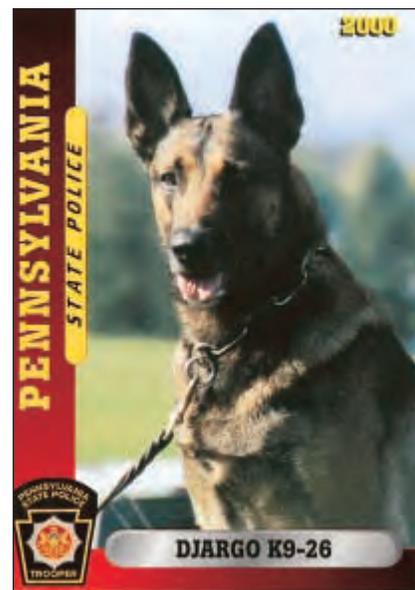
DNA Evidence Links Husband to Homicide: In March 1984, Kelly McBride was reported missing by her father to the Northampton Borough Police Department, Northampton County. In 1987, Bethlehem Headquarters was requested to assist in the investigation. Hundreds of interviews were conducted and various pieces of evidence led the investigators to suspect the husband of murdering his wife and disposing of the body. A search of the residence revealed a blood-soaked mattress and blood spatters on a dresser. The body was never located. Several years later, the blood evidence was reexamined by the State Police laboratory using the latest advances in DNA technology. Blood samples were obtained from the parents of the missing woman and compared to the DNA from the blood on the dresser and mattress. A match of the DNA from the parents' blood and blood recovered from the residence produced evidence that the recovered blood came from a descendant of the parents. The DNA match caused new suspicions to surface about the disappearance of Kelly McBride. Fourteen years after she was reported missing, a Grand Jury convened and indicted the husband for the murder of his wife. The suspect was located in Florida living under an assumed name and new identity. The Troop M Identification Unit compared fingerprint impressions from a

previous arrest to recent fingerprints taken from the subject in Florida to prove that he was the husband. In March of 2000, the husband of Kelly McBride was extradited from Florida to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to face prosecution for murder.





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Private John Garscia	02-21-09	Private Charles H. Craven	10-11-38
Private John L. Williams	08-22-09	Corporal George D. Naughton	01-30-39
Private Jack C. Smith	08-22-09	Private Frederick J. Sutton	01-03-40
Private Robert V. Myers	03-28-13	Private George J. Yashur	04-01-40
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