

# PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE

Edward G. Rendell,  
Governor

Colonel Jeffrey B. Miller,  
Commissioner



## 2004 Annual Report

For the Year Ending December 31, 2004



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**T**his report is dedicated to the men and women, past and present, of the Pennsylvania State Police, as the Department nears completion of its first one hundred years of service.



# 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 year 2004 was one of great change and progress for the Pennsylvania State Police as the Department continued to focus on its key function of providing the highest possible level of protection for the citizens of the Commonwealth.

State Police opened its first two Consolidated Dispatch Centers during 2004. At these centers, civilian dispatchers use high-tech equipment to determine the location of patrol vehicles and direct troopers quickly to the scene of criminal incidents and traffic crashes. Eventually, five CDCs will operate across the state.

In response to homeland security concerns, State Police created its own bomb squad to respond to explosives-related incidents. The squad has the latest equipment, including a remote-controlled robot and a bomb containment vessel to transport explosive materials.

The Department moved forward on various fronts while continuing to conduct basic investigation of crimes and traffic incidents in its areas of primary jurisdiction; provide wide-ranging support services to municipal police departments, and develop information on organized criminal activities and other potential threats to our residents.

The citizens of this Commonwealth and I hold the Pennsylvania State Police to incredibly high standards. We expect the very strongest of moral fortitude, as well as the sound judgment and physical strength to face the daily challenges and dangers of police work. We also expect that Pennsylvanians will be treated with honesty, dignity, fairness and compassion.

We are very fortunate that both the enlisted and civilian members of the Pennsylvania State Police live up to our high expectations.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward G. Rendell". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted 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 pride that I present to you, and the citizens of the Commonwealth, the **Pennsylvania State Police Annual Report for 2004**. The report highlights the numerous challenges and major accomplishments of the men and women of the Pennsylvania State Police during the past year.

The year 2004 was the first full year of Problem Specific Policing, an incident analysis process that enables the Pennsylvania State Police to take a proactive approach to reducing traffic crashes and fighting crime. Even as the total number of incidents reported to the Pennsylvania State Police continues to increase, the number of traffic crashes, injuries related to traffic crashes, and fatal traffic crashes were reduced during 2004 as compared to 2003. Additionally, the number of criminal offenses cleared, and criminal arrests increased during 2004 as compared to 2003. These are examples of how Problem Specific Policing is improving the quality of life for all of the citizens that we serve.

As we reflect on the challenges and successes of 2004, we also look towards the future with optimism and determination as the Pennsylvania State Police prepares to begin its second century of service. As the initial recruits one hundred years ago laid the foundation for the proud tradition we have inherited, so too must we lay the foundation for the future. We are preparing to begin our second century of service with a commitment to extraordinary service. This commitment is embodied in the Department's forthcoming Strategic Plan, "Extraordinary Service for Our Second Century," which is being developed in 2005 for launch in 2006.

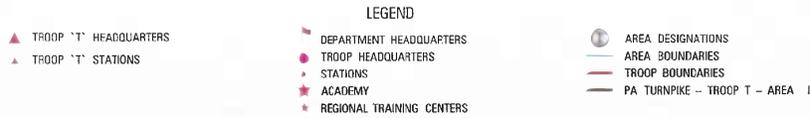
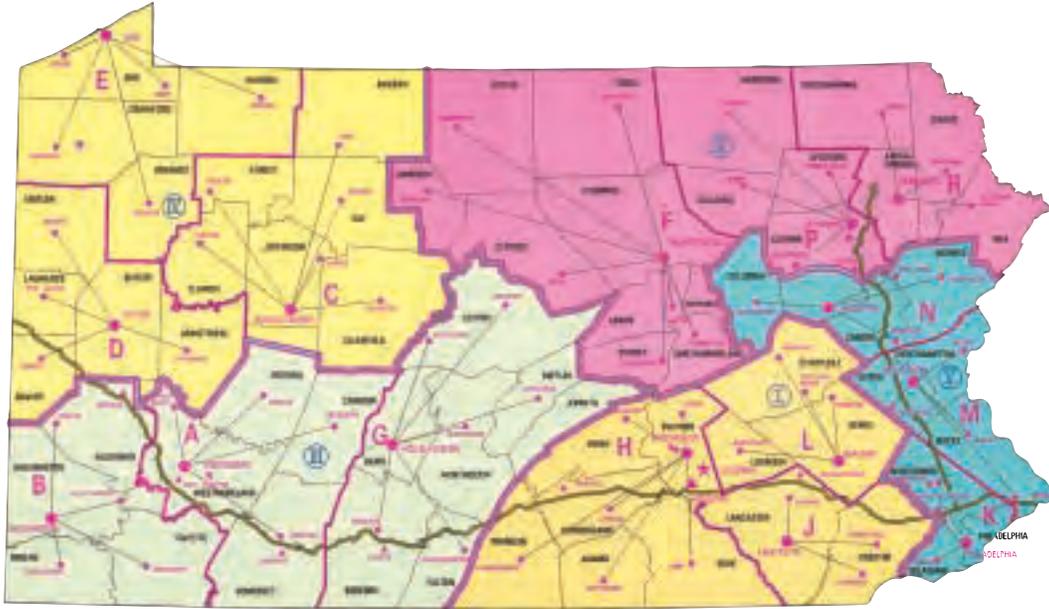
The Pennsylvania State Police will continue to provide honest and faithful police service to all citizens that we serve. We will continue to strive for excellence as a professional police organization, and as a leader in the law enforcement community.

Sincerely,

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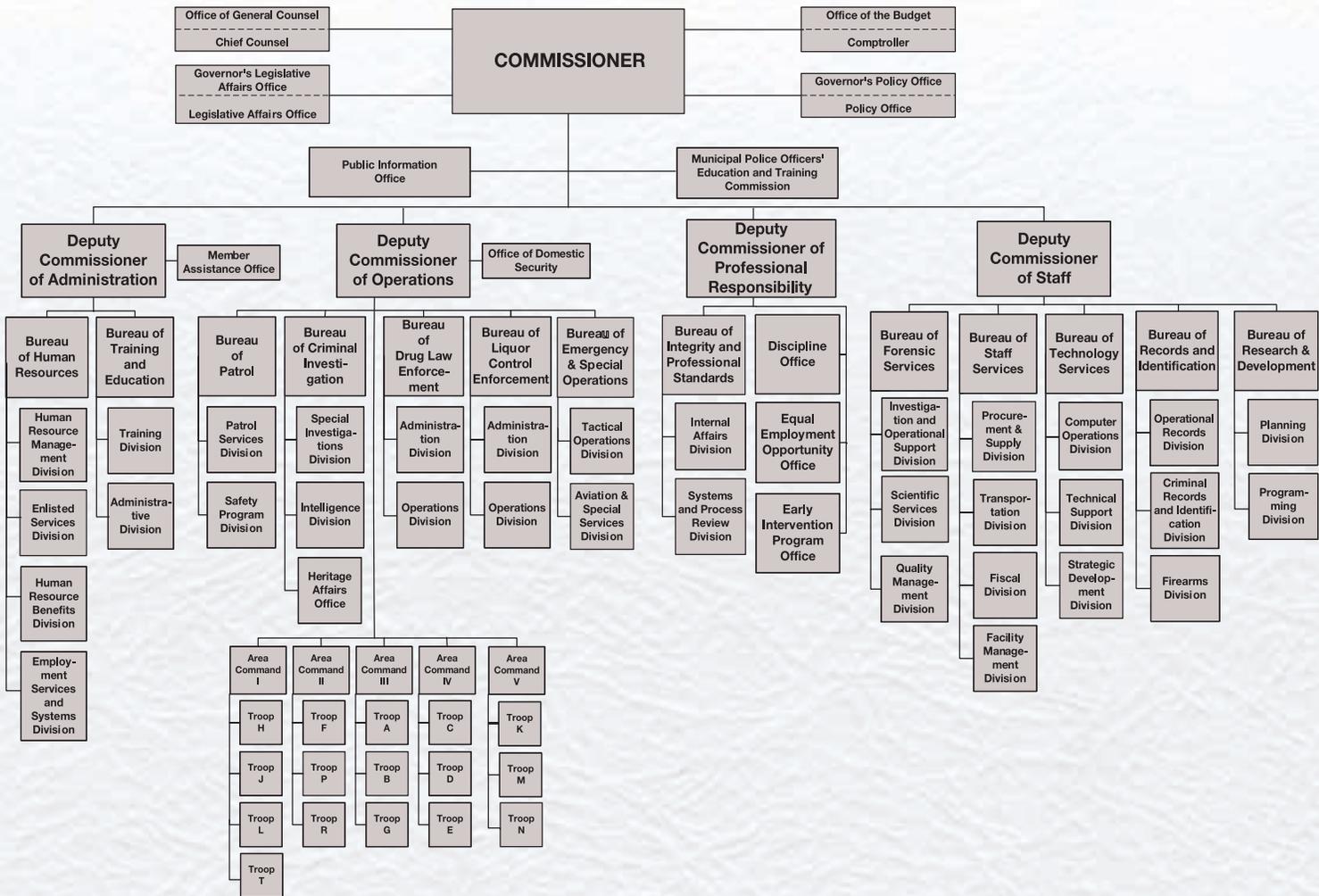
Colonel Jeffrey B. Miller  
Commissioner

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## PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE

June 9, 2004



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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 Northeast 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

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 9 Attorneys represent the Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement, and are stationed at Offices throughout the Commonwealth. The Office of Chief Counsel issues legal opinions; publishes a monthly digest, the *PSP Counselor*, of decisions which impact on law enforcement; 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 members of the Legislative Affairs Office are Captain William J. McHale, Director; Sergeant Brad S. Lawver; and Harmony A. Costanzo. 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. 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 at [www.legis.state.pa.us](http://www.legis.state.pa.us). On many occasions the Office is directed to provide 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 State Police related issues.

Several initiatives of importance to the Department passed the General Assembly and were signed into law by the Governor. Act 2 of 2004, Confidence in Law Enforcement Act, prohibits agencies from employing any persons convicted of a felony or serious misdemeanor or convicted of an equivalent offense in another jurisdiction, state, territory or country. Act 152 of 2004, relating to Megan's Law, establishes and grades offenses for failure to comply with registration requirements. This legislation provides law enforcement with on-view arrest powers for misdemeanor registration-related offenses. Act 180 of 2004 codifies current crime reporting procedures as the Uniform Crime Reporting Program under the direction of the Department.

## 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 Jack J. Lewis, Press Secretary, and Trooper Linette G. Quinn, Public Information Coordinator. They work in cooperation with Corporal Lucien R. Southard, the Department Web Administrator, who is assigned to the Bureau of Research and Development.

