

# Pennsylvania State Police

## 2003 Annual Report

For the Year Ending December 31, 2003

Edward G. Rendell,  
Governor

Colonel Jeffrey B. Miller,  
Commissioner



An Internationally Accredited  
Law Enforcement Agency





“...lay down my life as others have done before me ...”

On February 14, 2003, Trooper Brian A. Patterson was killed in the line of duty. Trooper Patterson was at the scene of a vehicle crash in French Creek Township, Venango County, when he came in contact with a damaged electrical power line. Trooper Patterson was transported to Northwest University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, where he died from his injuries. Trooper Patterson was a 9-year veteran of the Pennsylvania State Police. Trooper Patterson is survived by his wife and 2 children, ages 11 and 9. This report is dedicated to the memory of Trooper Brian A. Patterson.



# 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

Dear Fellow Pennsylvanians:

The citizens of this commonwealth rely on the Pennsylvania State Police to serve as a key line of defense against those who harm our communities through criminal actions and other forms of disruptive behavior. The Department not only does basic investigation of crimes and traffic incidents in its areas of primary jurisdiction, but also provides wide-ranging support services to municipal police departments and helps develop information on organized criminal activities and other potential threats to our residents.

Members of the State Police hold themselves to a high standard. In the Department's "Call of Honor," each trooper pledges to "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." The Department is aggressive in policing its ranks to ensure that its members meet those standards.

We are fortunate in Pennsylvania to have an organization with enlisted and civilian personnel who strive each day to bring together sound, time-tested investigative principles with the latest in crime-fighting technology. Under the leadership of Commissioner Jeffrey B. Miller, the Pennsylvania State Police are working together with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to make the best possible use of their resources.

As the Department nears its 100th Anniversary in 2005, I am confident that the Department will continue its tradition of excellence into its second century of service to the commonwealth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward G. Rendell". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Edward G. Rendell  
Governor



The Honorable Edward G. Rendell  
Governor  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
225 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Governor Rendell:

It is with great honor and pride that I present to you, and the citizens of the Commonwealth, the Pennsylvania State Police Annual Report for 2003. The report represents the challenges and major accomplishments of the Pennsylvania State Police over the past year.

During 2003, the Pennsylvania State Police faced many new and difficult issues. In direct response, the Pennsylvania State Police established its Core Purpose and Core Values that serve as the foundation for the Department's mission of Police Service with Professionalism.

#### **CORE PURPOSE**

To seek justice, preserve peace, and improve the quality of life for all.

#### **CORE VALUES**

Our Core Values, deeply rooted in our Call of Honor, define what it means to be a Pennsylvania State Trooper. We commit ourselves to a life of service, guided by these Values.

- Honor:** We are committed to upholding the Honor of the Force by providing honest and faithful police service to all who may be in danger or distress.
- Service:** We recognize that customer service is our highest priority. We are committed to providing caring, competent, and professional police service.
- Integrity:** We believe integrity is character in action. We are morally and ethically aware, resolute, and above reproach at all times regardless of our duty status.
- Respect:** We must respect ourselves, our peers, those we serve, the sanctity of the law, and the institution that is the Pennsylvania State Police.
- Trust:** We must solemnly value the trust that has been placed in us by those we are sworn to serve and be committed to holding ourselves to a higher standard of accountability to continually earn their respect each and every day.
- Courage:** We recognize that "courage is not the absence of fear, but the mastery of it." We stand firm in the face of danger, and will confront all threats to the safety and security of our communities with intelligence and vigor.
- Duty:** We do not swerve from the path of our obligations, nor do we depart from standards of professional conduct. We obey the law and enforce it without any consideration of class, color, creed, or condition.

This past year, the Pennsylvania State Police implemented Problem Specific Policing, an incident analysis tool used to allocate resources in the most efficient manner to reduce traffic crashes and crimes. Problem Specific Policing is another tool used by the Department to improve the quality of life for all the citizens we serve. The Pennsylvania State Police will continue to be a leader in the law enforcement community through our abilities as a professional organization, what we stand for as a Department, and our commitment to all of the citizens we serve.

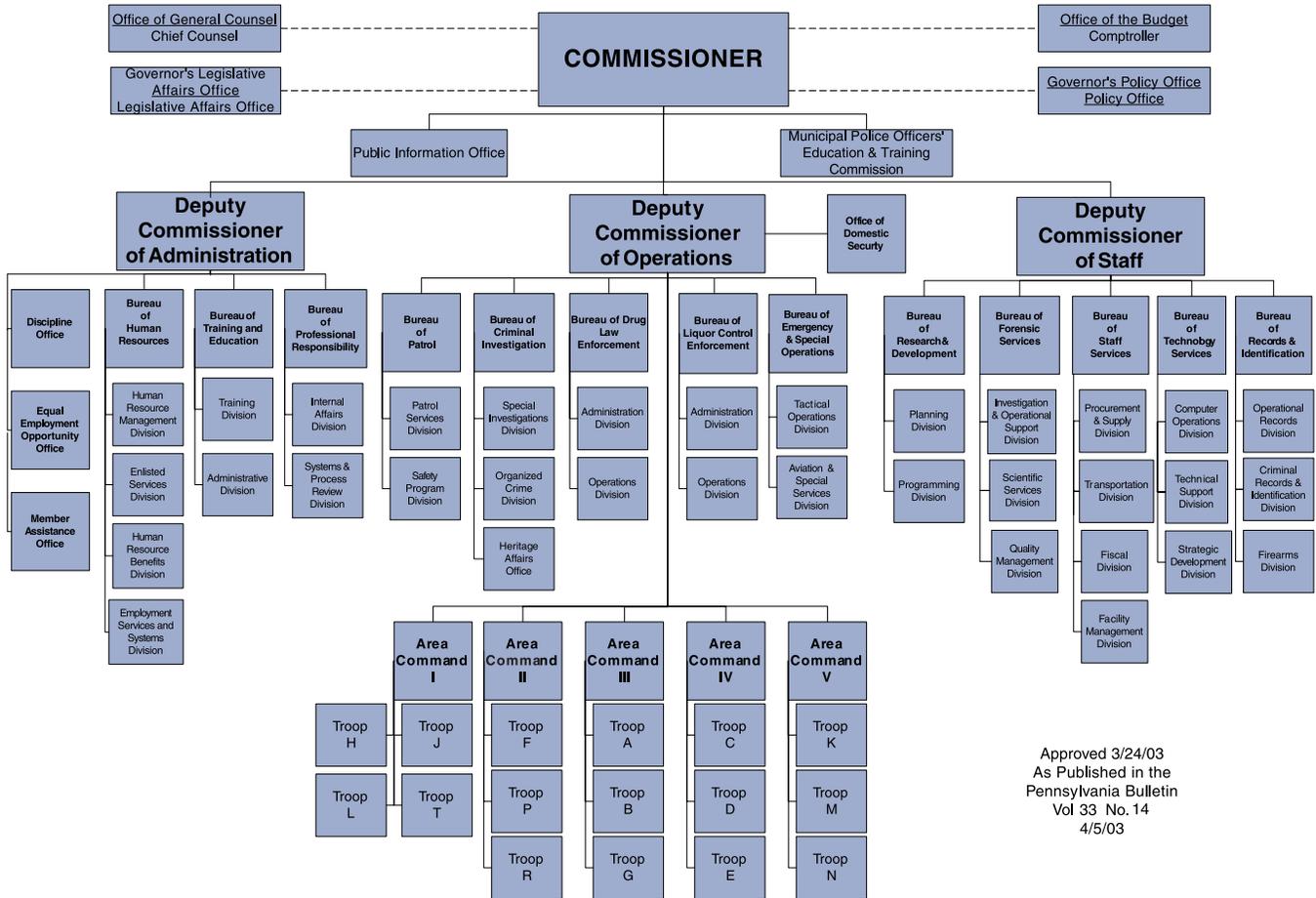
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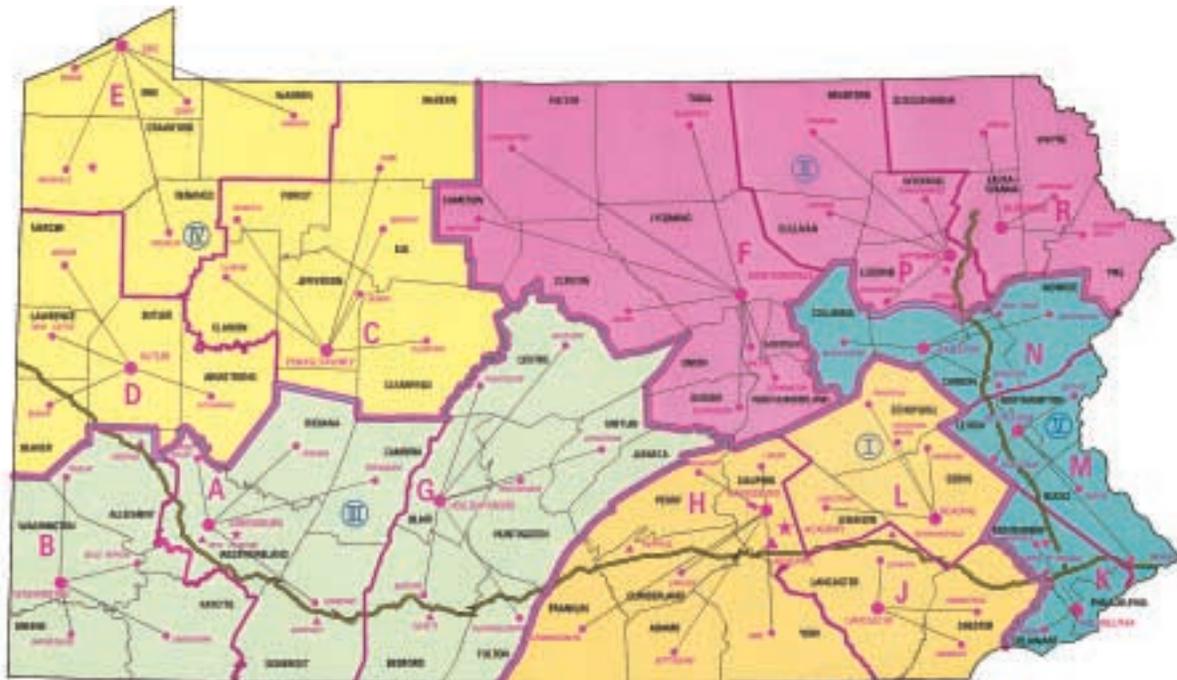
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Commissioner



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## COMMISSIONER



Colonel Jeffrey B. Miller

The Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police is an appointed position and a member of the Governor's cabinet. Colonel Jeffrey B. Miller was appointed by Governor Edward G. Rendell on January 21, 2003, and confirmed by unanimous vote of the Senate on March 24, 2003. The Commissioner exercises administrative, command and fiscal authority, and responsibility over the

Department. He oversees a budget of over half a billion dollars and commands a statewide complement of more than 5,700 enlisted and civilian personnel, which includes 4,275 State Police Troopers.

As the Commissioner of the State Police, he is empowered by statute to assist the Governor by enforcing the law and preserving the peace through the detection of crime, apprehension of criminals, and patrol of the highways. He serves as Chairman of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission; on the Policy Board of the Middle Atlantic-Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network; on the Advisory Board of the Institute for Non-Lethal Defense Technologies at Pennsylvania State University; on the Executive Board of the Philadelphia/Camden High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area; on the Executive Board of the National Guard Northeast United States Counterdrug Training Center; on the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency; as the North Atlantic Regional Chair for the State and Provincial Division of the International Association of Chiefs of Police; on the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Council; and as a member of the Governor's Homeland Security Executive Cabinet and Advisory Council.

## Office of Chief Counsel

**Ms. Barbara L. Christie, Chief Counsel**

The Office of Chief Counsel consists of Chief Counsel, 5 Attorneys, and legal support staff based in Department Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. An additional 8 Attorneys represent the Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement, and are stationed at Offices throughout the Commonwealth. 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.

## Legislative Affairs Office

**Captain William J. McHale, Director**

The Legislative Affairs Office, located in Department Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, is under the administrative command of the Commissioner. The Office is responsible for establishing legislative priorities for each new legislative session, while planning, organizing, and coordinating the Department's legislative analysis and liaison program.

The members of the Legislative Affairs Office are Captain William J. McHale, Director; Sergeant Brad S. Lawver; and Harmony A. Costanzo. Members of the Legislative Affairs Office monitor activities of pending legislation with particular emphasis on bills pertaining to Title 18, Title 42, and Title 75, as well as actions in the standing committees of both the House and Senate via the use of the General Assembly website. The Legislative Affairs Office often provides testimony on issues which affect the Pennsylvania State Police and other law enforcement agencies within the Commonwealth. The Legislative Affairs Office also serves as the Department's point-of-contact for legislators seeking information or assistance with a wide variety of Department-related issues.

**Legislative Accomplishments:** Several initiatives of importance to the Department passed the General Assembly and were signed into law by the Governor. Act 24 of 2003 reduced the legal BAC limit from .10% to .08%. This legislation will assist law enforcement efforts to reduce the number of alcohol-related crashes and corresponding deaths and injuries. Act 56 of 2003 established a statewide integrated wireless E-911 plan. The plan is funded to ensure that county 911 callers provide Automated Number Identification (ANI)/Automated Location Information (ALI) for all calls routed to PSP dispatch centers.

## Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission

**Major Richard C. Mooney, Executive Director**

The Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission (MPOETC), located in Hershey, Pennsylvania, 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.

## Public Information Office

**Jack J. Lewis, Press Secretary**

The Public Information Office is located in Department Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Office members are Corporal Lucien R. Southard, Web Administrator; Trooper Linette G. Quinn, Public Information Coordinator; and Jack J. Lewis, Press Secretary.

The Public Information Office is tasked with answering questions from the media regarding Department activities; preparing and distributing news releases on Department activities of statewide or national interest; organizing news conferences on matters of special significance; providing advice to the Commissioner on media-related matters; and producing *The Communicator*, the monthly newsletter for Department personnel and retirees.

The Web Administrator assists with web-based technology and multimedia projects, and maintains the State Police Public Website, the Pennsylvania Crime Stoppers Website, and the State Police Amber Alert Website.



Colonel Jeffrey B. Miller speaking at a Child Passenger Safety Program.

## Office of Domestic Security

Major Jeffrey R. Davis, Director

The year 2003 marked the first full year of existence for the Office of Domestic Security (ODS). Organized in October 2002 and placed in the Executive and Administrative Offices under the Deputy Commissioner of Operations, ODS is assigned the mission to coordinate Department emergency planning and preparedness, including the responsibility for counter-terrorism response.

ODS developed a protocol for response to suspected chemical and biological agent incidents. Development of the protocol was a collaborative effort between the Department, the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA), the Department of Health, and the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission. The protocol is intended to be used not only by members, but also municipal police agencies within the Commonwealth. The protocol provides officers guidelines, indicators, and factors to take into consideration when making an assessment of the threat. Officers are also given the appropriate actions to take based upon their assessment of the incident.

ODS was responsible for coordinating the procurement of over \$3.3 million of Homeland Security grant monies for the Department. The monies are being used primarily to fund the start-up of the Pennsylvania Criminal Intelligence Center (PaCIC), the Hazardous Devices and Explosives Section within the Bureau of Emergency and Special Operations,

and to upgrade the existing Clandestine Lab Response Team within the Bureau of Drug Law Enforcement a Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) response team. The Department will also use a portion of the funding to purchase new National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) approved canisters for the Department-issued Millennium Gas Mask.

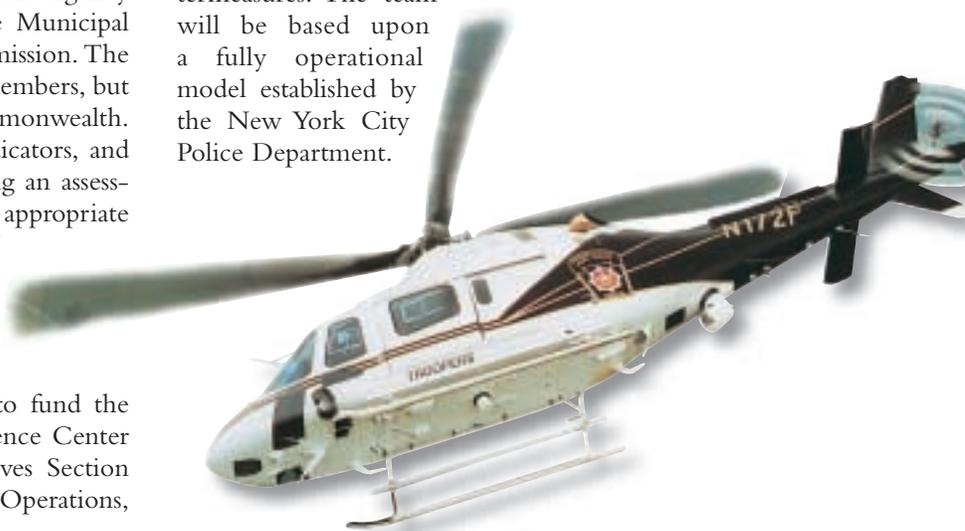
ODS coordinated the Department's homeland security activities through 3 Orange (high) national homeland security alert levels. These alerts required constant dialogue and coordination of resources with various federal, state, and local agencies.

ODS also took the lead in assisting the Pennsylvania's Office of Homeland Security and PEMA in preparing the State Homeland Security Strategy and Assessment (SHSSA). The SHSSA is a U.S. Department of Homeland Security initiative which requires each state to develop a comprehensive 3-year strategy regarding homeland security preparedness and response, from which future federal funding streams will be determined.

ODS presented testimony before the Pennsylvania Senate and House Committees on Veteran's Affairs and Emergency Preparedness regarding Department homeland security initiatives implemented since 9/11.