Duties of the Public Information Office include answering questions for 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; working with Corporal Southard to supply information for the Department's website; providing advice to the Commissioner on media-related matters; and producing *The Communicator* monthly newsletter for Department personnel and more than 3,100 retirees.

During 2004, the Public Information Office issued more than 75 news releases.

## Policy Office

Syndi L. Guido, Director

The Policy Office is responsible for coordinating State Police policy initiatives and special projects with the Governor's Policy Office. The Policy Director serves as the Department's liaison with the Governor's representatives in Washington, D.C., on federal programs, legislation, and regulations affecting the Department's operations. The Policy Director oversees the development and implementation of the Department's regulatory agenda and serves as the Department's liaison with the Independent Regulatory Review Commission and the Legislative Reference Bureau. In 2004, the Office completed the promulgation of regulations governing police officers' use of unmarked vehicles, regulations implementing the Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement's Age Compliance Check Program, and regulations authorizing the Commissioner to designate certain Department of Corrections' vehicles as emergency vehicles.



*Troop M, Providing Security for President George W. Bush.*



## 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 all Area Commands, the Office of Domestic Security, the Bureau of Patrol, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Bureau of Emergency and Special Operations, Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement, Bureau of Drug Law Enforcement,

and the Executive Service Section.

## Office of Domestic Security

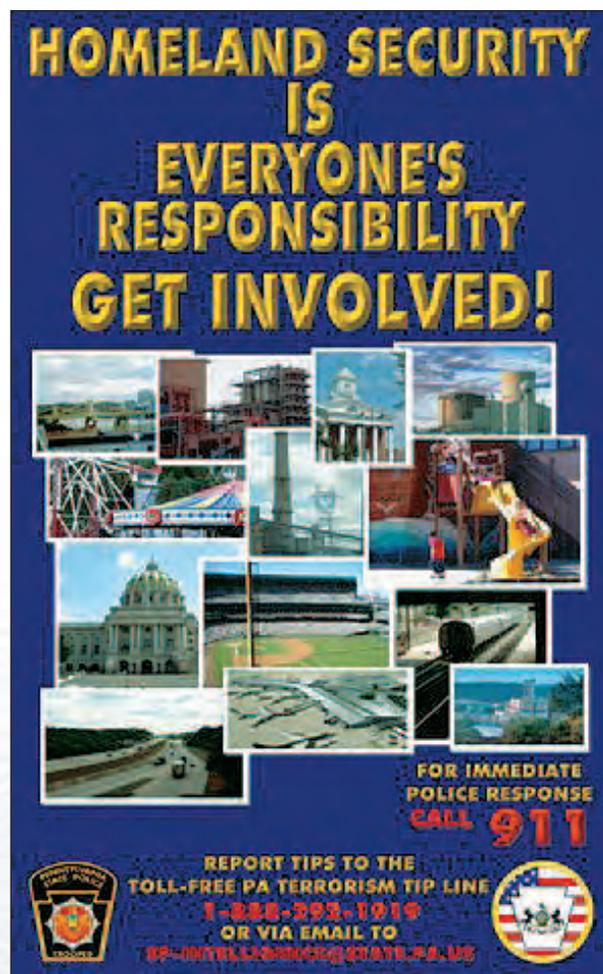
Major Jeffrey R. Davis, Director

On April 10, 2004, the Office of Domestic Security (ODS) Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Team (RVAT) became fully operational. The 4-member team conducts professional vulnerability assessments for critical infrastructures throughout the Commonwealth. The purpose of an assessment is to identify security risks and vulnerabilities, and make recommendations for appropriate countermeasures. RVAT members received extensive training at the Physical Security Training Program and the Weapons of Mass Destruction Training Program, at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Georgia.

During 2004, RVAT conducted over 20 assessments of critical infrastructure facilities in both the public and private sector. RVAT also provided assistance to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in collecting information for the Buffer Zone Protection Plan (BZPP). Through the BZPP initiative, DHS identified numerous critical infrastructure facilities within the Commonwealth that would be subject to an assessment. RVAT assisted in identifying measures to enhance security within the buffer zones of the identified facilities. The 5 nuclear power plants within the Commonwealth were included in the BZPP, and RVAT was the first state or municipal entity in the country to conduct a BZPP assessment for a nuclear power plant. As such, RVAT was instrumental in the development of the BZPP assessment template that will be used for all nuclear power plants throughout the country.

On July 22, 2004, the Department participated in a joint press conference with the Pennsylvania Office of Homeland Security at the State Capitol to announce the "Homeland Security is Everyone's Responsibility – Get Involved" campaign. The campaign kicked off with the Department's Homeland Security poster, which was created through a col-

laborative effort between ODS and the Bureau of Research and Development. The poster is intended for display in businesses and public venues throughout the Commonwealth, and reminds the public to report suspicious activity to local law enforcement, and tips to the Pennsylvania Criminal Intelligence Center (PaCIC).



*Homeland Security poster created by ODS and the Bureau of Research and Development.*

## Bureau of Patrol

Major John F. Duignan, 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:** During 2004, motorcycle patrols provided numerous motorcade escorts throughout the Commonwealth for the President, Vice President, and Democratic Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees.

**Mobile Video Recorders (MVR):** During 2004, the Department continued to equip and install the Kustom Signals Digital Eyewitness MVR System. There are 401 MVR systems installed in Areas I, III, and V. The goal is to equip the entire marked patrol fleet with MVR systems by the end of 2005.

**2004 DUI Field Operations:** During 2004, Department members were responsible for making 30% of the total DUI arrests in the Commonwealth. The following programs conducted in 2004 targeted impaired drivers and centered on strict DUI enforcement.

Operation Nighthawk, a specialized 2-day training and enforcement program aimed at reducing drinking and driving, was conducted on Friday and Saturday evenings. The program combined classroom instruction, DUI case law workshops, drugged driving impairment training, and motivational speeches. The Department conducted Operation Nighthawk in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Association, and municipal police departments throughout the Commonwealth. A total of 436 Troopers and 402 municipal police officers from 210 agencies were responsible for 437 DUI arrests; 2,497 traffic citations; 178 underage drinking arrests; and 135 drug arrests.

Operation CRISP (Crash Reduction in South-Central Pennsylvania) began in March 2004 and is a year-long pilot program aimed at reducing alcohol-related crashes. The program features increased patrol efforts to identify and arrest motorists driving under the influence in Cumberland, Franklin, Adams, York, and Lancaster counties. The program has reduced alcohol-related fatal crashes by almost 50% in the targeted areas. The program was funded through a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

**Operation SHIELD (Safe Highways Initiative Thru Effective Law Enforcement and Detection):** In 2004, the Bureau of Patrol, in conjunction with the Northeast Counterdrug Training Center, completed the first Operation SHIELD training course. The training included instruction on topics related to criminal interdiction and domestic terrorism. Specific subjects included: conducting professional traffic stops; hidden compartments; racial profiling; false documents; law enforcement roles in the war on terrorism; courtroom preparation; and search and seizure. A total of 53 members completed this training.

## Safety Program Division

**Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP):** MCSAP Inspectors participated in several national operations, including Operation Airbrake, and Operation Roadcheck. MCSAP Inspectors also participated in statewide operations such as the Troop Truck Crash Prevention Initiative, Waste Hauler Inspection Program, Operation TRUCKS (Troopers Responding to Unsafe Carriers in the Keystone State), and Holiday Security Awareness. A total of 33,042 driver/vehicle inspections were conducted, with inspectors issuing 28,914 traffic citations, and 63,196 warning notices.

**Occupant Protection Program:** The Department Occupant Protection Program is comprised of 2 areas: Child Passenger Safety Program; Occupant Restraint Use. These initiatives are intended to increase safety belt usage, and reduce fatalities and injuries through the use of occupant restraints. The Department has 288 Child Passenger Safety Technicians (CPSTs), and 5 Child Passenger Safety Technicians

Instructors, certified by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). During 2004, technicians inspected over 2,914 child safety seats, while teaching parents and caregivers how to safely transport children. Approximately 95% of the seats that were checked were used incorrectly. Technicians ensured that the necessary corrections were made.

Members also participated in traffic safety checkpoints and child safety seat checkup events during national and statewide occupant protection enforcement/education programs throughout 2004. Programs included National Child Passenger Safety Week, and Click It or Ticket Mobilization Weeks. The Department placed 3rd nationally in the prestigious International Association of Chiefs of Police "Chiefs' Challenge."



*Bureau of Patrol, Child Safety Seat Check.*

**Work Zones:** The Bureau coordinates the use of Troopers in work zones with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to ensure the safety of workers and the motoring public. During 2004, the utilization of Troopers was approved for 315 work zones. During 2004, Troopers issued a total of 5,448 citations and 4,939 written warnings, and effected 71 DUI arrests in work zones.

**Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Program:** Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Specialists (CARS) were assigned to assist and/or forensically map over 462 fatal crashes and serious crime scenes during 2004. That figure represents an increase of nearly 20% over 2003.

## 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 Intelligence Division.

## Special Investigations Division

**Auto Theft Unit:** The Auto Theft Unit, divided into 3 regional Task Forces, conducts auto theft investigations statewide. During 2004, 449 vehicles were recovered valued at \$4,632,157; 195 investigations were cleared by arrest; and 259 individuals were arrested.

Eastern Task Force members conducted a sting operation that resulted in the arrest of 18 individuals, the recovery of 28 stolen vehicles, and 5 illegal weapons. Task Force members working in an undercover capacity were introduced to members of a burglary/theft ring that was operating in the Chester and Delaware County areas of Pennsylvania and New Castle, Delaware. They were able to gain the confidence of the actors and, subsequently, were able to purchase numerous amounts of stolen property. The information obtained by Task Force members during this sting was shared with various other law enforcement agencies, which resulted in multiple charges being filed in the state of Delaware. According to information supplied by Delaware authorities, the vehicle theft rate in the city of Wilmington dropped 60% as a result of the arrests.

**Fugitive Apprehension Unit:** During 2004, the Fugitive Apprehension Unit made 371 apprehensions. A notable case occurred on Tuesday, April 13, 2004. The Massachusetts State Police contacted the Fugitive Apprehension Unit for assistance in apprehending a 17-year-old adjudicated adult for homicide, and assistance in attempting to locate a female companion who they believed was unwillingly traveling with him. The Massachusetts State Police provided a lead in the Allentown area. On April 14, 2004, Trooper Timothy C. Flickinger, with the assistance of the US Marshal Service Fugitive Task Force, and Shamokin Police, apprehended the 17-year-old without incident, and returned his companion to her family.

**Organized Crime Task Force:** The Western Organized Crime Task Force conducted investigations into 2 separate corrupt organizations which resulted in convictions in 2004. The first of which was the Brocato Burglary Ring which was responsible for 42 commercial burglaries in Westmoreland and Allegheny Counties. A total of 10 individuals were arrested, among them a state constable who was part of the fencing portion of the criminal enterprise.

The second corrupt organization investigated by the Western Organized Crime task Force was the Repasky/Fish Robbery Burglary Ring, which was charged with 100 burglaries, 13 armed robberies, with a total value in excess of \$500,000. There were 10 members of this organization which operated in 10 western Pennsylvania counties. During this case, a co-defendant implicated Repasky in a 3-year-old missing person's case. He led investigators to where he had assisted Repasky in burying the victim's body. Repasky was convicted of first degree murder. Donald Fish was sentenced to 9 to 20 years. David Repasky received a life sentence for the Homicide.

**Criminal Investigation Assessment/Missing Person Unit:** The Missing Person Unit assists law enforcement in the search and reunification of missing persons from Pennsyl-

vania, as well as the United States and abroad. The Missing Person Unit also coordinates the Pennsylvania Amber Alert Program. During 2004, 65 requests were received, with 10 meeting the criteria for an Amber Alert (some of the alerts were for multiple children). All of the 16 reported missing children were later found unharmed, with 2 children found as a direct result of the Amber Alert.

The first recovery involved a 10-year-old child that was abducted on June 24, 2004 in West Deer Twp., Allegheny County. The child's mother was found murdered in their residence. An Amber Alert was issued for the murder victim's daughter. The Amber Alert activation included a description of the vehicle that the suspect was driving. A motorist who heard the Amber Alert spotted the vehicle, matched the license number, and called 911. Troopers apprehended the offender in Butler County, and the child was recovered unharmed.

The second recovery involved a 4-year-old child that was abducted from her babysitter in East Fallowfield Twp., Chester County, on August 8, 2004. The Amber Alert was activated, including a description of the vehicle the abductor was believed to be driving. The vehicle was spotted in Montgomery County, where Whitmarsh Twp. Police Officers stopped the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle turned out to be the girlfriend of the abductor. The abductor was in another vehicle one block away with the child. Upon witnessing the felony vehicle stop, the abductor turned himself in to police. The child was recovered unharmed.

**Computer Crime Unit:** The Computer Crime Unit consists of 5 Area Computer Crime Task Force offices. The Area Computer Crime Task Forces conducted 841 investigations, 625 forensic examinations, obtained 418 court orders, and executed 192 search warrants. Additionally, members assisted in 471 state, 497 municipal, and 125 federal investigations. The Computer Crime Unit also operates a 24-hour hotline for law enforcement to utilize for technical assistance. Recent notable investigations involving the Computer Crime Investigators are as follows:

In July of 2003, Dale Young, Computer Crime Analyst, Area II Computer Crime Task Force, assisted in a homicide investigation in which a heart surgeon from Williamsport, Pennsylvania was accused of shooting his estranged wife through the heart. Analyst Young performed forensic analysis on 2 computers in this case. Both computers contained evidence, and one of the computers, the doctor's home computer, contained a manuscript the doctor was writing titled "Heartshot, The Murder of the Doctor's Wife." The details in the manuscript closely resembled the details found at the crime scene which were not released to the public. In March 2004, the doctor was convicted of the murder of his estranged wife, and sentenced to life in prison.

During 2003, Trooper Thomas G. Tarsavage, Troop H, Computer Crime Unit, received several computers in reference to a homicide in East Pennsboro Twp., Cumberland County. During the forensic examination of the computers, several references to an online "professional hit man book" were discovered. The information proved to be crucial in the

case against 2 suspects. On May 6, 2004, both suspects pled guilty to First-Degree Murder, and were sentenced to life in prison.

During May 2003, Trooper Robert W. Erdely, Area III Computer Crime Task Force, began an investigation into people exchanging sexually explicit photos of children over the internet. The file server was traced to a home in New York City. The New York City Computer Crime Unit was contacted, and Trooper Erdely traveled to New York as part of the investigation. A search warrant was executed, and the suspect was arrested. The suspect pled guilty to charges and received a 7-year sentence. The search warrant also resulted in 70 additional search warrants being executed. This case was awarded the High Tech Crime Investigation Association's (HTCIA) "Case of the Year" award in 2004.

**Pennsylvania Crime Stoppers Unit:** During 2004, the Pennsylvania Crime Stoppers Unit received a total of 455 tips. The Crime Stoppers Program assisted in clearing 19 cases including: 3 Homicides; 1 Fatal Hit & Run Crash; 1 Robbery; 1 Burglary; 1 Kidnapping; 1 Megan's Law Violation; 1 Assault; and 9 Fugitives. There were a total of 25 arrests, with awards paid totaling \$6,800.

**Polygraph Unit:** During 2004, Polygraph Unit members conducted 91 examinations related to Homicide and/or death investigations, with a confession rate of 93.9%.

## Intelligence Division

As a result of law enforcement's increasing role in the global battle against terrorism, the Department reorganized during the year, increasing Intelligence from Section to Division status. As a result of this restructuring, the Department has developed an intelligence collection and dissemination model responsive to the needs of all law enforcement entities in the Commonwealth.

**Analytical Intelligence Section:** The Analytical Intelligence Section is responsible for the Pennsylvania Criminal Intelligence Center (PaCIC). PaCIC continues to provide 24-hour analytical assistance to Pennsylvania's law enforcement community. During 2004, PaCIC Analysts answered over 4,100 requests for assistance from state, municipal, and federal law enforcement agencies. Additionally, PaCIC personnel processed nearly 1,000 Terrorism Tipline calls from law enforcement and the public.

**Tactical Intelligence Section:** The Tactical Intelligence Section is responsible for the intelligence information gathering efforts of the Department. There are 5 Area Task Forces located throughout the Commonwealth. Section members work closely with the intelligence and investigative components of state, municipal, and federal law enforcement agencies.

During 2004, members of the Area I Intelligence Task Force concluded an investigation of Ronald W. Hertzog, the leader of the Pennsylvania 1st Unorganized Militia. Hertzog was arrested after meeting with undercover Troopers over an extended period of time, discussing potential targets for

attack if it ever became necessary. At the time of his arrest, Hertzog was in possession of 7 firearms. Additionally, a search warrant served at his residence resulted in the seizure of several fully-automatic weapons, a silencer, 3 explosive devices, bomb-making instructions, and a large amount of ammunition. Hertzog was also affiliated with the Aryan Nations and advocated an alliance with anti-Semitic Islamic groups. Hertzog was sentenced to 70 months in federal prison. The investigation was conducted jointly with the FBI-JTTF.

Members of the Area V Intelligence Task Force completed an 18-month investigation of 3 white supremacists who had planned and taken steps toward the commission of several crimes. Undercover members and FBI personnel met with David Wayne Hull, Joshua Caleb Sutter, and John Douglas Keohane. Hull, a Grand Wizard in the KKK in Washington County, supplied an unassembled pipe bomb to law enforcement and offered to supply additional bombs. He also solicited undercover members to sell him illegal weapons and explosive devices. Sutter planned to murder an individual and sought assistance in procuring an unregistered weapon to commit the crime. Keohane provided a homemade silencer device to law enforcement and planned to rob a local drug dealer for his money, drugs, and a gun. Keohane also attempted to purchase a silenced full-auto weapon, as well as components to construct a pipe bomb.

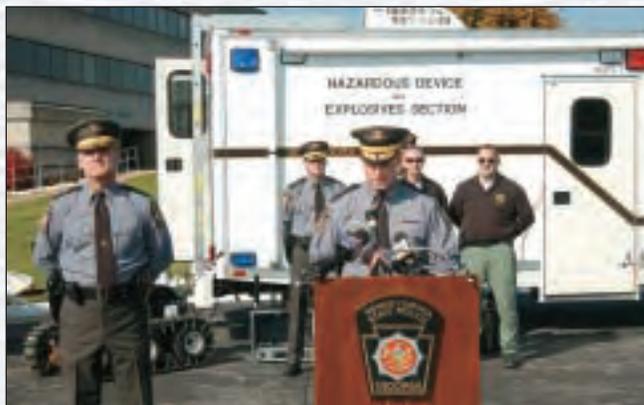
## Bureau of Emergency and Special Operations

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 municipal police departments through the use of 8 helicopters and 7 airplanes. During 2004, helicopter pilots logged over 3,638 hours of flight time responding to searches, photography requests,



*BESO, Colonel Jeffrey B. Miller speaking at the dedication Ceremony for the Hazardous Device and Explosives Section.*

marijuana eradication, and other missions. Fixed-wing pilots logged approximately 1,591 hours completing SPARE details, criminal surveillance, and other missions. During 2004, 1,737 SPARE citations were issued.

During 2004, Department helicopter pilots were issued night vision goggles (NVG). All flights during hours of darkness will now be completed using NVG's. The safety level for after dark operations has been significantly increased with the introduction of NVG flight.

**Electronic Surveillance Section (ESS):** ESS is responsible for the deployment, service, and maintenance of wiretap and other electronic surveillance equipment throughout the Commonwealth. During 2004, ESS responded to 313 requests for technical assistance from various state, federal, and municipal law enforcement agencies.

## Tactical Operations Division

**Special Emergency Response Team (SERT) Section:** During 2004, SERT was activated for 134 tactical incidents. 24 requests were received from municipal law enforcement, 28 from federal law enforcement, 8 from joint state and federal task force operations, and 2 from other Commonwealth agencies. The majority of federal requests involved providing protection for the President, Vice President, and other dignitaries and candidates.

Barricaded gunman incidents (60) accounted for most of the activations, and of those activations, 21 were resolved before SERT became operational in the situation. Approximately 42% of the incidents in which SERT negotiators established contact with the subject were resolved by a surrender, and 33% were resolved by the physical arrest of non-compliant subjects. SERT used chemical agents to resolve 7 of the incidents. There were no uses of deadly force in 2004, however, 4 subjects committed suicide and 3 injured themselves in suicide attempts.

SERT was involved in the service of 32 high risk warrants. The majority of warrant service requests, 87%, were for narcotics violations. SERT responded to 2 hostage situations in 2004. One situation was resolved by the simultaneous explosive breach of 2 doors. Six children were rescued and there were no injuries.

### SERT Tactical Activations:

Barricaded Gunman	60
Hostage	2
Security	29
Warrant Service	32
Surveillance	7
Wooded Terrain	5
	<u>135</u>

**Hazardous Device and Explosives Section (HDES):** On September 20, 2004, HDES received Bomb Squad accreditation from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This accreditation was awarded after Lieutenant Robert D. Queen attended an Executive Management Course for Bomb Squad



BESO, HDES Member demonstrates robot.

Commanders, and 2 members of HDES completed 5 weeks of Bomb Technician training at the FBI's Hazardous Devices School, Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama. The instruction was provided by the FBI and the US Army. Prior to attending the Hazardous Devices School, the 2 Bomb Technicians experienced a week of training provided by the New York City Bomb Squad, the oldest civilian Bomb Squad in the nation.