ODS completed the purchase of 92 Ludlum Radiological Monitoring Instrument Kits. The new kits will replace the old CD V-777-1 kits. In the case of a response to a nuclear power plant or other radiological incidents such as dirty bombs, the new kits provide members with the equipment to measure the amount of radiation to which they may be exposed. As a result of this purchase, each Department Station will be equipped with a Radiological Monitoring Instrument Kit.

ODS was tasked with the establishment of a Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Team within the Department. This team will provide professional vulnerability assessments for critical infrastructures throughout the Commonwealth, such as buildings, bridges, sports complexes, and other facilities where public safety and security is a concern. The key purpose of the assessments is to identify associated vulnerabilities and make recommendations for appropriate countermeasures. The team will be based upon a fully operational model established by the New York City Police Department.



## DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF STAFF



Lt. Colonel Henry D. Oleyniczak

Lt. Colonel Henry D. Oleyniczak was appointed as Deputy Commissioner of Staff on January 21, 2003. He is responsible for the administration, coordination, and supervision of the Bureau of Research and Development, Bureau of Forensic Services, Bureau of Staff Services, Bureau of Technology Services, and the Bureau of Records and Identification.

## Bureau of Forensic Services

Major John R. Capriotti, Director

The Bureau of Forensic Services, headquartered 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

**Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) Latent Print Section:** Through a grant from PCCD, the AFIS Section was able to procure 5 more Hits Image Enhancement Systems at the Bethlehem, Erie, Greensburg, Harrisburg, and Wyoming Regional Laboratories. The Image Enhancement Systems work in conjunction with AFIS Remote Terminals at each Laboratory and allow for image capture and enhancement using the latest technology in digital imaging. Along with the Laboratory Units, each Troop Forensic Services Unit was issued a high-end digital camera and software to capture latent print images. This allows for electronic submission of latent prints via e-mail or image storage and/or submission on compact disk.

**Documents Section:** The 2 examiner-trainees in the Documents Section continue to complete their respective 2-year training programs. While the majority of their training is completed within the laboratory and at the direction of veteran examiners, both trainees have had the opportunity to receive valuable training from representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Secret Service, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

**Photographic Section:** In 2003, the Photographic Section installed a new Epson 10600 Wide Format Printer. This

is the most technologically advanced system of its kind available today. Photographic Section personnel can now produce prints up to 44" wide at a maximum resolution of 1440 x 720 dpi. Prints can be made on virtually any media type. The printer is controlled from digital workstations and prints can be produced in a very short time from most digital media by the Photographic Section. Negative or positive film can also be scanned into the system to produce prints.

### Quality Management Division

**American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB)**

**Update:** The Quality Management Division continues to assist the regional laboratories in maintaining their ASCLD/LAB accreditation and prepare them for reaccreditation. Eleven additional Bureau of Forensic Services staff personnel have attended the Inspector's Course and become ASCLD/LAB Inspectors—bringing the Bureau total to 20.

### Scientific Services Division

**Statewide Laboratory Information Management System (SLIMS):** SLIMS has been operational for 2 years. All 7 regional laboratories and all forensic disciplines continue to use this mission-critical application in the day-to-day operation of the laboratory system.

**Forensic DNA Update:** The DNA Section pursued implementation of robotics to process and analyze samples received pursuant to the mandates of DNA Detection of Sexual and Violent Offenders Act. This law requires the collection of blood samples from individuals convicted or adjudicated delinquent of certain sexual and violent offenses. Recent inclusion of additional offenses to the law, particularly burglary and robbery, resulted in a fivefold increase in sample submission. Implementation of robotics increased sample throughput, improved analysis turnaround, and the ability to focus qualified technical personnel on the critical tasks of sample interpretation and case evaluation. Plans have been made to continue to validate additional applications of robotics in other production steps, including sample preparation and analysis.



Bureau of Forensic Services, Trooper Paulette Beverly, Corporal Kevin J. Deskiewicz, Sergeant George D. Kegerreis, Jr.

Due to the enormous success in obtaining DNA profiles from minute quantities of evidence and from old cold cases, DNA case submissions have doubled over the previous year. Old unsolved cases are being reviewed and success has occurred in obtaining DNA profiles on cases over 30 years old.

DNA technology continues to provide valuable investigative information for solving no-suspect cases through the national Combined DNA Index System (CODIS). In the past year, 62 no-suspect investigations were aided with this technology. To date, 23 national and 123 state cold hits were made that resulted in 211 no-suspect investigations aided.

**Clandestine Laboratory Response Team:** The Scientific Services Division has 8 forensic scientists who provide on-site support and technical expertise to various local, state, and federal law enforcement officials conducting clandestine drug laboratory investigations throughout the Commonwealth.

## Bureau of Records and Identification

**Major John K. Thierwechter, 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.

### Operational Records Division

**AFIS Administration Section:** There are currently 103 LiveScan devices located at Municipal Police and State Police facilities throughout the Commonwealth. These facilities contribute approximately 75% of the arrest fingerprints to the Central Repository. It is anticipated that LiveScan submissions will increase through joint efforts of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police, and the Pennsylvania State Police. These agencies are working on funding to upgrade existing LiveScan devices with new technology and to expand the deployment of this technology to other agencies. The new LiveScan devices will also provide the capability to capture palm prints. In the future, these palm prints will provide an additional tool to identify offenders from latent evidence collected at crime scenes.

**Megan's Law Section:** Amendments to Title 42, Judicial Code and Judiciary Procedure, have mandated registered offenders to provide the Pennsylvania State Police with employment and school enrollment information in addition to residence information. This requirement has greatly increased the amount of information processed by the Megan's Law Section. Additionally, the amount of information supplied to primary law enforcement agencies has greatly increased, not only in amount but also in value.

Offender compliance issues have resulted in an increased number of active investigations and prosecutions. There are presently 6,787 registered sexual offenders. Of that number, 744 are currently in an inactive status and 1,422 offenders are lifetime registrants. The number of offenders designated as Sexually Violent Predators has risen to 23.

**Investigative Records Section:** In 2003, the Crash Reports Unit processed nearly 56,000 Police Crash Reports and 45,000 requests for certified copies of those reports. The Criminal Investigative Records Unit processed nearly 300,000 crime-related investigative reports.

The Investigative Records Section also processes expungement orders received from Pennsylvania courts as they relate to criminal history record information maintained by the Central Repository for all of Pennsylvania and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In 2003, the Expungement Unit processed nearly 31,000 expungement orders in compliance with the Criminal History Record Information Act.

### Firearms Division

In 2003, 150,563 handguns and 254,665 long guns were transferred, and 129,939 licenses to carry were reported. The Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS) processed a total of 542,023 calls regarding background checks. This year there were 95 wanted persons captured with an overall total of 607 captured without incident.

A total of 10,406 denials were issued. There were 375 investigations referred to State Police Stations; 5 to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; and 118 to local police departments for prohibited individuals who attempted to acquire a firearm by providing false information. There were 280 arrests and 225 convictions.

### Criminal Records and Identification Division

**Criminal Records Section:** Pennsylvania Access to Criminal History (PATCH) has been available to the public for 1 year. Since going into production in November 2002, PATCH has processed over 516,270 requests. A total of 5,722 companies are currently registered with PATCH. A total of 2,047 companies were transferred from the old PATCH system; 313 were added to the new PATCH system during November and December 2002; 3,291 companies were added during 2003.

## Bureau of Research and Development

**Major Richard A. Stein, Director**

The Bureau of Research and Development, located in Department Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, includes the Planning Division and the Programming Division. The Bureau provides various services and support to all segments of the Department.

### Planning Division

**Problem Specific Policing:** Members of the Planning Division are responsible for the administration and management of the Problem Specific Policing initiative. Problem Specific Policing was implemented by the Pennsylvania State Police on May 1, 2003. During the first 8 months of the initiative, the number of crash-related fatalities on Pennsylvania's highways decreased by 7.4%. In addition, the number of founded criminal offenses decreased by 1.3%

during the same period. Problem Specific Policing is an incident analysis tool used by the State Police to allocate resources in an effort to reduce traffic crashes and the occurrence of certain crimes. Problem Specific Policing relies on accurate and timely statistical data, effective patrol tactics, rapid deployment of resources, and relentless follow-up and assessment. The goals of Problem Specific Policing are to reduce crashes and crime and improve the quality of life of the citizens we serve.

**Soft Body Armor Replacement:** Planning Division personnel, with the assistance of the Bureau of Forensic Services and independent certified testing laboratories, conducted extensive research into the premature degradation of Zylon fabric being used in soft body armor. The research showed that Zylon is wearing out at a rate much greater than what was expected when police agencies across the globe purchased soft body armor constructed with Zylon. At the conclusion of the research, the Department partnered with Second Chance Body Armor Company to compile historical data and develop a performance pack upgrade to supplement Zylon vests. The performance packs were intended to reduce the possibility of Zylon vest failures. The conclusions of the research made national news and resulted in investigations by the United States Attorney General and several state's Attorney's General related to soft body armor. In addition, tens of thousands of police officers around the world are receiving performance pack upgrades or replacement soft body armor.

## Programming Division

**eBusiness Initiatives:** The PSPiNet and eLibrary have proven effective tools in delivering information to Department personnel. The success of the eLibrary has enabled the Department to reduce the number of Official Libraries from 478 to 193, and Department personnel are no longer required to maintain individual copies of Department manuals. When combined with electronic distribution, the eLibrary is a cost-effective and efficient method of providing the directive system to Department personnel.

**Uniform Crime Reporting System:** During 2003, the Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Reporting System developed a 1-day, basic Uniform Crime Reporting training program. The training was conducted 5 times during 2003. The Pennsylvania Supplement to the Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook was developed, published, and is available on the UCR website. The UCR Unit continued its efforts to increase the number of jurisdictions actively participating in the Uniform Crime Reporting System.

## Bureau of Staff Services

**Robert Grumet, Director**

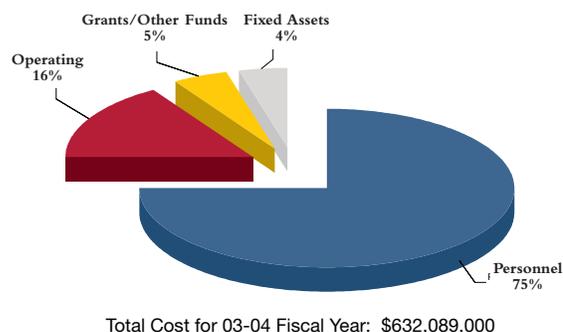
The Bureau of Staff Services, located in Department Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, is comprised of the Facility Management Division, Fiscal Division, Procurement and Supply Division, and Transportation Division.

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 and procurement programs.

## 2003-04 Department Budget FUNDING SOURCES:



## Where Does the Money Go?



During 2003, the following items were purchased:

- Radiological Survey Kits
- Modular Interconnect Systems
- Boots for hazardous materials
- Mobile Video Recorders
- 516 Patrol Vehicles (Marked & Unmarked)
- 31 Undercover Vehicles
- 5 Utility Vehicles (Vans for implementation of the HCU 1000 Program)
- 15 Vehicles for LCE

## NEWLY CONSTRUCTED AND/OR RENOVATED FACILITIES IN 2003

- Troop B, Pittsburgh Station
- Troop B, Uniontown Station
- Troop F, Emporium Station
- Troop F, Milton Station
- Troop G, Bedford Station
- Troop G, Lewistown Station
- Bureau of Technology Services, Harrisburg Central Dispatch Center
- Bureau of Staff Services, Harrisburg Central Warehouse

## 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.

**Consolidated Dispatch:** Consolidated Dispatch will reduce the number of dispatch points used by the Department from 81 to 5 state-of-the-art dispatch centers. The efficiency and effectiveness of the dispatch function will be improved through the use of Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD), Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and Automated Vehicle Location (AVL).

The Harrisburg CDC, located in West Hanover Township, Dauphin County, has been acquired by the Department. The acquisition of the CDC is part of the Department's continuing initiative to update and automate many of its business processes as part of the Criminal Justice Traffic Safety Incident Information Management System (IIMS). The Harrisburg CDC is a state-of-the-art data and communications facility that will eventually assume responsibility for the dispatching of Troopers at 18 Stations within the South-central region of Pennsylvania.

**Consolidated Dispatch Center (CDC) Facility Status:** The Harrisburg CDC, a leased facility, is now occupied, equipped, and being used as a training site for Police Communications Operators Supervisors and the first group of PCOs who will be assigned to work at the Harrisburg CDC. System testing, including Mock Live Testing, is scheduled to begin.

The Norristown CDC, a Commonwealth-owned facility, is in the early phases of construction with ground excavation completed and subsoil utility installation work initiated. Excavation for the building's structural concrete footings and foundation is underway. The anticipated completion date for the building is August 2, 2004.

The Greensburg CDC will be a Commonwealth-owned building, and it will be



Bureau of Staff Services, Stacey Logan-Kent.

constructed on land acquired from the Department of Corrections. The specifications for all site preparations, excavation, utility installation, and the building construction are nearing completion, and an advertisement for bids by building contractors is expected soon. All municipal authorities and PennDOT have approved necessary permits for the construction of this facility.

The purchase of land for the Northeastern CDC has not yet been completed; however, a site near the Luzerne/Lackawanna County line has been chosen as the best suited for the needs of the Department.

The final decision on the location of the Northwestern CDC has not been completed; however, several sites near the Borough of Clarion are being studied to determine which is the best suited to meet the needs of the Department.

**Records Management/Data Warehouse:** The Records Management System (RMS) will provide for online collection and reporting of information by Troopers and Dispatchers. Information will be entered from desktop computers at Stations, Consolidated Dispatch Centers, and from mobile computers in patrol vehicles. The information will be automatically collected in a data repository which will be readily accessed for auto-populating a number of incident-related reports. The information will be available for a myriad of uses, and any authorized officer will be able to search the system for information for investigative purposes. The information will also be used in a unique mapping program for both criminal and traffic related incidents.

The RMS will provide for single point of entry, and will supplement incident information so that only new or changed information will need to be entered, and duplication of information will no longer be required.

The IIMS RMS will also provide automation of the Department's evidence and property management functions including a Bar Coding System that will allow for the labeling and tracking of evidence in the custody of the Department. The Evidence and Property Management setup will ensure that all evidentiary information will be stored for future investigative, statistical, administrative, and reporting uses.

**Automated Incident Memo System (AIMS) Updated:** AIMS was modified during 2003 to collect Latitude, Longitude, Date and Time Occurred, and Multiple Occurrences of select incidents for use in Problem Specific Policing. Modifications were also made to collect a code for Weapons of Mass Destruction.

**Statewide Radio Project:** During the past year, the Technical Support Division has been actively developing a Fleet Mapping Plan and a Migration Plan to support the Department's transition from the Legacy VHF radio system to the Statewide Radio System (SWRS). The plans are being developed utilizing field interviews and input from Troopers with varied job-related communications requirements. The Technical Support Division has been testing the voice quality of the SWRS using M/A-Com portable radios and V-TAC mobile radios installed in selected Department vehicles.

## DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION



Lt. Colonel Cynthia L. Transue

Lt. Colonel Cynthia L. Transue was appointed as Deputy Commissioner of Administration on January 21, 2003. Her duties include coordinating and supervising the Department Discipline Office, Equal Employment Opportunity Office, Member Assistance Office, Bureau of Human Resources, Bureau of Training and Education, and the Bureau of Professional Responsibility.

### Equal Employment Opportunity Office

**Lieutenant Marcenia M. Robinson, Director**

The Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Office, located at Department Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, is under the authority of the Deputy Commissioner of Administration. The EEO Office is responsible for ensuring the Department remains proactive in its support of the Commonwealth's zero tolerance pertaining to acts of sexual harassment, discrimination, and inequitable employment practices. Training was administered and, when necessary, investigative and corrective measures were implemented to further ensure Department personnel adhered to statutes, policies, and regulations.

The EEO Office actively interacts with other entities within the Department, as well as other agencies, commissions, and departments, on EEO-related matters through membership in the Bureau of Equal Employment Opportunity Complaint Investigation Workgroup and Training and Education Workgroup, as well as the Advisory Committee on Recruiting for the Pennsylvania State Police and the Leadership and Development Institute for Women in State Government.

### Member Assistance Program

**Corporal Govan A. Martin III, Manager**

Year 2003 marked the 17th year of operation of the Member Assistance Program (MAP). MAP continues to advocate for the mental and emotional health of the State Police family so that they can lead healthier and more productive lives. MAP has a dedicated group of full-time and part-time Peer Contacts who give their time, commitment, and dedication to helping others.

**Training:** MAP provides instruction to Cadets at the State Police Academy. Topics include Police Stress, Police Family Relationships, Post-Traumatic Stress, Substance Abuse, and Death Notification.

MAP also provides instruction for all new employees of the Department on MAP and the State Employee Assistance Program (SEAP).

**Data/Statistics:** MAP continues to see a significant rise in every major category of assisting our Department personnel and their families. These statistics show that one-on-one consultation and support continue to be the priority of MAP.

MAP responded to 60 critical incidents in 2003

MAP interactions with all Department personnel and their families totaled 8,730 during 2003.

### Bureau of Human Resources

**Linda M. Bonney, Director**

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

**2003 Open Enrollment:** The 2003 Open Enrollment proved to be the most significant period of health insurance change for Department employees in recent history. During the annual Open Enrollment period, civilian employees are allowed to change their health insurance plans. With significant changes made to the level of benefits of the Basic Option, a large number of employees opted to change from the Basic Option to a managed care option. During the 2003 Open Enrollment, a total of 677 health plan changes were made, 620 medical plan changes, and 57 dental plan changes. Of the 620 medical plan changes, 576 employees changed from the Basic Option to a managed care plan. The 500% increase in changes from the 2002 Open Enrollment was managed by the Human Resource Benefits Division.

**Mobile Recruitment Office:** For the first time in recent history, Department Recruiters have received approval to recruit applicants residing outside of Pennsylvania. Recruiters traveled to colleges and universities, as well as career and job fairs at locations in states contiguous to Pennsylvania. In the past, applicants were required to be residents of Pennsylvania at the time of application. The requirement was modified to require a candidate to be a Pennsylvania resident at the time he/she is appointed to the Academy.

Utilizing the Department Mobile Recruitment Office, Recruiters now make appearances within communities where they believe prospective candidates reside. The goal is to acquaint community members of the career opportunities available within the Department and encourage residents to consider becoming Pennsylvania State Police Troopers or Liquor Enforcement Officers.

**Human Resource Management Division Administrators Examinations:** The State Police Cadet written examination was administered at several locations during January 2003. Of the 5,425 candidates scheduled to participate, 2,993 reported for the test. The top 984 scoring candidates were invited to the oral examination held during March 2003. Of the 984 candidates, 888 reported for testing.

The Liquor Enforcement Officer written examination was held on August 23, 2003, at 3 locations across the state. Of the 939 candidates scheduled to participate, 544 reported for the test. The top 360 scoring candidates were invited to the oral examination held during September 2003. Of the 360 candidates, 329 reported for testing.

**New Hires:** The Employment Services and Systems Division facilitated the hiring of 155 Cadets and 96 civilian employees during 2003.

## Bureau of Professional Responsibility

**Major John R. Brown, Director**

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

## Internal Affairs Division

In response to suggestions from the Office of Attorney General, the Internal Affairs Division (IAD) has implemented changes in sexual misconduct investigations. All allegations of sexual misconduct shall be investigated by members of IAD, as opposed to assigning such cases to field personnel to address. Database programs are being evaluated for implementation within IAD to track complaints from inception through adjudication and discipline. A revised categorization of complaints shall be developed to better define the types of investigations being conducted.

## 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.

**Cadet, Liquor Enforcement Officer, and Municipal Officer Training:** Cadet training at the Academy in 2003 resulted in 120 new Troopers reporting to the field with the graduations of the 113th and 114th Cadet Classes. The 115th Cadet Class began training on November 2, 2003. The 11th Liquor Enforcement Officer Class graduated 17 Liquor Enforcement Officers in 2003. Municipal Police Act 120 Basic Training was conducted at the Southeast Training Center with 16 trainees completing training in 2003.



*Bureau of Human Resources, Mobile Recruitment Office.*

**Video Unit Productions Continue:** Significant videos produced by the Bureau's Video Unit during 2003 included a video introducing the Department's Early Intervention Program and videos on Problem Specific Policing, the Mobile Recruitment Office, and an introduction to the IIMS project. In addition, assistance was provided to various Department entities for use in their training programs.

**Community Services Officers Continue Training Citizens:** The Community Services Unit continues to present programs to better educate the public regarding current issues. All Community Services Officers (CSOs) have been trained in a program entitled Survival 101; it addresses the use and need for seatbelts. Training was also completed in a program from the Anti-Defamation League called No Place for Hate. Finally, update training in Internet safety and new training in Bullying were completed by the CSOs.

CSOs collaborated with the Department of Education and various local law enforcement agencies in bringing Internet safety programs to the schools throughout the state. The program has received national attention from Washington, DC, and from other states that wish to employ this program.

Statewide, over 2,570 crime prevention programs were presented to more than 166,700 individuals and nearly 6,000 traffic safety and specialty programs were presented to more than 226,400 individuals. Programs geared to provide and re-enforce a positive image of law enforcement were conducted. These programs included 24 Camp Cadet

programs, the American Legion Trooper Youth Week, and the 5th Commissioner's Honor Camp.

The Community Services Unit has taken an active part in the war on terrorism by presenting Terrorism Awareness and Prevention (TAP) programs to over 5,100 PennDOT field employees, as well as employees of other Commonwealth agencies and the general public.

The Community Services Unit has also continued to help make schools safer for our youth by participating in the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency's Multi-Hazard for Safe Schools Program, and the Risk Watch Program, which is a joint effort with the Office of the State Fire Commissioner, Department of Health, and Department of Education.

## Office of Physical Fitness and Wellness

**Corporal William H. Gibson, Manager**

During 2003, the Office of Physical Fitness and Wellness was formed under the Deputy Commissioner of Administration. The Office had previously been part of the Bureau of Training and Education, Physical Fitness Unit. The Office retains all of its responsibilities relative to administering physical fitness tests for State Police applicants, Cadets, Liquor Enforcement Officer applicants, and enlisted members applying for certain specialized positions.

The Office continues to formulate an incumbent physical fitness program for all enlisted members. As part of that process, a validation study was conducted during the fall of 2003. A total of 257 enlisted members were randomly chosen to participate in 2 days of testing at the Department's Training Annex at Fort Indiantown Gap. The participants were randomly selected from lists of personnel broken down by age, sex, and assignment to patrol or administrative function. The data collected was forwarded to an Industrial Psychologist, who will extrapolate a validated incumbent physical fitness standard.

During 2003, the Office of Physical Fitness and Wellness conducted over 900 individual physical fitness tests, presented nutrition classes for Cadets, conducted graduation fitness tests for the 113th and 114th Cadet Classes, and entry-level fitness tests for the 115th Cadet Class.



## DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF OPERATIONS



*Lt. Colonel Ralph M. Periandi*

**L**t. Colonel Ralph M. Periandi was appointed as Deputy Commissioner of Operations on January 21, 2003. He has operational authority over the Executive Service Section, Office of Domestic Security, Bureau of Patrol, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Bureau of Drug Law Enforcement, Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement, Bureau of Emergency and Special Operations, and all Area Commands.

### Bureau of Criminal Investigation

**Major Frank E. Pawlowski, Director**

The Bureau of Criminal Investigation, located in Department Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, consists of the Heritage Affairs Office, the Special Investigations Division, and the Organized Crime Division.

#### Heritage Affairs Office

The Heritage Affairs Officer monitored the following civil tension incidents across the Commonwealth in 2003: On January 20, 2003, a rally was held by Nationalist Movement leader Richard Barrett, at City Hall, in York City, York County. The Nationalist Movement decided to hold the rally on January 20, to honor slain York City Police Officer Henry Schaad, who was killed during the 1969 race riot. The group also wanted to protest the Martin Luther King Holiday. There was one arrest for disorderly conduct. On February 15, 2003, a march was held in Uniontown, Fayette County. The march was organized by a Pittsburgh-based group, People Against Police Violence. The protesters were upset with the decision not to prosecute 2 State Police troopers involved in the December 24, 2002, shooting of 12-year-old Michael Ellerbe. Approximately 300 people attended the event which was peaceful with no arrests. On September 28, 2003, Reverend Fred Phelps and members of the Westboro Baptist Church protested at 5 churches in Lebanon, Lebanon County, and the Pennsylvania State Museum, in the city of Harrisburg, Dauphin County. Common Roads (a support group for teens who are gay, Lesbian, bi sexual, or transgendered) was showing a film titled "Jim in Bold," a documentary of a gay teenager who grew up in Cornwall, Lebanon County, and killed himself in response to harassment in his school and community, at the Pennsylvania State Museum.

The Heritage Affairs Officer coordinated meetings with the Commissioner and Barry Morrison, Eastern Pennsylvania Regional Director of the Anti-Defamation League. As a result of this meeting and at the request of the Commissioner, Morrison presented a 2-hour program to the Department's Community Services Officers at the Academy titled "No Place for Hate." This program is another suitable vehicle to enhance relations between the Pennsylvania State Police and the communities we serve. Also, a meeting was held with the Commissioner and Marwan Kreidie, Executive Director of the Arab American Community Development Corporation of Philadelphia. This meeting discussed strategies for diversity implementation, training for law enforcement, and plans to establish a close working relationship with the Arab American community in Pennsylvania.

#### Special Investigations Division

**Auto Theft Unit:** During 2003, Auto Theft Unit Task Forces recovered a total of 303 vehicles, with a retail value of \$5,091,266. In addition to the vehicles, \$619,100 worth of stolen parts were recovered. The Task Forces were involved in major, multi-agency theft investigations that involved the theft of new high-end vehicles, heavy equipment, and motorcycles. Several of the investigations also involved identity fraud, money laundering, credit card fraud, insurance fraud, and other crimes.

**Fugitive Apprehension Unit:** During 2003, the Fugitive Apprehension Unit apprehended 443 fugitives and located an additional 37 fugitives. The most notable capture was that of Ernest Lamar Woodall, who had been on the Department's Top Ten Most Wanted list since its March 1997 inception. Woodall was involved in a 1996 altercation with police in which he fired approximately 40 rounds from an AK-47 at officers. Fugitive Apprehension Unit members and FBI Agents developed and followed leads which resulted in the apprehension of Woodall on February 4, 2003, in Jefferson County, Alabama.

**Computer Crime Unit:** During 2003, the Computer Crime Unit was reorganized into 5 Area Computer Crime Task Force offices and a coordination/training center located at Department Headquarters. Each of the Area Task Force offices are staffed with a Computer Crime Analyst, and 3 Troop Computer Crime Investigators who work with participating municipal and county law enforcement officers.

The Computer Crime Unit conducts and supports the investigation of technological crimes, such as identity theft, money laundering, Internet fraud, computer intrusions, corruption, accounting fraud, privacy protection, financial fraud, employee misconduct, child pornography, and cyber terrorism. It continues to operate a 24-hour hotline number for law enforcement personnel to utilize for technical assistance. The Unit conducted 70 online investigations, 626 forensic examinations on computer hard drives, obtained 86 court orders, and executed 72 search warrants across the Commonwealth. Additionally, the Computer Crime Unit assisted in 182 local and 59 federal investigations.

**Criminal Investigative Assessment/Missing Persons Unit:** The Criminal Investigation Assessment (CIA) Unit mission is to provide investigative and analytical support to local, state, and federal law enforcement through the application of crime scene assessments, evaluations of offenses to provide case linkages, assistance in the formulation of interview strategies, trial strategies, and offender profiles. The CIA Unit provides case consultations for law enforcement through regionalized violent crime assessment meetings and case consultations upon request. During 2003, the CIA Unit consulted on 43 state and local cases. The CIA Unit provides training in the areas of behavioral assessments and investigation of violent crime to law enforcement through structured training programs. In June, a CIA task force consisting of 7 members was deployed for several weeks to assist Troop P, Wyoming, on a multiple homicide investigation involving 5 known victims. The task force assisted by providing crime scene assessments, preparation of probable cause affidavits, interview strategies, searches, interviews of persons-of-interest, and other supportive functions.

The Pennsylvania State Police Missing Persons Unit assists law enforcement in the search and reunification of missing persons from Pennsylvania, as well as the United States and abroad. The Missing Persons Unit provides this investigative assistance through the creation of missing person flyers, wanted person flyers, and coordination of investigative resources and inter-agency cooperation. The Missing Persons Unit also coordinates the Pennsylvania Amber Alert Program (PAAP). Since its inception in 2002, the Department has activated PAAP 28 times. PAAP has been credited with the safe recovery of 10 abducted children. Through the efforts of the Missing Persons Unit, the Pennsylvania Lottery Commission, Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, and PennDOT are now involved with PAAP notifications.

**Pennsylvania Crime Stoppers:** Pennsylvania Crime Stoppers assisted in the start up of County Crime Stoppers programs in Perry and Cumberland Counties. This will bring the number of county programs to 28 in the Commonwealth.

During 2003, the Pennsylvania Crime Stoppers Program assisted in clearing 2 homicides, 1 rape, 3 armed robberies, 3 assaults, 2 thefts, 10 narcotics cases, 2 fugitive cases, and 15 other cases.

There were a total of 20 arrests with \$4,700 in property and \$950 in narcotics recovered. Seven awards were paid, for a total of \$4,150.

**Polygraph Unit:** The Pennsylvania State Police/HACC Polygraph Institute conducted 3 Polygraph Examiner courses during 2003. There were 42 graduates from the school. The permanent school site is to be completed by April 2004.

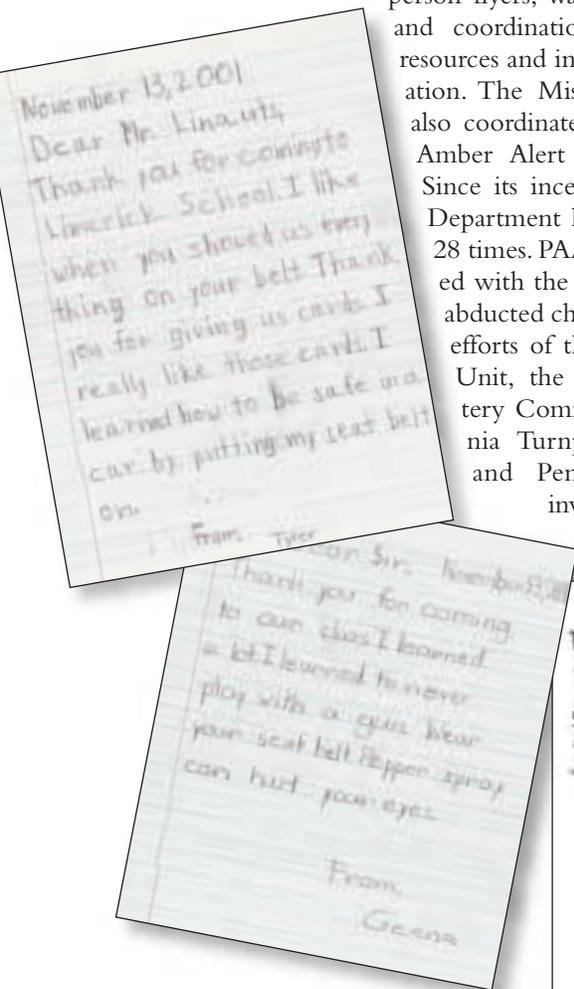
The Polygraph Unit conducted 106 examinations relative to Homicides and/or Death Investigations during 2003.

## Organized Crime Division

**Analytical Intelligence Section:** BCI implemented the Pennsylvania Criminal Intelligence Center (PaCIC) on July 14, 2003. Staffed by civilian Intelligence and Research Analysts, PaCIC provides 24-hour-a-day, 7-day-per-week analytical assistance to Pennsylvania's law enforcement community. PaCIC provides a Daily Report, Intelligence Briefs and Alerts, Threat Assessments, Link Charts, Flow Charts, and Chronological Time-lines, to law enforcement personnel. Also, archived public information, investigative information, and intelligence information can be made available from a multitude of statewide and national databases.

**Operational Intelligence Section:** Within the past year, 5 Area Intelligence Task Forces were created in Norristown, Wilkes-Barre, Jonestown, Harmarville, and Franklin. These Task Forces combine the intelligence-gathering resources of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. Targeted subjects are affiliated with Domestic/International Terrorism Organizations, Race Supremacist Groups, Nontraditional and Traditional Organized Crime, Sex Offenders, Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs, Street Gangs, Narcotics Traffickers, and structured criminal organizations.

**Organized Crime Section:** The Western Organized Crime Task Force conducted investigations into traditional and nontraditional organized crime activity in 2003. One investigation focused on members of a Pittsburgh crime family. During the course of that investigation, raids were conducted on 32 locations, resulting in the seizure of 132 video gambling devices and the arrest of numerous individuals associated with the gambling enterprise.



A second investigation by the Western Organized Crime Task Force focused on a corrupt organization directed from Belarus, a Republic of the former Soviet Union. Thousands of stolen credit card numbers were used in Pennsylvania, California, Texas, and Arizona to make purchases via the Internet. The items were then forwarded to Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus. Five individuals have been prosecuted in state or federal courts for their respective roles in the operation of this organization.

During 2003, the Eastern Organized Crime Task Force successfully completed a number of investigations that focused on corrupt organizations. One investigation focused on a known La Cosa Nostra Associate who was investigated for his role in a large gambling operation, which was active in the Northeastern part of the Commonwealth. The suspect pled guilty to Conspiracy to Commit Money Laundering and Firearm Possession violations, and was sentenced to Federal Prison.

## Bureau of Emergency and Special Operations

Major Richard S. Zenk, Director

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

### Aviation and Special Services Division

**Aviation Section:** The Aviation Section continues to provide aerial support to the field and local police departments through the use of 8 helicopters and 7 airplanes. In June 2003, the Department took delivery of 2 new Model A-119 Koala Helicopters purchased from Agusta Aerospace Corporation of Philadelphia. The 2 new helicopters are the fastest, largest, and most powerful helicopters in the Department's fleet. In conjunction with this purchase, a 23-year-old helicopter was traded. This helicopter had accumulated 13,434 flight hours.

On March 14, 2003, Corporal Kenneth D. Yoder, Helicopter Pilot, Aviation Patrol Unit I - Reading, responded to the Ontelaunee Reservoir, Ontelaunee Township, Berks County, for a report of 2 individuals who had fallen through the ice-covered water. One individual was able to reach the shore on his own. Using Trooper 1, Corporal Yoder flew low to the surface allowing the second individual to grab the helicopter skid tube. The individual was then dragged to shore. For his efforts Corporal Yoder received the Department Commendation Medal.

**Electronic Surveillance Section (ESS):** ESS is a service-oriented segment responsible for the deployment, service, and maintenance of wiretap and other electronic surveillance equipment throughout the Commonwealth. During 2003, ESS responded to 306 requests for technical assistance from various state, federal and local law enforcement agencies. The ESS workload includes court-ordered wiretaps, video surveillance, global positioning monitoring

systems, technical surveillance countermeasures, and audio and video rendering and clarification.