HDES is comprised of 5 members: 1 Bomb Squad Commander, 1 Corporal and 3 Troopers. All HDES members are Emergency Responder Hazardous Materials Technicians, certified Pennsylvania Blasters, and certified in Post-Blast investigations. Members have also attended the US Department of Justice sponsored Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings at New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, Energetic Material Research and Testing Center, Socorro, New Mexico, and are now qualified to teach the course.

HDES has acquired all of its equipment through the 2003 Homeland Security Grant. The equipment includes the following: two 14' box trucks with explosive containment trailers; three 1 ton support vans; a thermal destruction unit; a post-blast investigation equipment trailer; a tactical equipment delivery vehicle; bomb and search suits; disrupters; x-ray equipment; rigging and vehicle access tools; a hazardous device robot; and 3 explosive magazines.



BESO, Major Richard S. Zenk, Lieutenant Robert D. Queen, and members of the Hazardous Device and Explosives Section.

**Canine Section:** During 2004, utilizations of the Canine Section exceeded 3,000. Increases in usage were noted in the areas of drug, accelerant, and explosive detection.

Explosive Detection Teams were used 317 times during the year. This included 70 school searches, 110 security/dignitary details, 107 other searches, and 16 demonstrations.

Accelerant Detection Teams were utilized 216 times during 2004. The 3 Accelerant Detection Teams assisted with 88 Arson investigations and 22 investigations involving fatalities.

Drug Detection Team operations resulted in the following seizures during 2004:

Marijuana	614,225g	\$14,714,127.00
Cocaine	64,513g	\$5,310,860.00
Heroin	7,386g	\$1,510,530.00
Methamphetamine	1,226g	\$295,400.00
Other Drugs		\$1,479,640.00
Paraphernalia	548 items	\$1,435.00
Vehicles	42	\$493,500.00
Firearms	35	\$14,000.00
U.S. Currency		\$3,832,150.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 27,651,642.00</b>

Drug Detection Teams were utilized 2,450 times and conducted 103 school searches across the Commonwealth during 2004.

## Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement

Major Leonard H. McDonald, Director

The Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement (LCE), comprised of the Operations Division, and the Administration Division, is Headquartered on Vartan Way, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. LCE has 9 district offices located in Philadelphia, Wilkes-Barre, Harrisburg, Pittsburgh, Altoona, Williamsport, Punxsutawney, Erie, and Allentown.

**University/College Underage Drinking Enforcement Program:** LCE participates with Troops in this joint effort aimed at curtailing the purchase and consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors. Raids are conducted at various gathering places for minors, including fraternities, sports events, and local licensed establishments. In 2004, 77 raids were conducted, resulting in 403 arrests; including 324 minors.

**Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws Program:** LCE concluded year 5 of the "Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws Program," which is funded by a federal sub-grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, awarded through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. The initiative involves partnering with entities associated with alcohol education, alcohol enforcement, college administration, the alcohol industry, and students.

The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board was tasked with aiding in building and/or enhancing campus/community coalitions at each of the 9 institutions selected to participate

in Year 5. The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape customized programs to further enhance present programs on dating violence, etc., for the participants. LCE partnered with the following colleges and universities in Year 5: Albright College, Carnegie Mellon University, Dickinson College, East Stroudsburg University, Edinboro University, Lycoming College, Penn State University at Altoona, Saint Joseph's University, Slippery Rock University, and Temple University.

**1-888-UNDER21 Hotline:** 1-888-UNDER21 was established by LCE as part of former Governor Tom Ridge's partnership with parents, students, community leaders, law enforcement officers, and university officials, to combat underage and binge drinking across the Commonwealth. The hotline has been operational for 5 years. The information obtained from the hotline is directed to LCE and forwarded to the appropriate agency.

**12th Liquor Enforcement Officer Trainee Class:** The 12th Liquor Enforcement Officer (LEO) Trainee class of 27 officers graduated on April 27, 2004. The graduates were assigned to the Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Altoona, and Allentown District Offices.

**Choices Program:** The Choices Program continues to serve as an educational and public relations tool to address the problem of underage drinking by middle school; high school; and college-age students. The middle and high school program consists of presentations made by LCE personnel at school assemblies, and is also presented at health fairs and during Camp Cadet. The collegiate version is primarily used at freshman orientations, and it emphasizes alcohol-free recreational activities. There were 262 presentations in 2004, with 9,752 individuals attending.

**Nuisance Bar Program:** This initiative provides an opportunity for LCE to assist other agencies in targeting "nuisance" or "problem" liquor establishments. The program aids in curtailing the operations of liquor establishments that have a negative impact on the quality of life in the surrounding community. In 2004, LCE received 48 nuisance bar-related complaints, initiated 27 nuisance bar-related investigations, issued 8 citations, and closed 7 nuisance bars.

**Illegal Gambling Initiative Continues Its Success:** LCE is responsible for enforcing illegal gambling and related activities occurring in establishments licensed by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board. In 2004, 911 investigations were conducted, resulting in 263 administrative citations, 31 criminal arrests, and the seizure of 700 machines and over \$129,590.00.

**Border Patrols:** This initiative involves the apprehension and prosecution of Pennsylvania citizens 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 2004, 62 details were conducted, resulting in 33 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.

### Operations Division

**Interdiction Units:** BDLE operates 3 Interdiction Units (East, Central, and West). Interdiction Unit members primarily conduct investigations at public facilities such as mass transit terminals and other facilities throughout the Commonwealth. Members are often assigned to Federal Task Forces with DEA, FBI, Postal Service and Customs Service personnel.

Eastern Interdiction Unit members are assigned to the Philadelphia/Camden High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force. During 2004, members of the Eastern Interdiction Unit arrested 90 individuals, seized over 1.1 million dollars in cash, 125 kilograms of cocaine, 12 kilograms of heroin, 3,355 pounds of marijuana, 5 kilograms of ecstasy, and 10 weapons.

Central Interdiction Unit members are assigned to a DEA Task Force in Harrisburg, Allentown, or Scranton. During 2004, members of the Central Interdiction Unit arrested 74 individuals, and seized \$609,743 in cash, 673 pounds of marijuana, 128 kilograms of cocaine, and 27 weapons.

Western Interdiction Unit members are assigned to work in either Pittsburgh or Erie, with most working with the DEA or FBI. During 2004, members of the Western Interdiction Unit arrested 121 individuals, seized over \$2.7 million in cash, 347 pounds of marijuana, 31 kilograms of cocaine, 5 ounces of heroin, and 23 weapons.

**Clandestine Laboratory Response Team (CLRT):** The CLRT is responsible for responding to all requests for assistance at suspected clandestine labs and associated dump sites throughout the Commonwealth. CLRT has seen a substantial rise in requests for service over the past 4 years. A virtual doubling effect has been seen in the Commonwealth since 2001. The year 2004 was no exception with 128 call outs, as compared to 64 in 2003, 34 in 2002, and 19 in 2001. The Northwestern region of Pennsylvania has seen the most activity. Methamphetamine remains the dominant illegal drug being produced in the Commonwealth. The CLRT has also reached out to private industry in an effort to educate them and their role in helping law enforcement address this problem.

The CLRT has also expanded its role in response to possible terrorist attacks in the Commonwealth. Numerous

members of the CLRT either have been or will be trained to respond to incidents involving weapons of mass destruction. Their role at these incidents will be to document and collect evidence for use by investigators and prosecutors. All training and equipment associated with this new function has been made possible through various Homeland Security Grants.

### Administration Division

**Financial Investigation/Asset Forfeiture Unit (FIAF):** The FIAF Unit provides assistance in drug-related cases involving large sums of money, property, and vehicles. During 2004, FIAF Unit members were responsible for processing state and federal forfeiture funds through civil litigation totaling approximately \$11 million. Other assets seized during the year included 21 residential properties, 95 vehicles, and a wide variety of miscellaneous items.

**Training:** During 2004, a 15-minute video and informational poster were developed and distributed. The video and poster emphasized problem recognition and safety hazards associated with clandestine laboratories. More than 7,500 "Wage a War on Illegal Methamphetamine Production" posters and 500 video discs have been distributed statewide.

## Office of Gaming Enforcement

Captain Ronald P. Petyak, Director

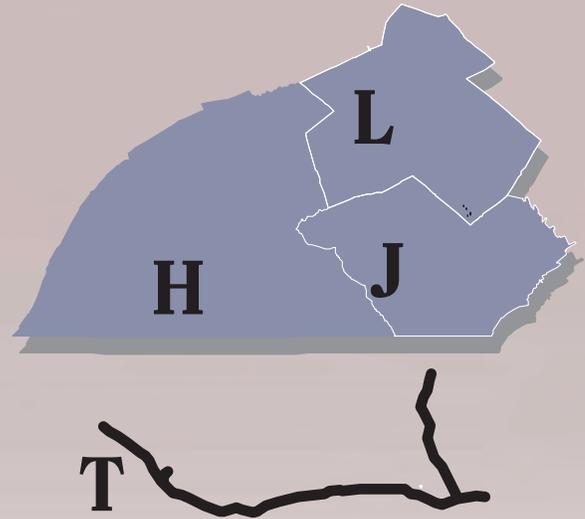
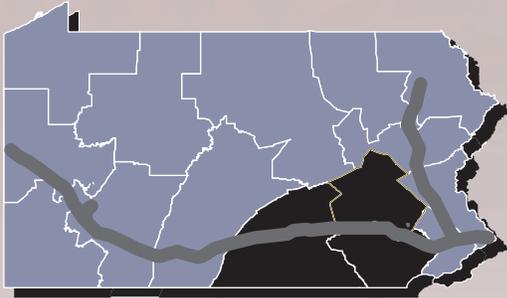
On July 1, 2004, Pennsylvania House Bill 2330 was passed which legalized the use of slot machines in Pennsylvania. As a result, on July 12, 2004, the Office of Gaming Enforcement (OGE) was created.

The Race Horse Development and Gaming Act, Act 71, mandates that the Department be tasked with some level of responsibility in criminal investigations and enforcement, regulatory enforcement, and background investigations. OGE is currently staffed with 3 Department members: Captain Ronald P. Petyak, Director; Lieutenant Michael A. Ruda, Eastern Section Commander; and Lieutenant Maynard H. Gray, Western Section Commander.

The OGE implementation plan for background investigations, criminal investigations and enforcement, and regulatory enforcement was presented to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (PGCB) by Lt. Colonel Ralph M. Periandi and Captain Petyak. A resolution was passed by the PGCB authorizing OGE to conduct background investigations on all Board employees and all applicants for manufacturer's and supplier's licenses.

Act 71 provides for 14 licensed gaming facilities to be geographically located across the Commonwealth. It is anticipated these facilities will be operational within a 2-year period.

# AREA I



**Area I**  
**Major Coleman J. McDonough**

**Troop H, Harrisburg**  
**Captain Jon D. Kurtz**

**Troop J, Lancaster**  
**Captain Steven O. McDaniel**

**Troop L, Reading**  
**Captain Nancy B. Kovel**

**Troop T, Highspire**  
**Captain James J. Garofalo**

**6 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 Jon D. Kurtz, Commanding Officer

Headquarters located in Dauphin County  
8000 Bretz Drive  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17112  
Phone 717-671-7500

### 4 Additional Stations:

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

- ★ 364 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 2004:  
75,609

**Missing Person/Murder Case:** On April 25, 2003, a fisherman discovered a plastic storage bin containing the body of a white male floating in the Susquehanna River approximately ½ mile downstream of the Clark's Ferry Bridge. A statewide CLEAN Message was sent describing the victim. Corporal James M. Petti, Troop P, Tunkhannock, responded to the message to advise that they were investigating a missing person fitting the description of the body pulled from the river.

It was determined through the investigation that the victim had traveled to Tennessee in a motor home with Charles E. Shifflett, Sr., and Shifflett killed the victim in the motor home. Shifflett then drove the motor home to Virginia and burned it to destroy the evidence. Shifflett then drove another vehicle and the victim's body to Pennsylvania, where he dumped the body into the Susquehanna River from the Clark's Ferry Bridge. Shifflett was charged with Murder, Tampering with Evidence, and Abuse of Corpse, in Dauphin County.

In November 2004, a jury trial was held and the jury found Shifflett guilty of Tampering with Evidence and Abuse of Corpse. The jury decided the homicide did not occur in Pennsylvania; therefore, they did not have jurisdiction to convict Shifflett of Murder. On December 16, 2004, Shifflett was indicted by a Sullivan County, Tennessee, Grand Jury on charges of First-Degree Murder, Robbery, and First-Degree Murder in the course of a Robbery. Shifflett was also charged



*Troop H, Traffic Crash Investigation.*

with Arson in Augusta County, Virginia, on November 5, 2004. The lead investigator in the case was Trooper Brian C. Krause, Troop H, Harrisburg, Criminal Investigation Unit.

**Conviction in 1989 Hit-and-Run Death:** On April 9, 1989, a hit-and-run crash occurred in Carroll Twp., Perry County, in which a pedestrian was struck and killed. Numerous vehicles were checked over the next several days, and over the years several people were questioned, but no new information was obtained. In 2003 the passenger in the hit-and-run vehicle, Patti Cooper came forward. Cooper was ill at the time and believed she might die and did not want to take the fatal crash to her grave. Cooper was interviewed by Trooper Rodney D. Anderson and Corporal William W. Arndt, Jr., Newport Station. Cooper provided the name of the driver of the hit-and-run vehicle, Timothy Gibney. Trooper Anderson and Trooper Steve D. Arnold, Newport Station, interviewed Gibney, who confessed to driving the hit-and-run vehicle. Gibney was charged with Accidents Involving Death or Personal Injury, which was the only appropriate charge which was not time-barred by the Statute of Limitations. Gibney was found guilty of the charge on November 8, 2004.

**Convictions in Auto Shop Murder Case:** On August 6, 2003, Frank Schoff was shot to death in his auto repair shop in Fawn Twp., York County. Early in the investigation, Criminal Investigation Unit members from the York Station identified Suzanne Schoff, the victim's ex-wife, as a suspect. Within 36 hours, investigators were able to develop enough evidence to take Suzanne Schoff and her boyfriend Terry Wingler, into custody for the killing. During the course of the investigation, it was determined Suzanne Schoff had urged Wingler to kill Frank Schoff. Investigators were able to obtain a confession from Wingler, who pled guilty on December 17, 2004, and was sentenced to 20 to 40 years in prison. Investigators also compiled enough evidence to have Suzanne Schoff convicted of First-Degree Murder and Conspiracy to Commit Murder, for which she was sentenced to life in prison. In addition to Wingler and Suzanne Schoff, another individual has been charged with First-Degree Murder and Conspiracy to Commit Murder, and is scheduled to go on trial in 2005.



## 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

- ★ 235 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 2004: 37,094

**ACU1000 Successfully Field Tested During Major Incident:** On October 6, 2004, a tractor trailer hauling potassium cyanide caught fire as it traveled on the Pennsylvania Turnpike, between the Lancaster/Lebanon and Harrisburg East Exits, Lebanon County. Businesses and residents within a 2-mile radius of the fire were evacuated to protect them from exposure to hazardous conditions. Troopers from Lancaster Headquarters and Ephrata Station provided security and traffic-control to affected Troop J area in Rapho Twp., Lancaster County. A Command Post was established and the ACU1000 was employed on mobile to mobile channel. With the use of this technology, Ephrata Station and Lancaster Headquarters units were able to communicate directly with Lancaster County EMA, fire companies, and Troop T via 1 radio channel.

**Aggressive Drivers/Speeders Targeted on Lancaster County Highways:** Beginning in the summer of 2003, in response to complaints from the public, speed enforcement on limited-access highways in Lancaster County, particularly US 222, became a priority. In 2004, 173 motorists were clocked at 90 mph or faster. Eighty of the violators (or 46%) on the "ninety or above" list were 21 years of age or younger. 37 of the violators (21%) were 18 years of age or younger. Aggressive enforcement, utilizing the fixed wing airplane, unmarked vehicles, and troopers using handheld radar units from bridge overpasses will continue.

**Over 60 Crimes Cleared as the Result of Burglary Arrest:** Trooper Thomas W. Koebley, Lancaster Headquarters, was patrolling a section of US Business Route 30 that was being plagued with both residential and business burglaries. Trooper Koebley observed a vehicle parked at a business, so he investigated further. Upon checking the business, Trooper Koebley apprehended a suspect who was in the act of committing a burglary. After further investigation, 11 additional suspects were arrested; over 60 robberies, burglaries and thefts were cleared; and \$5,000 in stolen property was recovered.

### Troop H Enforcement Efforts

Traffic Citations	31,536
DUI Arrests	1,583
MCSAP Inspections	31,131
School Bus Inspections	310
Criminal Arrests	8,131
Drug-Related Arrests	721
Fire Marshal Investigations	229
Child Safety Seat Inspections	116

**Horse and Buggy Driver's Manual:** On Tuesday, November 9, 2004, a news conference was held at Lancaster Headquarters to unveil the "Horse and Buggy Driver's Manual." This manual was developed by the local "Plain" community, the Lancaster Highway Safety Council; the Lancaster County Planning Commission; PennDOT; and the Pennsylvania State Police, Troop J, Community Services Unit.

The manual, which is the first of its kind, contains useful information for the Amish community, especially for the youth, regarding how to drive a horse and buggy and share the road with automobiles on today's congested highways. The intent of the manual is to reduce crashes involving horse and buggies and automobiles. Approximately 23,000 copies have been printed and the manual has been well received by members of the "Plain" community.

**Top Gun Award Recipient:** The Lancaster County DUI Council presented their "Top Gun" award to Trooper Joseph M. Harper, Lancaster Headquarters, for his DUI enforcement.

**Avondale Trooper of the Year Recipient:** Trooper Joseph Fanning, Avondale Station, was recognized as Avondale's "Trooper of the Year" by the Kennett Square Area Rotary Club. Trooper Fanning was honored for his service to the citizens of southern Chester County in his capacity as a Patrol Trooper over the last 9 years. He was also recognized for his service to the country during his recent military activation to Iraq.



*Troop J, new Embreeville Station.*

### Troop J Enforcement Efforts

Traffic Citations	16,121
DUI Arrests	870
MCSAP Inspections	1,895
School Bus Inspections	2,312
Criminal Arrests	3,924
Drug-Related Arrests	280
Fire Marshal Investigations	240
Child Safety Seat Inspections	405



## Troop L, Reading Facts and Highlights

Captain Nancy B. Kovel, Commanding Officer

Headquarters located in Berks County  
600 Kenhorst Boulevard  
Reading, Pennsylvania 19611-1700  
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 2004: 37,703

**Motorist Assist Nets Murder Suspect:** On April 21, 2004, Trooper Michael J. Gownley, Frackville Station, returning from a construction zone detail, stopped to assist a disabled motorist on Interstate 81. The vehicle had a blown tire which was shredded to the rim. The operator stated he had a knife and could fix the tire. Trooper Gownley observed an AR 15 assault rifle and handguns on the front seat, and he also observed blood the operator's hands and clothing. Trooper Gownley took the subject into custody and transported him to the Frackville Station. The guns in the vehicle were found to be loaded and operational.

At approximately the same time that Trooper Gownley was with the disabled motorist, Trooper Chad M. Berstler, Frackville Station, was dispatched to check on a tractor trailer on Interstate 81 in Frailey Twp., Schuylkill County, that had its windows smashed out. Trooper Berstler located the vehicle and inside he found the body of the truck operator, who appeared to be the victim of a homicide. Shell casings at the scene matched the guns found in the vehicle operated by the individual that Trooper Gownley had arrested. Further investigation revealed that the individual that Trooper Gownley arrested was wearing the homicide victim's work jacket at the time of his arrest. The case is currently pending trial.

**Tornado Strikes Lebanon County Community:** On July 14, 2004, a category F3 tornado with 200 mph winds struck a residential community in south Londonderry Twp., Lebanon County. The tornado injured numerous residents, completely destroyed 37 homes, severely damaged 34 homes, and damaged 72 other homes. The Pennsylvania State Police Mobile Command Post was set up at the scene to help coordinate security and recovery efforts. State Police personnel from Troop L, with assistance from Troop H and BESO, worked with local law enforcement, PEMA, Lebanon County EMA, Campbelltown Fire Company and municipal officials to stabilize the scene, control access to the

neighborhood, and ensure the continued flow of traffic in the area.

**DUI Crash Reduction Initiative:** During July 2004, a Schuylkill County multi-agency coalition was created to address the upward trend of DUI-related fatal crashes. The crashes occurred primarily within the northern half of Schuylkill County and were identified by the new Problem Specific Policing (PSP) initiative. PSP allows users to quickly identify trends or patterns and take immediate steps to counter them. The Schuylkill County DUI Crash Reduction Initiative operations included radio and press releases, education, awareness, and enforcement. To date, coalition members have made 81 DUI arrests; issued 896 citations and 814 written warnings; and have been responsible for a 100% reduction in DUI-related crashes in the target area. This project was adopted by the Pennsylvania State Police Bureau of Patrol as a "Best Practice."