ESS is also responsible for providing wiretap training, required by statute, for all state and local law enforcement officers. The Section is responsible for conducting 9, 1-week certification classes for Class "A" Certification, and 1, 3-week session for Class "B" Certification. During 2003, ESS conducted the largest wiretap certification class ever; 163 officers attended the November class.

### Tactical Operations Division

**Canine Section:** During 2003, the Canine Section expanded to 23 positions, providing canine detection services in the areas of Drugs, Explosives, Accelerants and Cadaver/SAR (Search and Rescue). Additionally, the Cadaver Team and 1 Drug Team are cross-trained in tracking. The expansion was accomplished through in-house training classes, using Canine Section Instructors. There were 6 Drug Detection Teams and 1 Explosive Detection Team that completed the training. The Cadaver Detection Team successfully completed a training program conducted by the Massachusetts State Police.

Explosive Detection Teams were used 278 times during the year. This included 59 school searches, 64 security/dignitary details, 156 other searches, and 28 demonstrations.

Accelerant Detection Teams were utilized 178 times during the year. The 3 Accelerant Detection Teams assisted with 89 arson investigations and 13 investigations involving fatalities.

The Cadaver Detection Team became operational in May 2003. Since that time, the Team has been used 57 times, resulting in the recovery of human remains on 9 occasions. The Team conducted 50 land searches, 2 water searches, 7 Search and Rescue operations, as well as 8 demonstrations. The Team is based at the Canine Section Training Facility in Hershey.

Drug Detection Team operations resulted in the following seizures during the year:

Marijuana	614,225g	\$2,517,149.00
Cocaine	64,513g	\$2,295,550.00
Heroin	7,386g	\$764,170.00
Methamphetamine	1,226g	\$53,700.00
MDMA/ Ecstasy	1,976du	\$44,060.00
Mushrooms	1,372g	\$3,200.00
Steroids	5,660g	\$5,800.00
Paraphernalia	488 items	\$6,855.00
Vehicles	30	\$449,000.00
Firearms	41	\$24,400.00
U.S. Currency		\$1,425,971.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$7,589,855.00</b>

Drug Detection Teams were used 1,813 times and conducted 132 school searches across the state during 2003.

**Special Emergency Response Teams (SERT):** During 2003 SERT were activated for 96 tactical incidents. Sixteen requests were received from local law enforcement, 3 from federal law enforcement, 7 from joint state and federal task force operations, and 2 from other Commonwealth agencies.

During 2003, barricaded gunman incidents accounted for 46 activations. Dignitary protection/security details accounted for 7 activations in 2003.

SERT was involved in the service of 20 high-risk warrants. The majority of warrant service requests were for narcotics violations, followed by homicide and fugitive warrants. One of the narcotics warrant service operations required an explosive breach of a fortified door and involved members of SERT East and SERT West. The breach permitted a swift entry into the structure where several gang members and evidence were taken into custody. There were no injuries.

There were 3 wooded terrain searches conducted during 2003. Thirteen high-risk surveillance and tactical cover operations were conducted to support Department and federal investigations. There were 4 hostage incidents in 2003. Of those 4 incidents, 3 were resolved prior to SERT involvement, and the other resulted in the release of the hostage and surrender of the actor.

The Negotiation Section presented 15 Critical Incident Survival (CIS) Programs to schools and business establishments across the Commonwealth. The CIS Program was selected by the Pennsylvania Department of Education to be presented at their annual conference.

TACTICAL ACTIVATIONS	
Barricaded Gunman	46
Hostage	4
Security	8
Warrant Service	22
Surveillance	13
Wooded Terrain	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>96</b>

**Hazardous Device and Explosive Section:** The creation of the Hazardous Device and Explosive Section (HDES) within BESO was approved by the Department in early 2003. During 2003, a supervisor position and 3 Trooper positions were posted to staff the Section. A selection process was conducted and members have been identified to fill all of the positions. Currently, a supervisor and 1 Trooper have been assigned to HDES. The remaining 2 Troopers will be assigned at a later date that will be determined by training and operational requirements.

HDES members will attend a 5-week course at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, to become certified as bomb technicians. It is anticipated that the first 2 HDES members will be certified and operational by the middle of 2004.

Equipment, vehicles, and tools will be funded through a Federal Homeland Security Grant. The HDES will complement and enhance the operational capabilities of the Bureau's canine explosive detection and explosive breaching resources.



*Bureau of Emergency and Special Operations.*

## 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.

### Patrol Services Division

**Motorcycle Program:** Four members successfully completed the Department's first Basic Police Motorcycle Patrol Training Course. In order to comply with cost-saving measures, the Bureau of Patrol was granted approval to conduct the Department's initial motorcycle patrol training. This eliminates the need to send members to Washington, DC for basic police motorcycle training conducted by the United States Park Police. The basic police motorcycle patrol training was conducted during the month of September at Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, Pennsylvania.

**DUI Field Operations:** During 2003, Department members were responsible for making 30% of the total DUI arrests in the Commonwealth. The following DUI enforcement programs were conducted during 2003:

Operation Nighthawk was a specialized 2-day training and enforcement program aimed at reducing drinking and driving. The Pennsylvania State Police conducted "Operation Nighthawk," in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Association and funding through the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation at 5 locations during 2003. The 2003 programs united Pennsylvania State Police Troopers and municipal police officers, while encouraging open communication and information sharing. A total of 206 Troopers and 242

municipal police officers from 96 different agencies were responsible for 207 DUI arrests, 1,314 traffic citations, 109 underage drinking arrests, and 97 drug arrests.

Crash Reduction in Southwestern Pennsylvania (CRISP) was a year-long pilot program aimed at reducing alcohol-related crashes in Southwestern Pennsylvania. The program, which concluded in June 2003, featured increased patrol efforts to identify and arrest DUI motorists in Allegheny, Beaver, Butler and Washington Counties. The goals were to remove impaired drivers from the highway before they had an opportunity to be involved in a crash and to provide a constant police presence in the area. This program reduced alcohol-related crashes by 20% in the targeted area. State Police Stations participating in the program included: Troop B, Belle Vernon, Findlay, and Washington and Troop D, Beaver and Butler. The program was funded through a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

## Safety Program Division

**Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP):** The Department's Motor Carrier Inspectors (MCIs) participated in several national operations, including Operation Airbrake and Operation Roadcheck, as well as statewide operations such as the Troop Truck Crash Prevention Initiative, Waste Hauler Inspection Program, and Holiday Security Awareness details. A total of 25,948 driver/vehicle inspections were conducted, with inspectors issuing approximately 19,720 traffic citations and 39,363 warnings.

**Vehicle Fraud & School Bus Safety Unit:** Vehicle Fraud Investigators (VFIs) investigated 2,379 vehicle-related complaints during 2003. Additionally, VFIs inspected a total of 45,960 school buses and school vehicles, which resulted in 12,598 violations and 231 summary traffic citations. These totals include unannounced spot checks, when inspections take place at various school districts throughout the month.

**Occupant Protection Program:** The Department's Occupant Protection Program consists of 2 areas: the Child Passenger Safety Program and Occupant Restraint Use, which are initiatives to increase safety belt usage and reduce fatalities and injuries by the use of occupant restraints. The Department has 221 Child Passenger Safety Technicians (CPSTs) and 2 Child Passenger Safety Technician Instructors, certified by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). In 2003, this group inspected over 2,300 child safety seats, while teaching parents and caregivers how to safely transport children. In 2003, the legislature passed a law which requires children from 4 to 8 years of age to be seated in a booster seat. This legislation and subsequent misinformation caused concern among many parents and school transportation officials, resulting in increased educational efforts by CPSTs.

On average, 95% of the child safety seats which were checked had been improperly used, and a majority of those had multiple problems, which demonstrated the need for



*Bureau of Patrol, Trooper Martin C. Long performing a Child Safety Seat Installation.*

this public service program. Grant money was provided to the Department to purchase child passenger safety inspection kits and the supplies necessary for each CPST.

Department members also participated in traffic safety checkpoints and child safety seat check-up events during national and statewide occupant protection enforcement/education efforts throughout 2003. These included National Child Passenger Safety Week, Buckle-Up America Week, and Click It or Ticket Mobilization Week.

**Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Specialists (CARS):** Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Specialists (CARS) were assigned to investigate and forensically map over 387 fatal crashes and serious crime scenes during 2003. In addition, CARS members responded to numerous requests from municipal police departments and district attorneys' Offices for crime scene mapping.

## Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement

**Major Leonard H. McDonald, Director**

The Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement (LCE) 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 Drinking Enforcement Program:** LCE and Troops participate in this joint effort for the purpose of curtailing the purchase and consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors. During 2003, 167 raids were conducted, resulting in a total of 499 arrests; including 387 minors. Since the inception of this program in September 1992, there have been 1,245 raids resulting in 9,857 arrests.

### **Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws Program:**

The Bureau began its 5th year of the "Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws Programs" which is funded by a federal sub grant on June 1, 2003. The sub grant is funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and is awarded through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. In Year 4, which concluded on May 31, 2003, the program resulted in 134 underage drinking arrests, including 14 juveniles; 12 arrests for false identification; 17 arrests for furnishing alcohol to minors; and 46 other related arrests.

This program involves partnering with entities associated with alcohol education, alcohol enforcement, college administration, the alcohol industry, and students. LCE has enlisted the expertise of the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR) to customize programs to further enhance programs on topics such as date violence. Pennsylvanians Against Underage Drinking (PAUD) also participates by advertising a toll free hotline (1-888-UNDER21) and organizing "Choices" conferences.

LCE partnered with these colleges and universities during Year 4: West Chester University, Kings College, Gettysburg College, California University of Pennsylvania, the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, Penn College of Technology, Allegheny College, Kutztown University, and Clarion University.

**1-888-UNDER21 HOTLINE:** The UNDER21 hotline has been operational for 5 years. The information obtained from this line is directed to LCE and forwarded to the appropriate agency. Callers, who can remain anonymous, are encouraged to provide tips about planned events involving underage drinkers or about parties already underway. The Pennsylvania State Police refers calls that require immediate attention directly to the proper agency for whatever action that agency deems appropriate.

The hotline was the first statewide toll free hotline, and is the first of its kind in the United States. Since its inception, several states have requested information and assistance in establishing a similar program in their state.

**Choices Program:** The Choices Program continues to serve as an educational and public relations tool to address the problem of underage drinking by middle and high school age students. A revised version has been offered at the college level for the past several years, primarily used at freshman orientations on the college campuses. The program presented at the college level focuses on emphasizing alternative recreational activities that do not involve alcohol. The program also reinforces the consequences involved for violations of the laws associated with underage drinking and the long-term effects if one chooses to drink. There were 346 presentations in 2003, with 14,351 attendees.

**Nuisance Bar Program:** This primary initiative continues to be a tool that provides an opportunity for the Bureau to assist other agencies in targeting "nuisance" or "problem" establishments. The program aids in curtailing operations of establishments that have a negative impact on

the quality of life in the surrounding community. In 2003, the Bureau received 43 nuisance bar-related complaints, initiated 19 nuisance bar-related investigations, issued 21 citations, and closed 15 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. During 2003, 823 investigations were conducted, resulting in 323 administrative citations, 86 criminal arrests, the seizure of 515 machines, and the seizure of over \$113,498.

**Border Patrols:** This joint initiative with area Troops involves the apprehension and prosecution of individuals who bring alcoholic beverages into the Commonwealth from bordering states. This illegal activity results in lost tax revenue to the Commonwealth. Investigations are generally conducted through undercover surveillance of liquor and beer retail outlets in neighboring states. In 2003, 50 details were conducted, resulting in 13 arrests.

## **Bureau of Drug Law Enforcement**

**Major Frank H. Monaco, Director**

The Bureau of Drug Law Enforcement (BDLE), headquartered in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, is comprised of the Operations Division and the Administration Division. BDLE investigates the manufacture, possession, and distribution of illegal drugs and narcotics in the Commonwealth.



*Bureau of Drug Law Enforcement seizure of 194.4 pounds of cocaine.*

BDLE operates an Eastern, Central, and Western Interdiction Unit, a Financial Investigation/Asset Forfeiture Unit; and also has a Clandestine Laboratory Response Team Coordinator. BDLE also provides support to the Troop Vice Units.

### **Clandestine Laboratory Response Team (CLRT)**

**Activity:** CLRT saw a significant increase in activations during 2003. The CLRT responded to 64 activations during 2003 as compared to 19 in 2001, and 34 in 2002. The increase in clandestine laboratories, laboratory dumpsites, and chemical seizures that the CLRT have encountered in Pennsylvania in 2003 is comparable to the increase in activity observed in states that border Pennsylvania. Methamphetamine production continues to be the primary illegal drug being manufactured in the Commonwealth.

The CLRT continues to conduct training throughout the state to enhance the "first responders" ability to detect these sites and also to safeguard them from the hazards associated with these laboratories. Training has been conducted with local law enforcement, state police, county hazardous materials teams, fire departments, and EMS personnel.

## 2003 PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE PERSONNEL OF THE YEAR

### Trooper Craig B. Amos named State Police "Trooper of the Year"

State Police Commissioner Jeffrey B. Miller named Trooper Craig B. Amos, Troop E, Franklin Station, Patrol Unit, Trooper of the Year. Trooper Amos' discovery of 3 methamphetamine laboratories earned him the honor.

"Trooper Amos is an outstanding law enforcement officer whose work exemplifies the goals, values and professionalism of the Pennsylvania State Police," Col. Miller said.

In January 2002, Tpr. Amos and Tpr. Kenneth A. Hamilton stopped a vehicle in Titusville, Crawford County, for an equipment violation. A subsequent search of the vehicle revealed the components of a methamphetamine laboratory, and criminal charges were filed against 2 occupants of the vehicle.

In another case, Tpr. Amos developed intelligence information in April 2002 as the result of a traffic stop. The information led to the execution of a search warrant at home in Troy Township, Crawford County, where a methamphetamine laboratory was uncovered.

In October 2002, Tpr. Amos and Tpr. Michael J. Orrvick served a search warrant at a home in Cornplanter Township, Venango County, while attempting to locate a subject wanted for a DUI violation. The search revealed a methamphetamine laboratory and a marijuana-growing operation. The DUI subject was apprehended and another subject

responsible for the methamphetamine laboratory also was arrested.

Col. Miller said "Tpr. Amos' efforts developed valuable intelligence efforts regarding the manufacture of methamphetamine in Crawford and Venango Counties. Col. Miller also said Tpr. Amos performed his patrol duties in 2002 in an outstanding manner, handling 296 incidents, making 53 criminal arrests, 20 DUI arrests, 161 traffic arrests, and issuing 135 written warnings."

"Tpr. Amos has established an excellent reputation as a conscientious, enthusiastic, and dedicated individual whose quality of work, initiative and interpersonal skills have enhanced the effectiveness and efficiency of the Pennsylvania State Police," Col. Miller said.

A 1987 graduate of Westminster College with a bachelor's degree in business, Tpr. Amos served with the U.S. Marine Corps and saw action during the Gulf War. He enlisted in the State Police in 1994.

Tpr. Amos and his wife, Kelly, have 2 sons. Tpr. Amos is an active member of St. John's Episcopal Church, Franklin, and serves as an assistant coach in the Oil City Little League.

Tpr. Amos received a ribbon bar, honorary certificate of accomplishment, and a plaque. Sgt. Bernard T. Loll, his supervisor, nominated Tpr. Amos for the award.

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Department Personnel of the Year, Pictured (l-r) Trooper Craig B. Amos, PCO Barbara R. Griffin, LEO Robert T. Calavano, Colonel Jeffrey B. Miller, not pictured is David J. Greenawalt (retired).

## 2003 PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE PERSONNEL OF THE YEAR

### Luzerne County Man named "Liquor Enforcement Officer of the Year"

State Police Liquor Enforcement Officer Robert T. Calavano of Swoyersville, Luzerne County, was honored as the Department's "Liquor Enforcement Officer of the Year."

Calavano, 55, serves in the State Police Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement's Wilkes-Barre District Enforcement Office.

"Robert Calavano is an outstanding liquor enforcement agent who is known for his work ethic, work production, vast knowledge and positive attitude," said State Police Commissioner Jeffrey B. Miller.

A 19-year veteran of liquor law enforcement, Calavano is considered an expert in gambling investigations and his assistance often is requested by outside agencies conducting gambling probes, Col. Miller said.

"Investigations involving Calavano and the Internal Revenue Service have resulted in the forfeiture to State Police of nearly \$1 million in seized gambling assets," Col. Miller said.

He said Calavano has enhanced the image of the district office by maintaining open lines of communication with county treasurers' offices, the state Department of Agriculture, and local police departments.

Liquor Law investigations conducted last year by Calavano resulted in the issuance of 72 administrative citations and 11 warnings and the seizure of 3 illegal gambling devices, Col. Miller said.

Calavano is a graduate of JFK Memorial High School, Iselin New Jersey. He received a bachelor's degree in biology from Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, and attended a masters' degree program in biology for 2 years at the Pennsylvania State University. He and his wife, Phyllis, live in Swoyersville.

Calavano received an honorary certificate of accomplishment and a plaque. Lt. Craig Steve, his former supervisor, nominated him for the award.

### David J. Greenawalt Named State Police "Employee of the Year"

Automotive Maintenance Supervisor David J. Greenawalt was honored as the Pennsylvania State Police "Employee of the Year."

Greenawalt, 50, was employed by State Police for 23 years and worked in the Automotive Equipment Unit at Troop B, Washington, where he supervised 2 mechanics. He retired from the Department in April 2003.

"David Greenawalt was an outstanding employee who understood all aspects of his job and came up with workable solutions to any problems that arose," said State Police Commissioner Jeffrey B. Miller.

Col. Miller said Greenawalt also was known for providing assistance to the Troop in matters not directly related to automotive issues. "His carpentry expertise was of great value in the past year," Col. Miller said. "From

building counters for the patrol room to hanging ceiling fans in the clerks' office, David Greenawalt always was willing to help."

During the past year, Greenawalt twice was selected as employee of the month at the Washington Station, Col. Miller said.

In his off duty hours, Greenawalt coaches a girls' softball team.

Lt. Patrick C. Madigan, Commander of the Staff Services Section at Troop B, Washington, nominated Greenawalt for the award.

### Barbara R. Griffin Named State Police "PCO of the Year"

Police Communications Operator (PCO) Barbara R. Griffin of Troop J, Avondale Station, was honored as the Pennsylvania State Police "Police Communications Operator of the Year." Griffin, 41, has been an employee of the State Police since January 1985. She initially worked at Troop J, Embreeville Station, before transferring to Avondale in 1995.

"Barbara Griffin has displayed extraordinary dedication in serving the citizens of the Commonwealth and fellow employees in the Department," said State Police Commissioner Jeffrey B. Miller.

Police Communications Officers receive telephone and radio communications, dispatch State Police patrols, and generally provide information to citizens who need police services.

Col. Miller noted that in June of 2002, Troopers responded to a home where an individual was threatening to commit suicide with a handgun. He said Griffin contacted the subject by telephone and convinced the individual to surrender to Troopers at the scene without incident.

In August 2002, Griffin received a call from a girl reporting a burglary in progress. Col. Miller said Griffin was able to keep the girl calm and hidden in a closet until Troopers arrived at the scene.

"These 2 incidents demonstrate PCO Griffin's ability to be professional, knowledgeable, and caring during stressful situations," Col. Miller said.

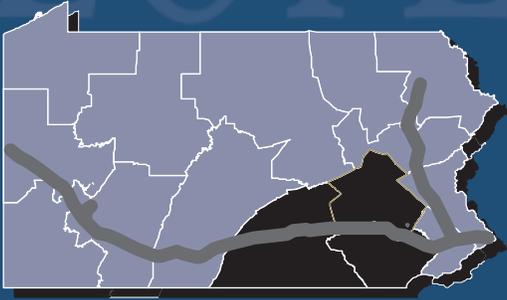
He said Griffin has served since 1997 as a peer contact with the State Police Member Assistance Program and since 1998 as a coordinator/trainer for the State Employee Assistance Program.

"From December 2001 to May 2002, PCO Griffin conducted training for more than 1,550 employees regarding SEAP policies and procedures," Col. Miller said.

Griffin and her husband, Keith V. Griffin Sr., live in Newark, Delaware. She has a son, Keithan, and 3 stepchildren, Keith, James, and Elveria.

Griffin received a certificate of accomplishment and a plaque. Cpl. Frank D. Cini, a Patrol Unit supervisor at Troop J, Avondale, nominated her for the award.

# AREA I



## Area I

Major Coleman J. McDonough

Troop H, Harrisburg  
Captain John F. Duignan

Troop J, Lancaster  
Captain Steven O. McDaniel

Troop L, Reading  
Captain Nancy B. Kovel

Troop T, Highspire  
Captain David K. Points

### 4 Troop Commands

16 Stations providing service to 11 Counties,  
and 8 Stations providing service to 531 miles  
of the Pennsylvania Turnpike.



## Troop H, Harrisburg *Facts and Highlights*

Captain John F. Duignan, Commanding Officer

Headquarters located in Dauphin County

8000 Bretz Drive

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17112

Phone 717-671-7500

### 6 additional Stations:

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

- ★ 380 enlisted and civilian personnel
- ★ Total population of Troop area: approximately 1,129,796
- ★ Total area served by Troop: 3,824.1 square miles
- ★ Total number of incidents handled by Troop during 2003: 64,189

**Operation Trigger Lock:** Troop H participated in the Weed and Seed Program, and Operation Trigger Lock during 2003. Troopers from the Harrisburg Station teamed up with officers from the Harrisburg City Police Department in the operation. The operation was well received by the residents of Harrisburg City and strengthened the working relationship between Harrisburg City Police Department and the Pennsylvania State Police.

**Vehicle Stop Leads to Murder Confession:** In April 2003, Trooper Scott R. Ball, Carlisle Station, investigated a motor vehicle crash in South Hampton Twp., Cumberland County. The vehicle was a Mazda bearing a Missouri registration. The operator of the Mazda told Ball that he had borrowed the vehicle from a friend in Missouri. Trooper Ball was unable to get in contact with the registered owner to verify that the operator had permission to have the vehicle. Trooper Ball contacted University City Police Depart-



Troop H, Motorcycle Unit at the Inauguration Parade for Governor Edward G. Rendell.



ment in Missouri to confirm the operator's story. University City Police arrived at the owner's residence and discovered that he had been murdered. The vehicle was processed by the Troop H Forensic Services Unit. Detectives from University City Police traveled to the Carlisle Station and were assisted by Trooper Ball and Trooper Gregory E. McCombs. The operator was interviewed and confessed to killing the owner, and he also implicated his accomplice in the murder.



Troop H, Troopers Investigate ATV Crash.

**Drug Enforcement Detail in Gettysburg:** During the summer months of 2003, Gettysburg Station members, and Drug Law Enforcement members worked a cooperative drug enforcement detail with the Gettysburg Borough Police Department. After weeks of intelligence gathering and undercover investigations, a sweep was conducted in Gettysburg Borough, and numerous drug dealers were arrested. Following the drug arrests, members from the Gettysburg Station, along with Gettysburg Borough Police, performed saturation patrols in the area. As a result of the saturation patrols, over 40 individuals were arrested for various Vehicle Code and Crimes Code violations.

TROOP H ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS	
Traffic Citations	35,195
DUI Arrests	1,254
MCSAP Inspections	1,707
School Bus Inspections	2,218
Criminal Arrests	8,156
Drug-Related Arrests	645
Fire Marshal Investigations	176
Child Safety Seat Inspections	144



## Troop J, Lancaster *Facts and Highlights*

**Captain Steven O. McDaniel, Commanding Officer**

**Headquarters located in Lancaster County**  
**2099 Lincoln Highway East**  
**Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17602-3384**  
**Phone 717-299-7656**

**3 additional Stations:**

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

- ★ 255 enlisted and civilian personnel
- ★ Total population of Troop area: approximately 928,721
- ★ Total area served by Troop: 1,704.6 square miles
- ★ Total number of incidents handled by Troop during 2003: 39,072

**Troopers Provide Assistance During Two Major Storms:** Two major storms struck Chester and Lancaster Counties in 2003. The first storm was the President's Day blizzard, which covered the area with the second largest snowfall on record, 24 inches. The weather contributed to numerous weather-related vehicle crashes, trees and wires down, and several building collapses in the area. Troopers provided assistance, security, and traffic control.

On September 19, tropical storm Isabel struck, causing millions of dollars in damage. More than 150,000 people lost power at some time during the storm, and many were without electricity for the next week. Significant flooding occurred and many downed trees and wires were reported as a result of unremitting winds. Troopers from Troop J provided assistance and security for emergency crews and the public.

**Murder of Two-Year-Old Boy:** In May 2002, Troopers from the Embreeville Station investigated the death of a 2-year-old boy. It was determined the boy had been physically assaulted by his mother's boyfriend. The boyfriend was charged with criminal homicide and related offenses. Subsequently, the boyfriend pled guilty to murder of the first degree and was sentenced to life imprisonment



without parole. The victim's mother was charged with endangering the welfare of children and recklessly endangering another person. She subsequently received a prison sentence of 3 to 7 years.

**Troopers Deliver Toys to Children on Christmas Day:** On December 25, 2003, Troopers from the Avondale Station delivered dozens of Christmas presents to children residing in an apartment complex located in Avondale Borough, Chester County. The presents were collected from personnel of the Avondale Station and community donors.



## Troop L, Reading Facts and Highlights

**Captain Nancy B. Kovel, Commanding Officer**

**Headquarters located in Berks County  
600 Kenhorst Boulevard  
Reading, Pennsylvania 19611  
Phone 610-378-4011**

### 4 additional Stations:

- ★ Jonestown, Lebanon County
- ★ Frackville, Schuylkill County
- ★ Hamburg, Berks County
- ★ Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill County

- ★ 230 enlisted and civilian personnel
- ★ Total population of Troop area: approximately 651,812
- ★ Total area served by Troop: 1,999.8 square miles
- ★ Total number of incidents handled by Troop during 2003: 38,097

**Amber Alert System Success:** On April 20, 2003, the Schuylkill Haven Station was one of the first police agencies in Pennsylvania to use the Amber Alert System to apprehend a homicide/kidnapping suspect. The incident, which received national media attention, involved multiple agencies including the Pennsylvania State Police, municipal police departments, and federal agencies.

Trooper Bernard J. Walasavage Jr., Schuylkill Haven Station, was on patrol when he received Amber Alert System information on a vehicle that was involved in a homicide/kidnapping incident in the Town of Pocono Lake approximately 80 miles away. The operator of the vehicle had broken into the Pocono Lake home of his 13-year-old niece, then shot and killed her parents with a sawed-off shotgun. He then abducted the girl and fled the area.

The suspect and hostage were observed by Trooper Walasavage on Route 901 in Branch Township, Schuylkill County. Trooper Walasavage, with the assistance of municipal police, pursued the suspect's vehicle. The pursuit ended in Bethel Township, Berks County, when the suspect stopped the vehicle in a parking lot of a local business that was closed for the day. The hostage was released unharmed to Trooper Walasavage. The suspect, armed with a shotgun, engaged in a stand-off with Trooper Walasavage and other police. The suspect surrendered after an extended period of negotiation with Pennsylvania State Police Special Emergency Response Team members. The suspect is facing numerous charges in Monroe County.

**Protesters Target Churches in Lebanon:** On September 28, 2003, 5 churches in the city of Lebanon, Lebanon County, were targeted for protests by the Westboro Baptist Church of Topeka, Kansas. The protests were scheduled in conjunction with the premiere of the film documentary "Jim in Bold," which chronicled the alternate lifestyle of a Lebanon male youth and his eventual suicide. The city of Lebanon Police Department requested assistance from the Pennsylvania State Police to ensure security

## TROOP J ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS

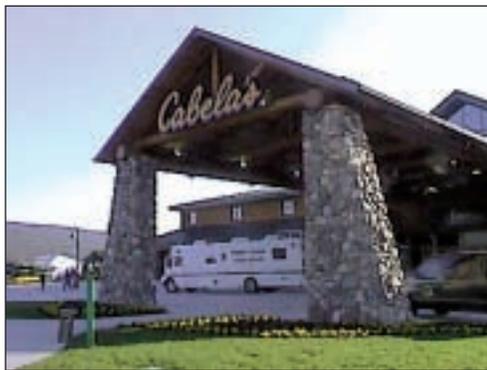
Traffic Citations . . . . .	18,053
DUI Arrests . . . . .	813
MCSAP Inspections . . . . .	1,603
School Bus Inspections . . . . .	2,336
Criminal Arrests . . . . .	4,170
Drug-Related Arrests . . . . .	307
Fire Marshal Investigations . . . . .	182
Child Safety Seat Inspections . . . . .	624



*Troop J, Trooper Matthew P. Carr making a Safety Presentation to PreSchool Children.*

during the protests. Personnel from Troop L, as well as members of the State Police Motorcycle, and Aviation Units, teamed up with personnel from the Lebanon City Police, Lebanon County Sheriff's Office, Lebanon County District Attorney's Office, and others to provide security. No injuries or property damages were reported during the protests.

**Troop Detail Assigned to Grand Opening of Cabela's Outfitters:** From October 3, 2003, through October 5, 2003, Cabela's Outfitters held the Grand Opening of their first store located in the eastern United States. Each day during the event over 70,000 visitors came to northern Berks County to visit the new store. Troop L provided a detail consisting of 45 Troopers, assisted by members of the Aviation and Motorcycle Units, to provide traffic control, crowd control, and other police services. The Department Mobile Command Post was activated for the operation. No major incidents were recorded during the period.



*Troop L, Department Mobile Command Post at Cabela's Grand Opening.*

PEOPLE TROOP L ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS	
Traffic Citations	16,069
DUI Arrests	541
MCSAP Inspections	1,287
School Bus Inspections	2,624
Criminal Arrests	4,305
Drug-Related Arrests	158
Fire Marshal Investigations	100
Child Safety Seat Inspections	276



*Troop L, Mounted Unit on Patrol during Lebanon Church Protests.*



*Troop L, Double Murder Suspect is Arrested by Department SERT Members.*





## Troop T, Highspire Facts and Highlights

**Captain David K. Points, Commanding Officer**

**Headquarters located in Dauphin County  
P.O. Box 67676  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17106-7676  
Phone 717-939-9551**

### 8 additional Stations:

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

- ★ 249 enlisted and civilian personnel
- ★ Troop T covers the entire 531 miles of the Pennsylvania Turnpike system, including 61 fare collection facilities, 21 service plazas, 2 traveler information centers, 21 maintenance facilities, 5 bridges, and 5 tunnels.
- ★ Average traffic volume per day: 412,318 automobiles and 61,090 commercial vehicles. 172.8 million vehicles use the Turnpike each year.
- ★ Total number of incidents handled by Troop during 2003: 43,689

**Traffic Safety Initiatives:** Troop T continues to employ innovative traffic safety programs to ensure the safety of motorists using the Pennsylvania Turnpike. Increased visibility and reducing excessive speed of motorists continue to remain a top priority for all Troop T personnel. Special enforcement programs such as MCSAP inspections, radar details, SPARE, civilian clothes patrols, Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission truck details, Centipede, and TAG-D, are used to increase State Police visibility and contacts with motorists.

**20-Vehicle Crash Closes Turnpike:** On April 5, 2003, a crash occurred when 2 tractor-trailers and 18 other vehicles collided during dense fog conditions at milepost 166 eastbound in Brush Creek Township, Fulton County. This multi-fatal crash resulted in the deaths of 4 people and injuries to 28 others. Seventeen members of the Indiana University of Pennsylvania Women's Rugby Team were recognized in a ceremony at the State Police Academy where Colonel Miller presented them with the State Police Outstanding Citizenship Award. These young women received national media attention and were recognized for their involvement in administering aid to victims, pulling them out of vehicles that were close to other burning vehicles, carrying stretchers and body boards, and assisting in the clean up of debris on the roadway.

**14-Vehicle Crash Closes Northeast Extension for 14 Hours:** On November 7, 2003, a 14-vehicle crash closed southbound lanes of the Northeast Extension for 14 hours as the result of smoke from a vehicle fire that blanketed the southbound lanes. Six commercial vehicles and 8 passenger vehicles were involved, resulting in 1 fatality, and injuries to 10 people. Over 100 emergency service personnel from 14 agencies provided assistance.

**Clark Summit Bridge Suicides:** An ongoing problem had been identified involving suicides/jumpers at the Clark Summit Bridge (Freedom Bridge), located in South Abington Twp., Lackawanna County. The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission and the Pennsylvania State Police met to discuss preventative measures, which resulted in suicide prevention phones being installed in the vicinity of the bridge. The phones, located on the northbound and southbound sides of the roadway, are connected to a Crisis Intervention Center.

<b>TROOP T ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS</b>	
Traffic Citations	81,558
DUI Arrests	130
MCSAP Inspections	2,771
MCSAP Citations	5,866
Criminal Arrests	366
Drug-Related Arrests	37
Written Warnings	43,092
Seat Belt Warnings	12,196



*Sergeant John F. Ferraro, Troop T, working on the patrol schedule.*

# AREA II



Area II  
Major Sidney A. Simon

Troop F, Montoursville  
Captain Mark E. Lomax

Troop P, Wyoming  
Captain Carmen R. Altavilla

Troop R, Dunmore  
Captain Joseph T. Marut

3 Troop Commands  
17 Stations providing service to 17 Counties



## Troop F, Montoursville *Facts and Highlights*

Captain Mark E. Lomax, Commanding Officer

Headquarters located in Lycoming County  
899 Cherry Street  
Montoursville, Pennsylvania 17754-2009  
Phone 570-368-5700

### 7 additional Stations:

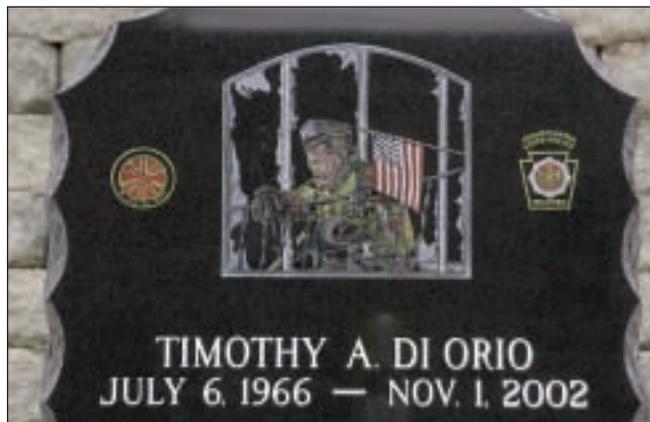
- ★ Coudersport, Potter County
- ★ Emporium, Cameron County
- ★ Lamar, Clinton County
- ★ Mansfield, Tioga County
- ★ Milton, Northumberland County
- ★ Selinsgrove, Snyder County
- ★ Stonington, Northumberland County

- ★ 297 enlisted and civilian personnel
- ★ Total population of Troop area: approximately 413,620
- ★ Total area served by Troop: 5,973.8 square miles
- ★ Total number of incidents handled by Troop during 2003: 33,723

**Trooper Receives Award for Seat Belt Enforcement:** Trooper Dominic A. Picerno, Selinsgrove Station, received the 2003 Buckle Up Pennsylvania Award for issuing the most seat belt citations in the Department. This marked the second year in a row Trooper Picerno has won the award. Picerno was invited to represent the Department at the Lifesaver's Convention in Chicago, Illinois.