**2004 Presidential Election Security Details:** Troop L personnel assisted the US Secret Service by providing dignitary protection, route and venue security, and the coordination of law enforcement services necessary to ensure the safety of the candidates, their families, and the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.



*Troop L, aftermath of tornado in Lebanon County.*

### Troop L Enforcement Efforts

Traffic Citations	16,699
DUI Arrests	615
MCSAP Inspections	1,723
School Bus Inspections	2,150
Criminal Arrests	3,931
Drug-Related Arrests	178
Fire Marshal Investigations	110
Child Safety Seat Inspections	210



## Troop T, Highspire Facts and Highlights

Captain James J. Garofalo, Commanding Officer

Headquarters located in Dauphin County  
Post Office Box 67676  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17106-7676  
Phone 717-939-9551

### 8 Additional Stations:

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

- ★ 249 enlisted and civilian personnel
- ★ Troop T covers the entire 531 miles of the Pennsylvania Turnpike system, including 59 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 Pennsylvania Turnpike each year.
- ★ Total number of incidents handled by Troop T during 2004: 33,201

**Pennsylvania Turnpike Work Stoppage:** On November 24, 2004, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission's unionized toll collectors, maintenance workers, and other personnel, totaling more than 2,000 union employees, walked off their jobs following a decision by their union to strike after months of contract negotiations with the Turnpike Commission. Troop T implemented a "Strike Operations Plan" immediately and posted Troopers at all interchanges, regional offices, and the Central Administration Building. The communications center at Highspire Headquarters served as the Command Post for the plan, with Captain Garofalo as the Incident Commander.

Troopers ensured that public safety was preserved throughout the system, and also maintained order at the turnpike facilities where striking workers were picketing. Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission management personnel staffed the tollbooths as well as other positions at maintenance facilities, administrative offices, and the communications center. During the strike, 6 striking union employees were arrested by members of Troop T for offenses ranging from Disorderly Conduct to Simple Assault. The strike ended on November 30, 2004.

**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 slowing the travel speed of motorists continue to remain top priorities for all Troop T personnel. Special enforcement programs include commercial vehicle inspections, radar details, SPARE, civilian clothes patrols, Penn-

sylvania Turnpike Commission truck details, and the use of Turnpike-owned unconventional vehicles for traffic safety enforcement.

**Station Personnel Net Drugs during Traffic Stops:** During 2004, Troop T members were active in drug interdiction during traffic enforcement. Some significant seizures were:

On March 11, 2004, Trooper Kevin L. Chaney, Everett Station, confiscated 188 packets of heroin from the trunk of a vehicle during a traffic stop.

On October 26, 2004, Sergeant Anthony F. DeLuca, Somerset Station, stopped a 2005 Dodge Dakota for a left lane violation and speeding 66 mph in 55 mph speed zone in moderate foggy conditions. A Triple I request on the driver resulted in the discovery of an arrest warrant from the state of California issued in 1997 for Trafficking Drugs. A search warrant was obtained resulting in the discovery of \$99,820 inside a spare tire.

Somerset Station Troopers made 192 criminal arrests, seized over \$4 million dollars in drugs, vehicles, guns, money, and jewelry from various criminal enterprises.

On October 27, 2004, Trooper Michael T. Spinneweber, New Stanton Station, with the assistance of Corporal Robert Ault, Troop T, New Stanton, and Tpr. Kenneth Ranalli and K-9 44, BESO, seized 100 pounds of suspected marijuana and a 9mm Taurus pistol.

**Homicide Suspect Attempts to Flee on Turnpike:** On September 3, 2004, members from Everett, Somerset, New Stanton, and Gibsonia Stations, as well as County PSP

### Troop T Enforcement Efforts

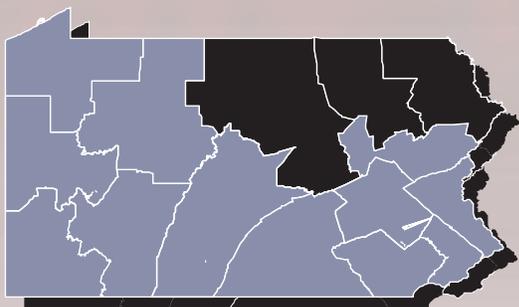
Traffic Citations	77,144
DUI Arrests	122
MCSAP Inspections	3,171
MCSAP Citations	5,934
Criminal Arrests	433
Drug-Related Arrests	65
Written Warnings	36,091
Seat Belt Warnings	13,363

Stations, engaged in the pursuit of a felony suspect wanted for a homicide that had occurred in Delaware. The suspect was traveling westbound on the Turnpike with his mother and 2 juveniles. The suspect and the occupants were taken into custody at the conclusion of the pursuit.

**Highway Safety Award:** On December 7, 2004, the South Central AAA presented the Community Traffic Safety Gold award to Somerset Station members for the 4th consecutive year. The award is presented to police departments that have made the highways a safer place for the motoring public.



# AREA II



## Area II

**Major Sidney A. Simon**

**Troop F, Montoursville**  
**Captain Mark E. Lomax**

**Troop P, Wyoming**  
**Captain Kenneth F. Hill**

**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

- ★ 288 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 2004: 36,120

**Arrest and Conviction in Major Burglary Case:** During the early months of 2004, Milton Station personnel investigated over 100 burglaries that occurred at self-storage units throughout Montour, Northumberland, Union, and Lycoming Counties. More than \$100,000 of electronics, computers, tools, appliances, and other items were stolen during the burglaries. In April 2004, search warrants were served which led to the recovery of 5 truckloads of property and the arrest and conviction of an individual responsible for the burglaries.

**Troop Receives Award for Excellence in Homicide Investigation:** Troop F and members of the Montoursville Headquarters Criminal Investigation Unit received an Award for Excellence in Homicide Investigation from Lycoming County District Attorney Michael A. Dinges. In 1999, Cardiothoracic Surgeon Dr. Richard Illes, who was a prominent heart surgeon, shot and killed his estranged wife in a sniper-type shooting that took place in Loyalsock Twp, Lycoming County. After a 4-year investigation, Dr. Illes was arrested in Spokane, Washington and subsequently returned to Pennsylvania on homicide charges. A trial was conducted in Lycoming County in January and February of 2004. Dr. Illes was found guilty of First-Degree Murder and sentenced to life in prison without parole. Corporal John P. McDermott and Trooper William E. Holmes, Jr., Montoursville Headquarters, were instrumental throughout the investigation and in the ultimate conviction of Dr. Illes. This case received national media attention, and was the subject of documentaries aired by *Court TV* and *CBS 48 Hours*.

**Troop F TRAP Program:** Troop F conducted 26 Terrorist Reduction Action Plan (TRAP) program details targeting terrorist activity and other violent and drug-related crimes. These programs were held in a high-crash area of Interstate 80. The program combined aggressive MCSAP, traffic enforcement, auto theft, intelligence, and canine searches,

which resulted in numerous traffic arrests, fugitive and illegal alien apprehensions, and investigations leading into auto thefts and drugs.

**Vice Presidential Escort Details:** Vice President Dick Cheney visited the Little League World Series in August 2004 and campaigned in Williamsport in October 2004. Troop F assembled transport and security details for both visits. Over 200 Department members representing Troop F, Bureau of Patrol, Bureau of Emergency and Special Operations, and other entities, worked closely with the FBI and US Secret Service to ensure the safety of the Vice President and the citizens of the Commonwealth during the visits.



*Troop F, Corporal John P. McDermott and Trooper William E. Holmes Receiving an Award of Excellence for the Illes Homicide Investigation.*

### Troop F Enforcement Efforts

Traffic Citations	36,776
DUI Arrests	882
MCSAP Inspections	2,979
School Bus Inspections	1,180
Criminal Arrests	5,065
Drug-Related Arrests	282
Fire Marshal Investigations	95
Child Safety Seat Inspections	88



## Troop P, Wyoming Facts and Highlights

Captain Kenneth F. Hill, Commanding Officer

Headquarters located in Luzerne County  
475 Wyoming Avenue  
Wyoming, Pennsylvania 18644  
Phone 570-697-2004

#### 4 Additional Stations:

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

- ★ 193 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 2004: 21,993

**Two Deputy Sheriffs Murdered:** On March 31, 2004, 2 Bradford County Sheriff's Deputies, Deputy Michael Van Kuren and Deputy Christopher Burgert were shot and killed while attempting to serve an arrest warrant in the very rural and mountainous northwest region of Bradford County, approximately 2 miles from the border of New York state. This tragic event led to the largest manhunt in the history of Troop P.

A Task Force consisting of 234 Department members from Troops P, F, R, N; the Bureau of Criminal Investigation; and the Bureau of Emergency and Special Operations; as well as personnel from the New York State Police; Municipal Police and Sheriffs Departments from Pennsylvania and New York; the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms; and the US Marshals Service was formed to search for the killer. It is estimated that nearly 500 law enforcement officers participated in the Task Force.

Roadblocks were established to cordon off a 10 square mile area around the incident. Roving patrols, aerial patrols, search dogs, wooded terrain searches, and house to house searches were all utilized during the search. Task Force members encountered severe weather conditions, including rain, snow, and wind with temperatures around 30 degrees. After approximately 30 hours of searching, the suspect was captured by the State Police approximately 2 miles from the murder scene.

**Troop P Anti-DUI Public Service Message:** As a public service, Troop P, in conjunction with a local media business, had a DVD professionally produced that focuses on the tragedy of teenage drinking and driving fatalities. The video features Troop members delivering a Public Service Announcement, along with 2 families that chronicle their personal tragedies. The DVD, titled "Final Decisions/Fatal Decisions," is being presented at schools and community events throughout the Troop area.

**Internet Predator Arrested and Convicted:** A 33-year-old male posed as a teenage girl on the internet and convinced a 16-year-old girl to have a meeting with “her.” The suspect told the victim that “she” would have her “brother” pick her up. The suspect picked up the victim, sexually assaulted her over several hours, and then dropped her off along the road at 4:00 in the morning. A year-long investigation conducted by members of Shickshinny Station, including the Computer Crime Unit, resulted in the arrest and conviction of the suspect.



## 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

- ★ 207 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 2004: 36,361

**Presidential Campaign Security Details:** Troop R members provided security during the 2004 Presidential campaign visits by both President George W. Bush and Senator John F. Kerry. Both candidates visited Lackawanna County after receiving their respective party’s nomination. Security was also provided during subsequent visits by President Bush and Senator Kerry.

**Trooper Receives Area Commander’s Letter of Commendation:** Trooper Patrick J. Zirpoli, Honesdale Station, was presented with an Area Commander’s Letter of Commendation by Major Sidney A. Simon, Area II Commander. Trooper Zirpoli received the commendation for his investigation of a Strong-Armed Robbery that occurred on June 6, 2004. Trooper Zirpoli was responsible for the arrest of the suspect within 24 hours of the incident.