**Artist Sketches Presented to Families of Fallen Troopers:** Trooper Matthew J. Higgins, Montoursville Station, was invited to the State Police Memorial Day Services at the Academy on May 2, where his artist sketches of Trooper Joseph J. Sepp and Trooper Brian A. Patterson, both of whom were killed in the line of duty within the past 14 months, were presented to both surviving families.

**Trooper Timothy A. DiOrio Remembered:** On November 1, 2003, a ceremony was held to honor the 1-year anniversary of the death of Trooper Timothy A. DiOrio. Trooper DiOrio was killed fighting a fire while in his capacity as Lieutenant for the Main Fire Company in



*Troop F, Monument for Trooper Timothy A. DiOrio, Killed While Serving as a Volunteer Firefighter.*

Northumberland County. The event occurred in Coal Township and was attended by several hundred people, including many members from Troop F. State Police Chaplain Ted Kelley delivered the invocation, blessing, and benediction and Sergeant Angelo Martin provided an inspiration speech in tribute to Trooper DiOrio. A monument was dedicated to the memory of Trooper DiOrio and a replica of his firefighter's helmet was passed through the members of the Main Fire Company until it was finally placed within the cab of a newly purchased fire truck.

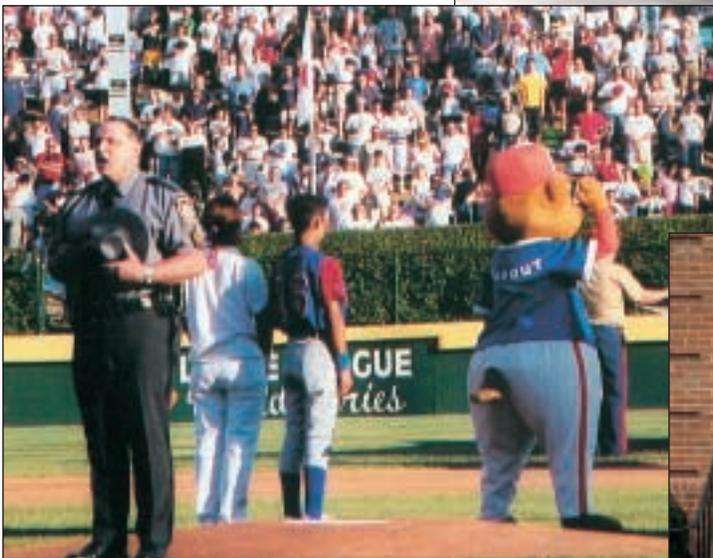
**Troop F Members Raise Money for Those in Need:** Members of Troop F displayed compassion for those in need throughout 2003. Donation drives within Troop F for members recently killed in the line of duty raised approximately \$5,000, bringing the amount raised by the Troop for PSP members killed in the past 2 years to nearly \$10,000. In April 2003, members of the Montoursville Station took part in a charity basketball game against former Montoursville High School basketball players, raising \$1,200 for the local chapter of the American Cancer Society. In October 2003, personnel from the Montoursville Station participated in a Red Cross blood drive to assist retired Trooper Al Minnick, who had developed a blood disorder that depleted his red blood cells.

TROOP F ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS:	
Traffic Citations	32,029
DUI Arrests	873
MCSAP Inspections	1,771
School Bus Inspections	1,725
Criminal Arrests	4,601
Drug-Related Arrests	160
Fire Marshal Investigations	97
Child Safety Seat Inspections	128

**Area Commander Nabs Shoplifter:** In July of 2003, Area II Commander Major Sidney A. Simon was patronizing the Williamsport K-Mart when he heard a commotion in the back of the store. Responding to shouts by the store manager to a cashier to stop a fleeing shoplifter, Major Simon chased down and apprehended the suspect before he could exit the store.



*Troop F, new Milton Station*



*Troop F, Sergeant Thomas V. McLaughlin, Jr., singing the National Anthem at the Little League World Series.*



*Troop F, Trooper Dominic A. Picerno receiving the 2003 Buckle Up PA Award.*



## Troop P, Wyoming Facts and Highlights

Captain Carmen R. Altavilla, Commanding Officer

Headquarters located in Luzerne County  
475 Wyoming Avenue  
Wyoming, Pennsylvania 18644  
Phone 570-826-5464

### 4 additional Stations:

- ★ LaPorte, Sullivan County
- ★ Towanda, Bradford County
- ★ Shickshinny, Luzerne County
- ★ Tunkhannock, Wyoming County

- ★ 198 enlisted and civilian personnel
- ★ Total population of Troop area: approximately 336,518
- ★ Total area served by Troop: 2,600.4 square miles
- ★ Total number of incidents handled by Troop during 2003: 21,374

**Burglary Investigation Turns Into Murder Investigation:** Trooper Gerard C. Sachney, Wyoming Headquarters, was conducting a burglary investigation when he received information that there were human remains buried at a residence in Kingston Township, Luzerne County. Investigators conducted a search on the property and discovered a shallow grave containing the remains of 2 individuals. The remains were identified, and it was discovered that they had been missing since May 2002. One of the victims was a Wyoming County Pharmacist who had been convicted on various drug charges, and disappeared just before his sentencing hearing. The other victim was identified as the Pharmacist's girlfriend. An intense search of the property was performed by a task force comprised of personnel from the Pennsylvania State Police, Luzerne County District Attorney's Office, Municipal Police, and Federal Investigators. Cadaver K-9 Units from the Pennsylvania State Police and New York State Police also took part in the



Mr. Alphonso D. Pace, Jr., Troop P, Automotive Equipment Unit, performing vehicle maintenance.

## PEOPLE TROOP P ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS

Traffic Citations . . . . .	14,473
DUI Arrests . . . . .	358
MCSAP Inspections . . . . .	1,108
Child Safety Seat Inspections . . . . .	246
School Bus Inspections . . . . .	622
Drug-Related Arrests . . . . .	248
Fire Marshal Investigations . . . . .	147
Child Safety Seat Inspections . . . . .	248

search. The skeletal remains of 3 additional individuals were found on the property. Two suspects have been arrested for the murder of 2 of the individuals. The investigation is still continuing.

**Two Men Arrested in Hanover Township Homicide.** In September 2003, a badly decomposed body was discovered in a strip mine in Hanover Township, Luzerne County. The Hanover Township Police Department requested that the State Police lead the investigation. An investigative team comprised of personnel from Wyoming Headquarters, as well as the Hanover Township Police Department and the Luzerne County District Attorney's Office, was established. The Troop P Forensic Services Unit was able to obtain fingerprints from the decomposed body and identify the victim through AFIS. Investigators were then able to identify 2 suspects, and subsequently obtained confessions from both men. One suspect was the victim's nephew, and the other suspect was an acquaintance of the victim. Both suspects have been charged with Criminal Homicide, and are incarcerated in the Luzerne County Prison as they await their preliminary hearings. The lead investigator in the case is Trooper Charles J. Prula, Wyoming Headquarters.

**Three Arrested in Bradford County Crime Spree:** During the second half of 2003, a rash of burglaries, thefts, stolen vehicles, and other crimes occurred in Bradford County. Corporal Bradley A. Shatinsky, Tunkhannock Station, started a surveillance detail on a few of the areas that were experiencing criminal activity. Several suspects were arrested for related offenses by Troopers from the LaPorte Station. Investigators were able to secure written admissions from several individuals which led to the clearance of 17 of the Bradford County crimes, and the arrest of 3 suspects. The lead investigator is Trooper Jeffrey P. Sredenschek, Towanda Station. The investigation is continuing.



## Troop R, Dunmore *Facts and Highlights*

**Captain Joseph T. Marut, Commanding Officer**

**Headquarters located in Lackawanna County**  
**85 Keystone Industrial Park**  
**Dunmore, Pennsylvania 18512-0159**  
**Phone 570-963-3156**

**3 additional Stations:**

- ★ Honesdale, Wayne County
- ★ Gibson, Susquehanna County
- ★ Blooming Grove, Pike County

- ★ 216 enlisted and civilian personnel
- ★ Total population of Troop area: approximately 351,777
- ★ Total area served by Troop: 2,557.8 square miles
- ★ Total number of incidents handled by Troop during 2003: 28,906

**Arrest for Involuntary Manslaughter in 20-Year-Old Case:**

On February 10, 2003, a Scranton woman was arrested and charged with Involuntary Manslaughter in the fatal shooting of her 12-year-old daughter. The incident had occurred on November 12, 1983. Corporal Robert S. Stoud, Troop R Criminal Investigation Assessment Unit, discovered several discrepancies when he was reviewing old case investigations. As a result of his discoveries, an investigation was conducted by the Troop R Criminal Investigation Unit. Based on the new investigation, the Scranton woman was arrested, and she subsequently pled guilty to Involuntary Manslaughter.

**Hazing Case Draws National Attention:** During August 2003, members of the Mephram High School Football Team traveled to Wayne County, Pennsylvania, to participate in a football camp held at Camp Wayne. Upon the team's return to Long Island, New York, information began to emerge regarding "hazing" activities which had taken place at the camp. Several of the students involved sought medical treatment for injuries sustained as a result of the "hazing." The Honesdale Station was contacted, and an investigation was initiated by the Criminal Investigation Unit. After a complex investigation, which included a Grand Jury, 3 juvenile suspects were identified. Petitions were filed and a motion to certify the juveniles to adult court was made by the District Attorney. The motion was denied and the 3 juveniles were adjudicated in Juvenile Court. This case received nationwide media attention and

TROOP R ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS	
Traffic Arrests	14,309
DUI Arrests	338
MCSAP Inspections	905
School Bus Inspections	781
Criminal Arrests	2,762
Drug-Related Arrests	165
Fire Marshal Investigations	198
Child Safety Seat Inspections	312

was covered by the major networks. Media interest culminated with a feature story carried by *Sports Illustrated* during December 2003.

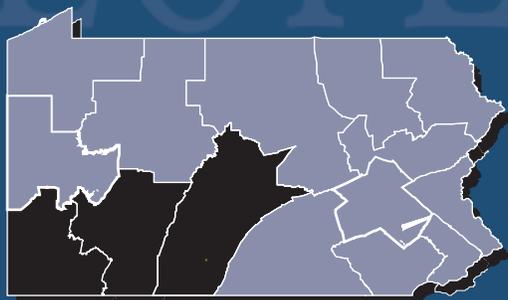
**Trooper Receives Prestigious Award:** The Drug and Alcohol Treatment Service of Lackawanna County presented an award to Trooper Mark J. Prushinski, Dunmore Headquarters, for his "Dedication in Reducing Drunk Driving Incidence in our Community." Lackawanna County District Attorney Andrew Jarbola presented the award to Trooper Prushinski.

**Top Troop R DUI Enforcers:** The top Troop R DUI Enforcers for 2003 were: Trooper Mark J. Prushinski, Dunmore Headquarters; Trooper Chad L. Cunningham, Honesdale Station; Trooper Jennifer A. Kosakevitch, Blooming Grove Station; Trooper Jeffrey D. Burman, Gibson Station. These members were commended for their outstanding commitment to DUI enforcement and highway safety.



*Troop R, Trooper Mark J. Prushinski Receiving an Award from the Lackawanna County District Attorney for his "Dedication to Reducing Drunk Driving Incidence in the Community."*

# AREA III



## Area III

Major Lyle H. Szupinka

Troop A, Greensburg  
Captain Harvey Cole, Jr.

Troop B, Washington  
Captain Roger N. Waters

Troop G, Hollidaysburg  
Captain Joseph A. Holmberg

3 Troop Commands

17 Stations providing service to 16 Counties



## Troop A, Greensburg *Facts and Highlights*

**Captain Harvey Cole Jr., Commanding Officer**

**Headquarters located in Westmoreland County**

**100 North Westmoreland Avenue**

**P.O. Box "P"**

**Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601-0436**

**Phone 724-832-3288**

### 4 additional Stations:

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

- ★ 330 enlisted and civilian personnel
- ★ Total population of Troop area: approximately 649,025
- ★ Total area served by Troop: 3,414.6 square miles
- ★ Total number of incidents handled by Troop during 2003: 53,458

**Murderer of Trooper Joseph J. Sepp Convicted:** The longest homicide trial in Cambria County history concluded on December 10, 2003, with the conviction of Mark Leach for First Degree Murder in the death of Trooper Joseph J. Sepp. Leach was also convicted of Attempted Homicide for firing upon Trooper Sepp's partner, Trooper Brian Lampel.

On November 9, 2002, Troopers Sepp and Lampel were assisting municipal police who were in pursuit of a vehicle operated by Mark Leach. Leach's vehicle struck a utility pole and Leach exited his vehicle brandishing a handgun in each hand. He immediately began firing at the Troopers. Trooper Sepp was struck in the head with 1 round from Leach's .41 magnum handgun. Trooper Sepp died of his injuries on November 10, 2002.



**Theft of Explosives:** In October 2003, 718 pounds of explosives were stolen from a storage facility at the Guelich Explosive Company, Somerset Township, Somerset County. The investigation was conducted by personnel from the Somerset Station, Troop A Vice Unit; the Bureau of Criminal Investigation; the Bureau of Emergency and Special Operations; the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF); and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Within 24 hours of the incident being reported, the explosives were recovered and 4 suspects were arrested. The explosives were recovered in a secluded field in Milford Township, Somerset County. The ATF and the Allegheny County Bomb Squad took custody of the explosives.

TROOP A ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS	
Traffic Citations . . . . .	27,565
DUI Arrests . . . . .	760
MCSAP Inspections . . . . .	1,621
School Bus Inspections . . . . .	1,449
Criminal Arrests . . . . .	6,988
Drug-Related Arrests . . . . .	278
Fire Marshal Investigations . . . . .	259
Child Safety Seat Inspections . . . . .	395



## Troop B, Washington *Facts and Highlights*

**Captain Roger N. Waters Commanding Officer**

**Headquarters located in Washington County**  
**83 Murtland Avenue**  
**Washington Pennsylvania 15301**  
**Phone 724-223-5200**

**4 additional Stations:**

- ★ Belle Vernon, Washington County
- ★ Uniontown, Fayette County
- ★ Pittsburgh, Allegheny County
- ★ Waynesburg, Greene County
- ★ 357 enlisted and civilian personnel
- ★ Total population of Troop area: approximately 1,623,778
- ★ Total area served by Troop: 2,930.0 square miles
- ★ Total number of incidents handled by Troop during 2003: 55,471

**Homicide Cleared After Eleven Years:** In June 2003, Trooper Daniel J. Venick, Troop B Cold Case Unit, arrested Erin Todd Spade for his role in a homicide that had occurred in 1992. In January 2002, Trooper Venick received information concerning the drug-related homicide which occurred in South Union Township, Fayette County. Trooper Venick conducted the homicide investigation, which ultimately resulted in a guilty plea from Spade in November 2003.

**Operation C.A.R.E.** Troop B hosted an Operation C.A.R.E. (Combined Accident Reduction Effort) annual kickoff event in May of 2003 at the Claysville Welcome

Center on Interstate 70. Present at the kickoff were Pennsylvania State Senator J. Barry Stout, and representatives from the Pennsylvania State Police, PennDOT, the West Virginia State Police, the Ohio State Highway Patrol, and AAA. This combined law enforcement event is a public information and educational event at the start of the summer travel season.

**Troop B Awards and Recognition:** Troopers John Pash, Uniontown Station; Troopers David Hamer and Jeffrey Wirth of Belle Vernon Station; and Trooper Robert Wetzel of the Washington Station were recipients of the Pennsylvania DUI Association TOP GUN Award for DUI Enforcement.

Troop B received the AAA 2003 Platinum traffic safety Award for success and dedication to traffic safety.

Troop B was the recipient of the "Safe Driving Communities" award for traffic safety efforts, and partnering with the Western Alliance, Team DUI Task Force.



*Troop B, Operation C.A.R.E. Kickoff.*

**DUI Special Enforcement Projects:** During 2 days in September 2003, Troop B and the Bureau of Patrol hosted "Operation Nighthawk" in Allegheny County. Participating in the Operation were 66 police officers representing 27 municipal police departments, as well as 53 members from Troops A, B, D, and T. The DUI saturation patrols resulted in 51 DUI arrests, 286 traffic citations, 19 underage drinking arrests, 19 Act 64 arrests, and 354 written warnings.

Operation C.R.I.S.P. (Crash Reduction In Southwest Pennsylvania) was a 1-year DUI saturation pilot project with the Bureau of Patrol targeting major highway corridors of Allegheny County, funded by a PennDOT grant. Members from Troop B Belle Vernon, Pittsburgh, and Washington Stations, as well as Troop D, Beaver, and Butler Stations participated. The results of the 1-year program for targeted areas included 1,433 DUI arrests, a 17% increase from the previous year, and 287 DUI crashes reported, which was a 21% decrease from the previous year. Also, 1,216 traffic citations, 1,053 written warnings, and 19 Underage Drinking arrests were recorded during the period.

TROOP B ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS:	
Traffic Citations . . . . .	33,044
DUI Arrests . . . . .	1,549
MCSAP Inspections . . . . .	1,814
School Bus Inspections . . . . .	4,398
Criminal Arrests . . . . .	6,614
Drug-Related Arrests . . . . .	396
Fire Marshall Investigations . . . . .	383
Child Safety Seat Inspections . . . . .	303



*Troop B, Top DUI Enforcers.*



## Troop G, Hollidaysburg *Facts and Highlights*

**Captain Joseph A. Holmberg, Commanding Officer**

**Headquarters located in Blair County  
1510 North Juniata Street  
Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648  
Phone 814-696-6100**

**6 additional Stations:**

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

- ★ 273 enlisted and civilian personnel
- ★ Total population of Troop area: approximately 445,575
- ★ Total area served by Troop: 4,763.1 square miles
- ★ Total number of incidents handled by Troop during 2003: 38,343

**Troop G Proactive Crime Task Force:** During 2003, the Troop G Proactive Crime Task Force conducted numerous investigations into firearms violations which uncovered various “Straw Purchase Rings” operating in Blair County. Further investigation resulted in the recovery of 6 handguns and the filing of charges against 4 subjects who were transporting the guns out of state. One of the arrested subjects was wanted in New Jersey and a second subject was wanted in Maryland.

The Task Force investigations into local “Swap Shops” have shown that heroin users are routinely selling stolen merchandise at these locations. Investigation has shown that the owner of 1 of these establishments was providing “shopping lists” to selected heroin addicts directing them as to what retail items he was interested in purchasing. He would then sell the items through an online auction service. Search warrants conducted on the business and the owner’s residence resulted in the seizure of over \$100,000 of stolen property.

The Task Force has also conducted investigations into subjects labeled as “re-shipper.” These subjects purchase items with stolen or fraudulent credit cards. The merchandise is delivered to local addresses and the “re-shippers” send it overseas to an address in Africa. The victims in these cases have been from locations around the world. Two search warrants have been served, and approximately \$21,500 of merchandise was recovered.

**Lewistown Area Drug Ring Investigation:** As the result of a 4-month investigation initiated by the Troop G Vice Unit, 21 people from Mifflin County and New York City were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury for their involvement in a heroin and crack cocaine distribution organization in the Lewistown area. In addition to numerous arrests in the case, the Mifflin County District Attorney and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration are in the process of seizing several houses and a vehicle that were used by the organization.

**Top Troop G DUI Enforcer:** Trooper Joseph A. Loughran, Hollidaysburg Station, arrested a total of 105 individuals for DUI during 2003. He exemplifies the belief that for every DUI subject taken off of the road prior to a collision occurring, an innocent life may have been saved.



*Troop G, new Bedford Station.*



*Troop G, new Lewistown Station.*

PEOPLE TROOP G ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS	
Traffic Citations	26,463
DUI Arrests	913
MCSAP Inspections	1,879
School Bus Inspections	1,071
Criminal Arrests	5,190
Drug-Related Arrests	281
Fire Marshal Investigations	114
Child Safety Seat Inspections	875

# AREA IV



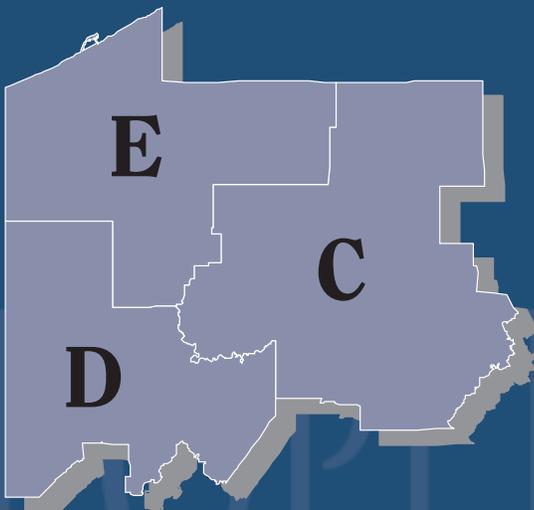
Area IV  
Major Terry L. Seilhamer

Troop C, Punxsutawney  
Captain James R. Tripp

Troop D, Butler  
Captain Susan U. Bell

Troop E, Erie  
Captain Michael J. Hample

3 Troop Commands  
18 Stations providing service to 17 Counties



## Troop C, Punxsutawney *Facts and Highlights*

**Captain James R. Tripp, Commanding Officer**

**Headquarters located in Jefferson County**  
**P.O. Box 445, 445 North Findley Street**  
**Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania 15767-0445**  
**Phone 814-938-0510**

### 6 additional Stations:

- ★ Clarion, Clarion County
- ★ Kane, McKean County
- ★ Clearfield, Clearfield County
- ★ Ridgway, Elk County
- ★ DuBois, Clearfield County
- ★ Tionesta, Forest County

- ★ 249 enlisted and civilian personnel
- ★ Total population of Troop area: approximately 260,045
- ★ Total area served by Troop: 4,756.6 square miles
- ★ Total number of incidents handled by Troop during 2003: 33,836

**Governor and Mrs. Edward G. Rendell Meet Punxsutawney Phil:** Members of Troop C, assisted by personnel from Troop D, Troop A, Liquor Control Enforcement, Punxsutawney Borough Police, and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department provided security in the Punxsutawney area for the annual Groundhog Day Festival on February 2, 2003. Governor Edward G. Rendell and an estimated 25,000 spectators attended the weekend event. Enforcement efforts resulted in 2 DUI arrests, 7 traffic citations, 43 written warnings, and 1 arrest for Disorderly Conduct.

**Troop C Monthly Awards Program:** This Troop program recognizes exceptional performance of Troop personnel each month. The 2003 award winners were as follows: January - Trooper Gary J. Simler, Clearfield Station; February - Trooper Keith D. Allen, DuBois Station; March - Trooper Scott F. Nelson, Kane Station; April - Trooper Jeffrey W. Dahl, DuBois Station; May - Trooper Mark A. Kraynick, Kane Station; June - Trooper Michael P. Mays, Punxsutawney Headquarters; July - Trooper Mary J. McGinnis, Clearfield Station; August - Trooper Shawn K. Compton, DuBois Station; September - Trooper Michael L. Kopas, Punxsutawney Headquarters; October - Trooper Reed L. Greci, Clarion Station; November - Trooper Theodore L. Horner, Jr., Clearfield Station; December - Corporal Ronald P. Shirey and Trooper Louis V. Davis, Punxsutawney Headquarters.

**Child Safety Seat and Seat Belt Enforcement:** Strict enforcement of the seat belt laws was a significant part of a year-long effort to reduce crash-related serious injuries and fatalities. Trouble areas were identified through Problem Specific Policing and the use of highway surveys. Tactics employed included multi-station and multi-jurisdiction checkpoints and saturation patrols. The community was advised of restraint system requirements and their effectiveness through a Troop program entitled, "Tell Someone You Care About." Certificates were distributed to provide a positive reinforcement restraint system message to motorists. Also, during the month of May, area schools participated in



## Troop D, Butler Facts and Highlights

**Captain Susan U. Bell, Commanding Officer**

**Headquarters located in Butler County**  
**200 Barracks Road**  
**Butler, Pennsylvania 16001-2689**  
**Phone 724-284-8100**

**4 additional Stations:**

- ★ Kittanning, Armstrong County
- ★ Beaver, Beaver County
- ★ Mercer, Mercer County
- ★ New Castle, Lawrence County

- ★ 296 enlisted and civilian personnel
- ★ Total population of Troop area: approximately 712,739
- ★ Total area served by Troop: 3,015.0 square miles
- ★ Total number of incidents handled by Troop during 2003: 46,429

a letter distribution program with the Troop. Area schools provided kindergarten through second grade students with a letter addressed to parents. The letter contained information about the new child/booster seat laws.

The Troop also participated in the “Click It or Ticket Program,” which resulted in the issuance of 183 citations and 5,709 warnings.

**Patrol Accomplishments:** During the year 2003, Troop C Stations participated in a variety of traffic enforcement initiatives with the goal of making the highways safer. Troop C placed special emphasis on high visibility and increased holiday enforcement efforts during 2003. There were 2,964 speeding citations and 1,354 other citations issued during the 2003 holiday enforcement efforts. In addition, 95 DUI arrests, 105 restraint system citations, and 1,487 restraint system warnings were issued during these programs. The Troop also conducted monthly speed enforcement programs in school zones. Troopers issued 118 speeding citations and 234 warnings during these programs. The Weigh Station along Interstate 80 in Clarion County is an integral part of the Troop’s enforcement program. Approximately 47,657 commercial vehicles were weighed, utilizing the weigh-in-motion scale; 1,343 citations were issued for overweight or oversize vehicle violations and 1,869 warnings were issued for overweight or oversize vehicle violations.

**Truck Crash Prevention Initiatives:** Troop D members participated in 17 Troop Truck Crash Prevention Initiative (TTCPI) operations in the Troop area during 2003.

**Award for Police Officer of the Year:** Sergeant Theodore A. Swartzlander, Butler Headquarters, was selected as the Butler County Lions Club Police Officer of the Year.

**Child Safety Program:** On February 4, 2003, Trooper Robert J. Lagoon, Butler Headquarters, teamed up with the Pittsburgh Pirates professional baseball team mascot, the Pirate Parrot, and presented the “Charlie Check-First” child safety program to 15 elementary school children, at the Broad Street Elementary School, located in the city of Butler. Following the presentation, Trooper Lagoon and the Pirate Parrot utilized a baseball game with the children to reinforce the lessons presented in the safety program.

**Citizens’ Police Academy:** Between February 20 and May 8, 2003, a Citizens’ Police Academy (CPA) was conducted at the Troop D, Butler Headquarters. Various speakers conducted classes for the 23 participants over a 12-week period. Graduation was held on May 8, 2003, and diplomas were issued to the participating students.

**Trooper Killed in One-Vehicle Crash:** On August 27, 2003, Trooper Robert W. Bianchin, 32, was killed in a 1-vehicle crash in Butler Township, Butler County. Trooper Bianchin was an 8-year veteran of the Department. He served at Troop C, Clarion; Troop D, Kittanning; and Troop D, Butler. He is survived by his wife and a 1-year old daughter. Members of the Department paid their respects during his funeral on September 2, 2003.

**Weed and Seed Program in Mercer County:** During September 2003, the cities of Sharon and Farrell in Mercer County were approved as sites for the Governor’s Weed and Seed Program. The program includes matching grants from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Mercer County government, and is intended to reduce crime in the targeted areas by providing joint undercover

### TROOP C ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS

Traffic Arrests	33,767
DUI Arrests	643
MCSAP Inspections	1,863
School Bus Inspections	619
Criminal Arrests	3,633
Drug-Related Arrests	237
Fire Marshal Investigations	134
School Bus Inspections	619
Child Safety Seat Inspections	411

drug investigations and saturation patrols. Members from Troop D and other Units within the Department assisted municipal police and sheriffs in the operations.

**Troopers Honored for DUI Enforcement Efforts:** In November 2003, Trooper Eric R. Miller and Trooper Christopher A. Filer, both from the Mercer Station, were honored by the DUI Association at the annual conference in York, Pennsylvania, for their 2002 DUI enforcement efforts. Both earned the title of "Top Gun" for making 50 or more DUI arrests. Trooper Miller was 11th in the State with a total of 53 DUI arrests in 2002, and Trooper Filer finished 12th with a total of 52 DUI arrests.

**Toys for Tots Collection Point at Mercer Station:** For the 5th year in a row, the Mercer Station served as a collection point for the U. S. Marine Corps' Toys for Tots Program. Citizens of Mercer County have responded by donating new, unwrapped toys at the Station for distribution to area needy children. The total collected by the Station for this year's drive was over 2,200 toys.



*Troop D, Trooper Robert J. Lagoon, Community Services Officer, with the Pirate Parrot, and Third Grade Students at Broad Street Elementary School after a Child Safety Program.*

PEOPLE SERVING PEOPLE	
TROOP D ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS	
Traffic Citations . . . . .	22,197
DUI Arrests . . . . .	1,073
MCSAP Inspections . . . . .	2,330
School Bus Inspections . . . . .	2,064
Criminal Arrests . . . . .	4,985
Drug-Related Arrests . . . . .	130
Fire Marshal Investigations . . . . .	197
Child Safety Seat Inspections . . . . .	510



*Troop D, Citizens' Police Academy Students during a Presentation by the Aviation Unit.*



*Troop D, Funeral for Trooper Robert W. Bianchin.*



## Troop E, Erie

### Facts and Highlights

**Captain Michael J. Hample, Commanding Officer**

**Headquarters located in Erie County**  
**P.O. Box 10607**  
**4320 Iroquois Avenue**  
**Erie, Pennsylvania 16514-0607**

**5 additional Stations:**

- ★ Corry, Erie County
- ★ Meadville, Crawford County
- ★ Franklin, Venango County
- ★ Warren, Warren County
- ★ Girard, Erie County

- ★ 273 enlisted and civilian personnel
- ★ Total population of Troop area: approximately 470,326
- ★ Total area served by Troop: 3,373.1 square miles
- ★ Total number of incidents handled by Troop during 2003: 38,364

**Trooper Killed in the Line of Duty:** On February 14, 2003, Trooper Brian A. Patterson and Trooper Joseph A. Katavitch responded to a vehicle crash in French Creek Township, Venango County. At the scene of the crash, high winds blew a damaged electric service line against the side of Trooper Patterson's neck. Trooper Patterson immediately went into cardiac arrest and could not be revived despite prompt Emergency Medical Service transport and care at nearby Northwest University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Trooper Patterson is survived by his wife and 2 children, ages 11 and 9.

**Pizza Bomber Bank Robbery:** On August 28, 2003, a bank robbery at the PNC Bank in Summit Township, Erie County, was reported to the Pennsylvania State Police. Brian Douglas Wells, 46, while working as a pizza delivery person, entered the bank and produced an extensive note demanding money and stated that he was armed with an explosive device. After leaving the bank, Wells attempted to exit a parking lot in his vehicle, but Troopers spotted him and initiated a traffic stop. Troopers removed Wells from the vehicle and handcuffed him. Wells told the Troopers that he was wearing an explosive device that was going to explode shortly. Troopers observed the device under Wells' shirt,

immediately moved away from Wells,

and notified the Erie Police Department Bomb Squad for assistance with the device. A short time later, the device detonated, killing Wells before the arrival of the bomb squad. The investigation into this incident continues.

**Troopers Receive Awards for Pizza Bomber Case:** On November 19, 2003, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives honored Troopers James R. Szymanski, Chris A. Stafford, Terrance P. Dawdy, and Victoria R. Weibel at an ATF Supervisory Conference. The Troopers were honored for their exceptionally brave actions in the Pizza Bomber case.

**Kidnapping Victim Found in Trunk of Vehicle:** On February 12, 2003, Troopers John R. Dennis and Victor J. Sternby encountered a disabled motorist on Interstate 79 during a blizzard. The driver, Job D. Knighton, immediately distanced himself from the vehicle and refused any offer for assistance. The Troopers became suspicious of the driver's inconsistent statements and abnormal behavior and checked the vehicle. After hearing sounds coming from the trunk of the vehicle, the Troopers opened the trunk and discovered a 39-year-old female. The victim had been abducted and raped by the driver several hours earlier in the city of Erie. Knighton then locked the victim in the trunk of her car and began driving to Florida. The victim was near death from exposure when she was rescued. Trooper Raymond E. Collins, Troop E, Meadville, Criminal Investigation Unit, subsequently obtained a full videotaped confession from Knighton. Knighton was charged with numerous counts including Kidnapping, Unlawful Restraint, Rape, Sexual Assault, Aggravated Indecent Assault, Reckless Endangerment, Terroristic Threats, Robbery of a Motor Vehicle, Robbery, and Theft. He pled guilty on October 29, 2003, and will be sentenced in January 2004.

**Troop E Member Selected as the Department's Trooper of the Year:** Trooper Craig B. Amos, Troop E, Franklin Station, was named the Pennsylvania State Police Trooper of the Year. Trooper Amos's aggressive police work led to the discovery of 3 separate methamphetamine laboratories in northwestern Pennsylvania.

**Top Gun Award Recipients:** The Pennsylvania DUI Association honored 3 Troopers from Troop E for their DUI enforcement efforts. Receiving the Top Gun awards were Trooper Robert T. Thompson, Girard Station; Trooper Mark S. Temel, Meadville Station; and Trooper Victor J. Sternby, Meadville Station.



*Troop E, Funeral for Trooper Brian A. Patterson.*



*Troop D, ATF Award Recipients.*



Troop E, Trooper Michael E. Fox buckles a child into a Booster Seat which was provided through a Grant Received by the Troop for Income Eligible Applicants.

TROOP E ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS	
Traffic Citations	24,781
DUI Arrests	837
MCSAP Inspections	1,319
School Bus Inspections	1,270
Criminal Arrests	5,406
Drug-Related Arrests	269
Fire Marshal Investigations	238
Child Safety Seat Inspections	1,038

## CAMP CADET 2003

Camp Cadet provides children ages 11 to 15 a firsthand look at law enforcement and the criminal justice system. Camp Cadet also teaches the children valuable lessons, such as teamwork, discipline, and respect for self and others. Camp Cadet is sponsored by Camp Cadet, Inc., which is a group of nonprofit organizations.

Cadets live, learn, eat, and play together in a structured and disciplined environment. Personnel from the Pennsylvania State Police and other state, local, and federal agencies provide Cadets with hands-on instruction and demonstrations related to various areas of law enforcement.

Each camp is run independently and programs offered at the camps vary across the Commonwealth. New and innovative programs are often added to the camps. During the 2003 camp, Troop D, which was the first camp in the Commonwealth, conducted a Water Safety Certification Course, during which all of the Cadets were tested and received their boating and personal watercraft certifications. Troop R included a "Day at the Range" during their week-long camp. One goal that all Camp Cadet programs share across the Commonwealth is the fostering of positive relations between the law enforcement community and the youth of Pennsylvania.