**Troopers Receive Prestigious Awards:** On October 26, 2004, the Wayne County Jaycees selected Trooper Michael T. Carroll, Honesdale Station, as the “Wayne County Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.”

Trooper Michael V. Minsavage, Dunmore Headquarters, was presented with an award for his “Dedication to Reducing Drunk Driving in our Community,” by the Drug and Alcohol Treatment Service of Lackawanna County.

**PCO of the Year Award:** PCO Thomas J. Parenti, Jr., Honesdale Station, was selected as “PCO of the Year.”

**Top Troop R DUI Enforcers:** The top DUI Enforcers for Troop R for 2004 were: Trooper Ronald L. Copp, Dunmore Headquarters; Corporal Chriss L. Grube, Honesdale Station; Trooper Jennifer A. Kosakevitch, Blooming Grove Station; Trooper John D. Szuch, Gibson Station.

### Troop P Enforcement Efforts

Traffic Citations	16,312
DUI Arrests	918
MCSAP Inspections	1,483
School Bus Inspections	572
Criminal Arrests	3,138
Drug-Related Arrests	225
Fire Marshal Investigations	141
Child Safety Seat Inspections	263



*Troop R, Tpr. Patrick J. Zirpoli receiving an Area Commander’s Letter of Commendation from Major Sidney A. Simon, Commander, Area II.*



*Troop R, Trooper Richard J. Janesko, and other Department Motorcycle Patrol Unit members are greeted by President George W. Bush during his visit to the Troop R area.*

### Troop R Enforcement Efforts

Traffic Citations	17,374
DUI Arrests	360
MCSAP Inspections	1,200
School Bus Inspections	751
Criminal Arrests	3,046
Drug-Related Arrests	212
Fire Marshal Investigations	175
Child Safety Seat Inspections	485

## CAMP CADET 2004

The Camp Cadet tradition continued in 2004 as 24 Camp Cadet programs, and the 6th Commissioner's Honor Camp, were conducted. Camp Cadet provides a firsthand look at law enforcement and criminal justice to children between the ages of 11 and 15. Camp Cadet builds the self confidence of the Cadets and also teaches them valuable lessons such as respect for themselves and others, teamwork, and discipline. Camp Cadet is sponsored by Camp Cadet, Inc., which is a group of non-profit organizations.

Cadets are placed in a disciplined environment where they live, learn, eat, and play together. Personnel from the Department, as well as municipal, federal, and other state agencies, provide instruction in a wide variety of law enforcement related areas. Each camp is run independently, and programs offered at individual camps vary across the Commonwealth.



*Honor Camp Cadets at the Capital Rotunda.*



*Honor Camp Cadets in formation.*

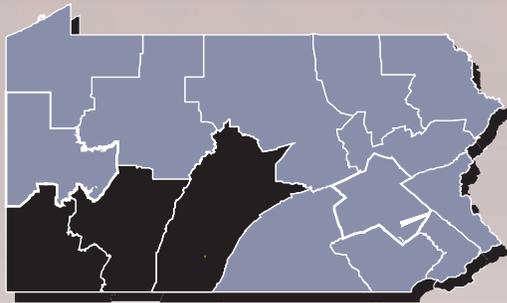


*(Above): Trooper James J. Bernosky, Troop R, presents a Certificate of Achievement to his nephew at Camp Cadet Graduation Ceremony. (Troop R)*



*(Left): Camp Cadet Graduation Ceremony. (Troop R)*

# 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  
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Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601-0436  
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### 4 Additional Stations:

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

- ★ 324 enlisted and civilian personnel
- ★ Total population of Troop area: 662,996
- ★ Total area served by Troop: 3,414.6 square miles
- ★ Total number of incidents handled by Troop during 2004: 50,832

**Convicted Murderer of Trooper Joseph J. Sepp Sentenced:** On February 11, 2004, Judge Norman Krumenaker, Cambria County Court of Common Pleas, sentenced Mark Leach to life imprisonment for the death of Trooper Joseph J. Sepp. Leach was also sentenced to additional prison time for other charges related to the case.

**Municipal Police Officer Injured and Marked Police Vehicle Stolen:** Personnel from the Greensburg Station investigated an Assault and hit-and-run incident in which the victim was an on-duty New Florence Borough Police Officer. Patrolman Michael J. Bandzej of the New Florence Borough Police Department stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation. During the traffic stop, the operator of the vehicle exited his vehicle, assaulted Patrolman Bandzej, and attempted to take his service revolver. As the assault was taking place, Patrolman Bandzej was struck by a vehicle, which left the scene without stopping. The assault suspect stole Patrolman Bandzej's patrol vehicle and fled the scene. The suspect was apprehended by officers from Ligonier Township Police Department. Greensburg Station personnel charged the suspect with Aggravated Assault, Robbery of a Motor Vehicle, Resisting Arrest, and Theft. Two suspects were identified in connection with the hit-and-run. The suspect and his girlfriend were charged with felony charges relating to the hit-and-run of Officer Bandzej.

**Troop A Patrol Initiatives:** "Camo Cops" – Traffic enforcement details consisting of camouflaged Troopers using hand held radar units, concealed in wooded areas along secondary roads, where traditional enforcement efforts have been unsuccessful.

**"Stand-Out-Speeders"** – In September 2004, the Indiana Station began to publish the names and speeds of violators who were cited for speeds in excess of 90 mph. During the month of September, there were more than 20 offenders, and that number has declined to 1 during the month of December.

**Troop A Crime Initiatives:** Transient Criminal Investigation – Early in 2004, members of the Somerset Station investigated several incidents involving transient criminals. The incidents included burglaries and thefts. A Transient Crimes Task Force was formed with personnel from Somerset

Station, neighboring PSP Stations, and the Maryland State Police. A program was developed to educate senior citizens about the various schemes that could be used against them by transient criminals. The program was aimed at preventing these crimes as well as identifying and prosecuting the actors. Several hundred citizens attended the programs throughout Somerset County.

Sexual Abuse of Children Investigation – Trooper Glenn K. Bard, Troop A Computer Crime Unit, and Officer Robert Jones, Greensburg City Police, conducted an online computer investigation into child luring. During the investigation, Ian Finlay, a computer security expert, initiated contact with what he believed to be a juvenile female from Latrobe, PA. Finlay sent dozens of e-mails and instant messages, many of which contained sexually explicit language, stories and propositions, to the fictitious teen. Finlay eventually traveled from Pittsburgh to Greensburg to meet with the girl for the purpose of sex. Upon arrival, Finlay was taken into custody and charged with numerous offenses. Finlay was convicted on all charges in the Court of Common Pleas of Westmoreland County.



Troop A, Outstanding Citizenship Award Ceremony.

### Troop A Enforcement Statistics

Traffic Citations	31,718
DUI Arrests	1,216
MCSAP Inspections	2,588
School Bus Inspections	2,064
Criminal Arrests	6,527
Drug-Related Arrests	409
Fire Marshal Investigations	247
Child Safety Seat Inspections	320



## 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
- ★ Waynesburg, Greene County
- ★ Pittsburgh, Allegheny County

- ★ 355 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 2004: 59,831

**Conviction in Quadruple Homicide Case:** On the morning of April 14, 2002, Larry Bobish, Sr., his wife Joanna Bobish, and his pregnant daughter Krystal Bobish, were fatally shot in their home in North Union Twp., Fayette County. Larry Bobish Jr., who was also at the home, was shot and cut with a knife, but survived the attack. The suspect then set the Bobish home ablaze and fled the scene. The motive in the slayings was drug related. Trooper John F. Marshall, Uniontown Station, was able to obtain a confession for the murders from Mark Edwards. In May of 2004, Edwards was found guilty of 3 counts of First-Degree Murder, 1 count of Second-Degree Murder, and Arson. Edwards received the death sentence.

**Second Degree Murder Conviction:** On May 3, 2003, Danielle McManus, age 13, was reported missing from her home in Saltlick Twp., Fayette County. Later that day, a severely burned corpse was discovered in a burned out vehicle in a junkyard several hundred yards from her home. DNA from the perpetrator of the crime was recovered from the victim's remains.

The DNA sample taken from the victim's body matched that of a sample taken from the victim's 20-year-old cousin, Brian Hayes. Hayes was subsequently arrested and a confession was obtained from him by Trooper John F. Marshall and Corporal John J. Tobin.

In November of 2004, Brian Hayes was found guilty of Second-Degree Murder, Statutory Sexual Assault, and Abuse of a Corpse. Hayes was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

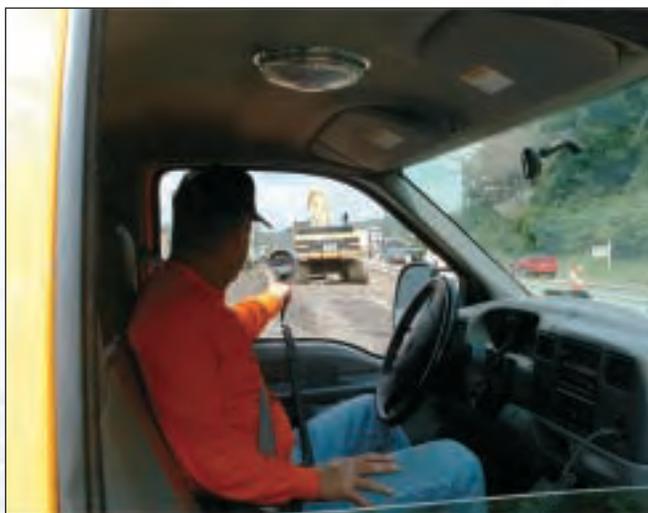
**Operation C.A.R.E. Kickoff:** Troop B hosted the Operation C.A.R.E. Annual Kickoff event in May of 2004 at the SR 0070 Claysville Welcome Center. Participants in the kickoff included PennDOT District 11-0, West Virginia State Police, Ohio Highway Patrol, Pennsylvania State Senator J. Barry Stout, and AAA. This combined law enforcement event is a

public information and educational event at the start of the summer holiday travel season.

**Troop B Awards and Recognition:** Trooper Timothy G. Campbell, Trooper Chad J. Craig, and Trooper Cory M. Zeleznak, all from the Pittsburgh Station, were individual recipients of the Pennsylvania DUI Association TOPGUN Award for DUI Enforcement.

Troop B was awarded the AAA Platinum Traffic Safety Award, the AAA's highest award for success and dedication to traffic safety.

**Project Rolling Thunder:** MCSAP/Commercial Vehicle Enforcement personnel from Troops A, B, D, and E, and personnel from PennDOT and the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue participated in an Area III/Area IV Commercial Vehicle Safety initiative during several periods of August 2004. Around the clock safety inspections were conducted on state and interstate routes throughout Troops B, D, and E. Rolling Thunder results: 836 inspections; 166 driver citations; 190 driver warning notices; 22 drivers placed out-of-service; 848 vehicle defect citations; 2,326 vehicle defect warnings; 340 commercial vehicles placed out-of-service.