Camp Cadet Graduation Ceremony. (Troop R)



State Representative Sandra Major presents a Certificate of Achievement to her Niece at Camp Cadet Graduation Ceremony. (Troop R)



Cadets get a close look at a Department Motorcycle. (Troop H)



Cadets Receive Scuba Instruction. (Troop N)

# AREA V



Area V  
Major Tyree C. Blocker

Troop K, Philadelphia  
Captain Robert V. Duprey

Troop M, Bethlehem  
Captain Scott R. Snyder

Troop N, Hazleton  
Captain John G. Rice

3 Troop Commands  
13 Stations providing service to 10 Counties



## Troop K, Philadelphia *Facts and Highlights*

**Captain Robert V. Duprey, Commanding Officer**

**Headquarters located in Philadelphia County**  
**2201 Belmont Avenue**  
**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19131**  
**Phone 215-560-6200**

**2 additional Stations:**

★ Media, Delaware County    ★ Skippack, Montgomery County

- ★ 241 enlisted and civilian personnel
- ★ Total population of Troop area: 2,812,183
- ★ Total area served by Troop: 802.4 square miles
- ★ Total number of incidents handled by Troop during 2003: 42,705

**Troop K Detail at IACP Conference:** The city of Philadelphia hosted the annual International Association of Chiefs of Police conference for several days in October 2003. In conjunction with the annual conference, the State and Provincial Police Division of the IACP held their annual meetings in Philadelphia. The Department was asked to assume the role of host for these meetings. Troop K provided a detail consisting of 42 members, and also staffed a Command Post/Information Desk for the conference.

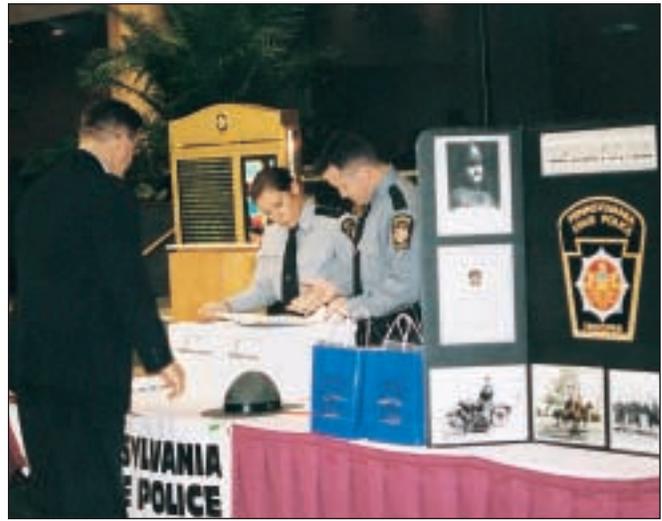
**104th Annual Army - Navy Football Game:** On December 6, 2003, the city of Philadelphia hosted the 104th Annual Army - Navy football game at the newly opened Lincoln Financial Field. Law enforcement agencies were tasked with ensuring the safety of all attendees. The Department provided a task force to assist the Philadelphia Police Department and the United States Department of Defense with crowd control, security, and other law enforcement matters.

**MCSAP Inspection leads to Cocaine Seizure:** On March 19, 2003, Trooper David A. Hodges, Philadelphia Headquarters, was conducting commercial truck inspections at the I-95 rest stop in Lower Chich-



ester Township, Delaware County. During his inspection of a commercial vehicle, 7 kilos of cocaine were found in the cab of the truck. Federal Drug Enforcement Administration agents responded to the scene and seized the truck.

TROOP K ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS	
Traffic Citations	18,641
DUI Arrests	722
MCSAP Inspections	1,211
School Bus Inspections	5,381
Criminal Arrests	3,050
Drug-Related Arrests	367
Fire Marshal Investigations	125
Child Safety Seat Inspections	1,362



Troop K, Troopers assist a Dignitary at the IACP Conference in Philadelphia.



## Troop M, Bethlehem *Facts and Highlights*

**Captain Scott R. Snyder, Commanding Officer**

**Headquarters located in Lehigh County  
2930 Airport Road  
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18017-2149  
Phone 610-861-2026**

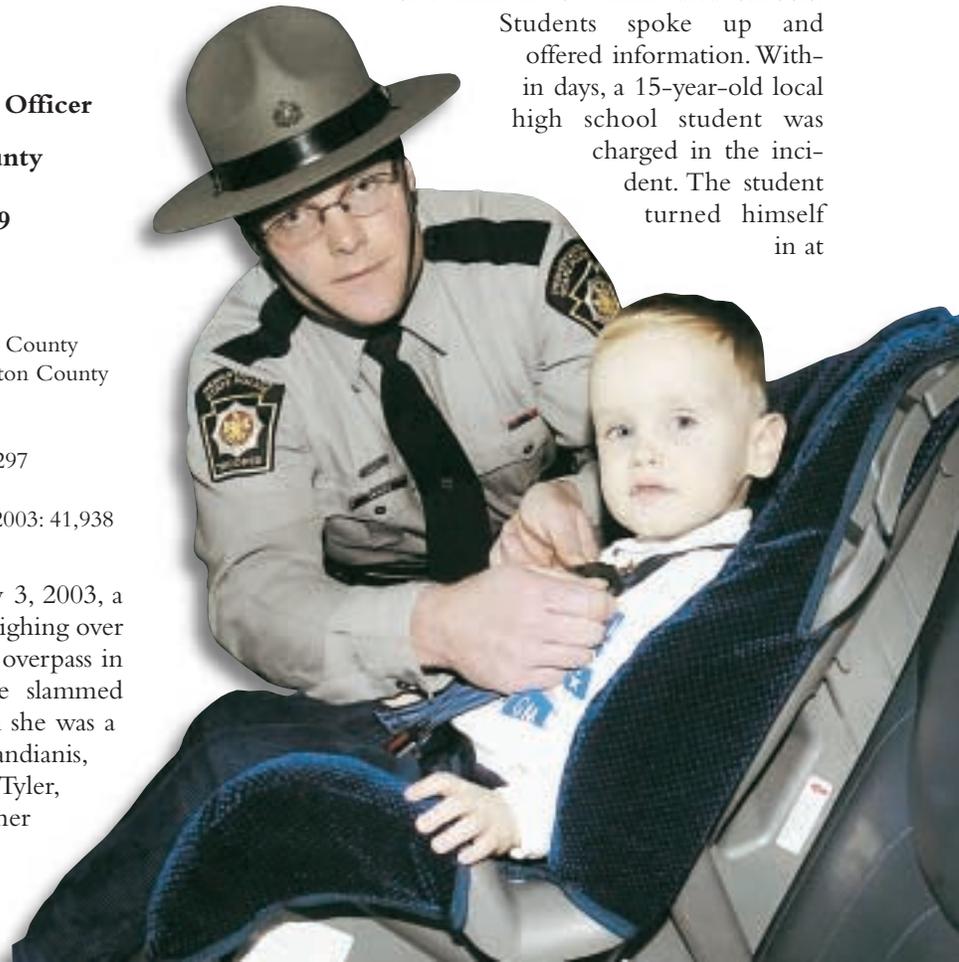
**4 additional Stations:**

- ★ Dublin, Bucks County
- ★ Fogelsville, Lehigh County
- ★ Trevoze, Bucks County
- ★ Belfast, Northampton County

- ★ 235 enlisted and civilian personnel
- ★ Total population of Troop area: approximately 1,201,297
- ★ Total area served by Troop: 1,323.4 square miles
- ★ Total number of incidents handled by Troop during 2003: 41,938

**Murder on Route 22 Solved:** On January 3, 2003, a woman was killed when a large chunk of ice, weighing over eighteen pounds, was thrown from a Route 22 overpass in Whitehall Township, Lehigh County. The ice slammed through the windshield of the vehicle in which she was a passenger. Lead investigator, Trooper Peter W. Kandianis, Bethlehem Headquarters, Trooper Robert D. Tyler, Troop M Community Services Officer, and other

members of Troop M conducted extensive interviews within area schools. Students spoke up and offered information. Within days, a 15-year-old local high school student was charged in the incident. The student turned himself in at





Troop M, Troopers Escorting an F-14 Jet on Route 22.

Troop M, Bethlehem Headquarters. He was initially charged as an adult with Criminal Homicide. At a subsequent juvenile hearing, he was found delinquent of Third Degree Murder and sentenced to a maximum of 5 years in a juvenile detention facility.

**Bank Robbery Suspects Captured:** On August 20, 2003, a robbery occurred at the Commerce Bank in Bristol Township, Bucks County. Trevoise Station patrols were notified of the robbery and provided with a description of the vehicle. Trooper Joseph M. Irwin, Trevoise Station, observed a vehicle matching the description of the suspect vehicle.

With the assistance of Trooper Eugene A. Fleming III, Trevoise Station, 3 suspects were taken into custody without incident. The suspects have confessed to 14 bank robberies in Delaware and Pennsylvania.

**F-14 Super Load Escorted:** On October 21, 2003, members from Bethlehem Headquarters escorted what was reported to be the widest super load ever approved by PennDOT. A decommissioned F-14 fighter jet was moved from the Lehigh Valley International Airport to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Lodge in Hanover Township, Lehigh County. The Whitehall Township Police Department and PennDOT assisted with the escort.

**Troop M Patrol Initiatives:** During 2003, Troop M initiated several innovative traffic enforcement programs targeting specific concerns on area highways. Operation Yellow Jacket, which was developed in cooperation with PennDOT Engineering District 5-0, was initiated on November 25, 2003, just before the Thanksgiving holiday travel period. This program is aimed at reducing traffic violations near work zones by placing a Trooper using a portable radar unit in a PennDOT truck.

Operation Christmas Tree, which targeted speeding violations on Route 22, was developed after several Department patrol vehicles were struck while they were stopped at crash scenes. The operation involves operating radar from a stationary marked patrol vehicle that has the light bar fully activated.

TROOP M ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS	
Traffic Citations	20,690
DUI Arrests	517
MCSAP Inspections	1,893
School Bus Inspections	2,569
Criminal Arrests	2,762
Drug-Related Arrests	130
Fire Marshal Investigations	77
Child Safety Seat Inspections	188





## Troop N, Hazleton *Facts and Highlights*

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**4 additional Stations:**

- ★ Bloomsburg, Columbia County      ★ Lehighton, Carbon County
- ★ Fern Ridge, Monroe County        ★ Swiftwater, Monroe County

- ★ 242 enlisted and civilian personnel
- ★ Total population of Troop area: approximately 347,879
- ★ Total area served by Troop: 1,766.4 square miles
- ★ Total number of incidents handled by Troop during 2003: 39,226

**Manhunt Results in Capture of Fugitive:** In June 2003, Corporal Thomas E. Hothouse and Troopers Shawn A. Hilbert, Richard J. Nesbitt, and Anthony J. Ziller, all from the Swiftwater Station, were involved in a search for a fugitive who had killed a Vermont State Police Sergeant. A search plan was developed based on information received from the Vermont State Police that the fugitive might be heading south from Vermont toward Pennsylvania on the Appalachian Trail. Corporal Hothouse and Troopers Hilbert, Nesbitt, and Ziller began to search the mountainous terrain of the Appalachian Trail. After hiking for 2½ hours, the Corporal and 3 Troopers encountered the fugitive, and took him into custody without incident. He was charged as a fugitive from justice and committed to the Monroe County Prison pending extradition to Vermont.

**Trooper Responds to Ambulance Call for Drowning Child:** On July 20, 2003, Trooper Manuel R. Hicks,



*Troop N, Citizens' Police Academy Students and Staff.*

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#### TROOP N ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS

Traffic Citations . . . . .	23,219
DUI Arrests . . . . .	473
MCSAP Inspections . . . . .	2,412
School Bus Inspections . . . . .	1,185
Criminal Arrests . . . . .	3246
Drug-Related Arrests . . . . .	161
Fire Marshal Investigations . . . . .	118
Child Safety Seat Inspections . . . . .	558

Swiftwater Station, was on patrol when he heard County Control dispatch an ambulance crew for a drowning 3-year-old. Trooper Hicks responded to the scene as he was approximately 2 minutes from the scene. Upon arrival at the scene, Trooper Hicks began first-aid and was able to expel water from the child's stomach. The child's breathing improved, and upon arrival of EMS personnel, the child was flown to Lehigh Valley Medical Center by life-flight helicopter. The child has since made a full recovery. Trooper Hicks received a Troop Commanders Letter of Commendation for his actions on that date.

**Safe 80 Task Force:** During the year 2000, the Swiftwater Station identified a section of Interstate 80 as dangerous and began aggressively enforcing traffic violations on this stretch of roadway. Patrol Troopers utilized standard enforcement tactics, as well as aerial observations, civilian clothes patrols, and MCSAP Inspections. The increased enforcement efforts resulted in a drop in crashes and crash-related injuries. In 2001, Pennsylvania State Representative Kelly Lewis formed the Safe80 Task Force and as a result, the Swiftwater Station doubled enforcement efforts in the area. During the 4 years of the Safe80 enforcement campaign, members of the Swiftwater Station have issued 29,569 citations and 9,704 written warnings. Also, during this time, there was a 25% decrease in crashes, and a 45% reduction in crash-related injuries.

**Safe 903 Task Force:** In March 2002, State Representative Keith McCall formed the Safe 903 Task Force as a result of concerns raised by citizens living along Route 903 in Penn Forest Township and Kidder Township, Carbon County. During 2003, Troopers from the Lehighton Station made 4 DUI arrests, issued 292 Traffic Citations, and 76 Written Warnings to violators along that section of Route 903. Various tactics were used to identify violators, including aerial observation and civilian clothes patrols.

We honor those members of the Pennsylvania State Police  
who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

May we never forget the bravery, dedication, and sacrifice  
they and their families have made.

## Members killed in the line of duty



Private John F. Henry	09-02-06	Private John J. Broski	08-14-37
Private Francis A. Zehringer	09-02-06	Patrolman John D. Simoson	12-01-37
Private Timothy Kelleher	09-14-07	Private Joseph M. Williams	10-08-38
Sergeant Mark A. Pryn	02-09-09	Private Charles H. Craven	10-11-38
Private John Garscia	02-21-09	Corporal George D. Naughton	01-30-39
Private John L. Williams	08-22-09	Private Frederick J. Sutton	01-03-40
Private Jack C. Smith	08-22-09	Private George J. Yashur	04-01-40
Private Robert V. Myers	03-28-13	Private Thomas P. Carey	06-17-41
Private Andrew Czap	04-28-18	Private Dean N. Zeigler	10-17-42
Private John F. Dargus	05-31-18	Private John A. Ditkosky	07-24-50
Private Stanley W. Christ	12-01-19	Private Floyd B. Clouse	11-02-53
Corporal Ben F. McEvoy	09-21-23	Private Joseph F. McMillen	05-13-56
Private William J. Omlor	10-25-23	Trooper Philip C. Melley	11-03-57
Private Francis L. Haley	10-14-24	Trooper Charles S. Stanski	01-23-58
Sergeant Edwin F. Haas	10-17-24	Trooper Edward Mackiw	05-31-58
Private Bernard S.C. McElroy	12-21-24	Trooper Stephen R. Gyurke	08-24-58
Private Bertram Beech	12-10-25	Trooper Francis M. Tessitore	08-05-60
Private Claude F. Keeseey	01-04-27	Trooper Anthony Bensch	10-03-61
Patrolman Martin A. Hanahoe	02-27-27	Sergeant Edward W. Gundel	03-18-62
Private Thomas E. Lipka	04-03-27	Trooper Richard G. Barnhart	08-08-64
Sergeant John M. Thomas	05-08-27	Trooper Gary R. Rosenberger	12-12-70
Private John J. Downey	08-22-27	Corporal John S. Valent	12-09-71
Corporal Vincent A. Hassen	12-27-27	Trooper Robert D. Lapp, Jr.	10-16-72
Patrolman Sharon C. Wible	02-06-28	Trooper Bruce C. Rankin	04-25-73
Patrolman Andrew W. Miller	04-01-28	Trooper Ross E. Snowden	01-17-74
Patrolman Jay F. Proof	08-29-28	Corporal Leo M. Koscelnick	08-15-77
Patrolman Russell T. Swanson	04-19-29	Trooper Joseph J. Welsch	09-13-77
Patrolman Wells C. Hammond	10-14-29	Trooper Wayne C. Ebert	06-07-78
Corporal Brady C. Paul	12-27-29	Trooper Albert J. Izzo	06-13-79
Corporal Thomas E. Lawry	01-31-30	Trooper David D. Monahan	04-17-80
Patrolman Arthur A. Koppenhaver	07-13-30	Trooper Herbert A. Wirfel	02-07-82
Private Charles L. Stewart	07-18-30	Trooper William R. Evans	01-06-83
Patrolman Thomas B. Elder	03-22-31	Trooper Frank J. Bowen	10-26-83
Sergeant Timothy G. McCarthy	05-12-31	Trooper Gary W. Fisher	02-03-85
Patrolman Orville A. Mohring	12-11-31	Trooper John J. Brown	02-14-85
Patrolman Joseph A. Conrad	09-06-32	Trooper Roark H. Ross	05-15-86
Patrolman Charles E. Householder	08-20-33	Trooper Clinton W. Crawford	08-17-87
Patrolman Herbert P. Brantlinger	09-03-33	Trooper John A. Andrulowicz	05-09-88
1st Sergeant James A. Seerey	09-10-34	Trooper Wayne D. Bilheimer	04-12-89
Private Floyd E. Maderia	12-11-34	Corporal Paul Almer	04-12-89
Corporal Joseph L. Fulton	06-04-36	Sergeant Arthur L. Hershey	01-03-99
Sergeant Joseph B. Champion	07-15-36	Trooper Matthew R. Bond	01-13-00
Patrolman J. Lee Clarke	03-01-37	Trooper Tod C. Kelly	11-07-01
Private John E. Fessler	04-23-37	Trooper Joseph J. Sepp	11-10-02
Private Joseph A. Hoffer	04-27-37	Trooper Brian A. Patterson	02-14-03

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