*Troop B, Operation Yellow Jacket.*

### Troop B Enforcement Efforts

Traffic Citations	32,857
DUI Arrests	1,230
MCSAP Inspections	2,984
School Bus Inspections	4,398
Criminal Arrests	7,271
Drug-Related Arrests	456
Fire Marshal Investigations	264
Child Safety Seat Inspections	336



## Troop G, Hollidaysburg Facts and Highlights

Captain Joseph A. Holmberg, Commanding Officer

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1510 North Juniata Street  
Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648  
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### 6 Additional Stations:

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

- ★ 279 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 2004: 41,493

**Six Killed in Traffic Crash During Snowstorm:** On January 6, 2004, during a severe snow squall, 2 westbound tractor trailers lost control on the snow-covered roadway on Interstate 80, in Boggs Twp., Centre County. The resulting highway blockage combined with poor visibility and snow-covered roadway, contributed to a 42-vehicle chain reaction crash, which involved 28 commercial vehicles. As a result of the crash, 31 people were injured and 6 people were killed. A fire erupted in one of the vehicles and quickly spread to other commercial cargo that included several hazardous materials. The fire burned for more than 24 hours, seriously hindering the rescue efforts and investigation. Over the next 3 days, personnel from the Rockview Station, along with numerous other agencies, worked in extreme and very dangerous weather conditions to clear and document the wreckage.

**Troop G Illegal Drug Investigations:** After an extensive 9-month undercover drug investigation conducted by a Troop G Tactical Narcotics Unit member, search warrants were served on the residence of a suspect and another on the suspect's bank account. These warrants resulted in the seizure of numerous live marijuana plants, 60 pounds of processed marijuana, and \$124,157 in cash. As the investigation continued, search warrants were also served on 2 additional suspects. Another search warrant coincided with the arrival of a drug courier who was in possession of 550 pounds of processed marijuana and an additional \$27,400, which was subsequently seized. This investigation has yielded 640 pounds of marijuana, \$156,857, and 7 criminal arrests.

In another drug investigation, a Troop member temporarily assigned to the Troop G Tactical Narcotics Unit began an investigation into a major narcotics dealer operating in the Centre County area. The Trooper developed an informant, and through controlled deliveries made several high-level purchases of cocaine and marijuana from the dealer. The dealer

was arrested, and was later indicted by the Federal Government for the delivery of 5 kilos of cocaine. Search warrants for the dealer's residence were served, resulting in the seizure of marijuana, cocaine, an SUV, 2 handguns, and other items. Further investigation revealed a safe deposit box in a bank in the Bronx, New York, containing \$76,390, which has also been seized. The dealer has implicated 2 other individuals to whom he was providing funds of \$40,000 to \$50,000 per week to travel to New York and bring back marijuana for sale in the Centre County region. Federal indictments are being pursued on these individuals.

**Drug Trafficking and Related Violence Targeted:** Beginning in May, Troop G initiated a wide variety of programs designed to identify drug trafficking and associated violence in the Troop area. As a result, 576 traffic arrests, 860 written warnings, 37 DUI arrests, 33 Act 64 arrests, and 86 consent searches of vehicles and residences were made. Regulatory checkpoints conducted on interstate and major roadways resulted in 617 commercial motor vehicles and 2,475 non-commercial motor vehicles being stopped. Numerous individuals were identified as drug traffickers which contributed to the development of confidential informants.



*Troop G, new Hollidaysburg Headquarters Building.*



*Troop G, 28 vehicle crash on Interstate 80.*

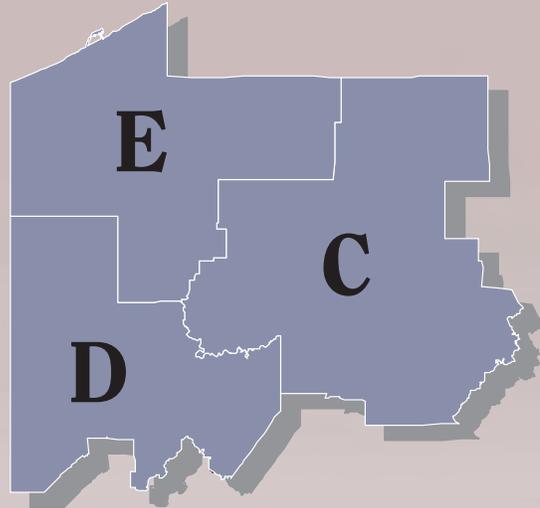
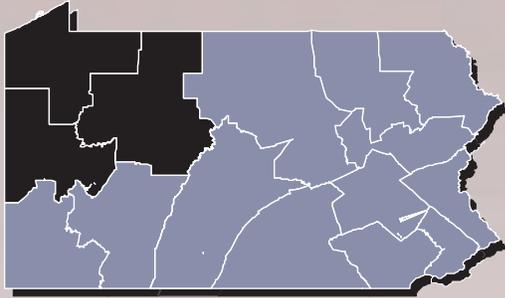
### Troop G Enforcement Efforts

Traffic Citations	28,574
DUI Arrests	1,024
MCSAP Inspections	2,404
School Bus Inspections	1,075
Criminal Arrests	5,185
Drug-Related Arrests	276
Fire Marshal Investigations	151
Child Safety Seat Inspections	835



*Troop G, Aftermath of 28-vehicle crash on Interstate 80.*

# AREA IV



**Area IV**  
**Major Terry L. Seilhamer**

**Troop C, Punxsutawney**  
**Captain David W. Neal**

**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 David W. Neal, Commanding Officer**

**Headquarters located in Jefferson County**  
**485 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

- ★ 240 enlisted and civilian personnel
- ★ Total population of Troop area: approximately 262,251
- ★ Total area served by Troop: 4,760 square miles
- ★ Total number of incidents handled by Troop during 2004: 37,462

**Three Men Sentenced in Punxsutawney Murder Case:** During September 2004, Ted Shank, Randy Shank, and Douglas Christner were sentenced for their role in a September 2002 Murder that took place after an argument at a local Punxsutawney tavern. A female accomplice of the 3 men lured the victim, Richard Gemmill, from the tavern to a location in Punxsutawney, at which time the 3 men assaulted Gemmill several times during the night. After dropping Ted Shank off at his residence, the other 2 men and the female accomplice returned to the scene and found Gemmill unconscious and not breathing. They drove Gemmill to a location in Indiana County, threw him over a guiderail, then attempted to destroy evidence of the crime. The lead investigator in the case was Trooper Charles C. Dominick, Punxsutawney Headquarters, assisted by Lieutenant David W. Neal, and Corporal Jeffrey S. Lee, Punxsutawney Headquarters, and the Troop C Major Case Team.

**Double Murder/Suicide:** Trooper Alan J. Carmichael, Clarion Station, investigated a Double Murder/Suicide that occurred in Perry Twp., Clarion County, in September 2004. Richard Vernum forced his way into the residence of Robert Pelkey, Jr. Once inside the residence, Vernum shot and killed his estranged wife, Phyllis Vernum, and Pelkey, who was Phyllis Vernum's boyfriend. Richard Vernum then committed suicide by shooting himself.

**2004 Trooper/Employee of the Month Awards:** January: Trooper Matthew T. Reifer, Clearfield Station, Armed Robbery/DUI arrest; February: Trooper Michael T. Pisarchick, Punxsutawney Headquarters, arrest of child Sexual Abuse suspect; March: Trooper Leigh A. Barrows, Clearfield Station, traffic stop drug arrest; April: Trooper Brian R. Hamil-

ton, Kane Station, arrest of ATV Burglary suspects; May: Trooper David A. Ray, DuBois Station, solved numerous commercial Burglaries; June: Troopers Bryan S. Ripple and Arnold E. Stutsman, Clarion Station, disarmed an Iraq War Veteran soldier on leave who was threatening suicide; July: Trooper Ronald Calderone, Clarion Station, arrested murder suspect who had taken his 10-year daughter; August: Corporal Paul A. Olsakovsky and Trooper Bernard P. Snyder, Jr., DuBois Station, attempted a rescue from an exploded burning house; September: Trooper Michael S. McCracken, Clearfield Station, coordinated a multi-agency investigation of an exploded house; October: Troopers Dewaine R. Kephart, Jr., and Terry D. Jordan, Clearfield Station, rescued people from a burning home; November: Trooper Arnold E. Stutsman, Clarion Station, traffic stop drug arrest; December: Troopers William T. Craddock and Matthew A. Roth, Clarion Station, drug interdiction resulting in a seizure of over \$102,000.

**Patrol Accomplishments:** During 2004, Troop C personnel participated in a variety of traffic enforcement initiatives to further the goal of highway safety. Highlights of the initiatives are as follows: Troopers aggressively patrolled Interstate 80 during 2004, issuing 12,939 citations, 5,809 warning notices, and assisting 1,961 motorists. STEP enforcement details were conducted and targeted specific areas in an effort to reduce speeding and crashes. There were 2,854 speeding citations, and 1,548 other citations issued during the 2004 holiday enforcement periods. Additionally, 98 DUI arrests, 215 restraint system citations, and 1,367 restraint system warnings were issued during these programs. Troop C also conducted monthly speed enforcement programs in school zones, resulting in 297 speeding citations and 625 warning notices. During the 2004-2005 school year, Troopers participated in 108 Trooper School Lunch Programs on the days that the school zone programs were conducted.



## Troop D, Butler Facts and Highlights

Captain Susan U. Bell, Commanding Officer

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Butler, Pennsylvania 16001-2689  
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### 4 Additional Stations:

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

- ★ 288 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 2004: 48,347

**Camp Cadet Program:** The 35th Annual Troop D Camp Cadet Program, which was the first camp in the Commonwealth, was conducted from August 8–13, 2004, at Camp Lutherlyn, Prospect Borough, Butler County. Cadets received various training and physical activities from the 15 counselors, made up of 9 Troopers and 7 Municipal Police Officers, under the direction of Trooper Jonathan D. Bayer, Troop D Community Services Officer. An innovative Water Safety Certification Course was conducted, and all Cadets were tested and received their boating and personal water craft certification. Major Terry L. Seilhamer, Area IV Commander, and retired Trooper Robert W. Price, a founding father of Camp Cadet, were the keynote speakers at graduation. In addition to the Troop D Camp Cadet, personnel from the Kittanning Station assisted in the 2004 Armstrong County Camp Cadet.

**Homicide Conviction:** On November 11, 2004, a jury convicted James Tatar for the starvation death of his 4-year-old daughter. Tatar was sentenced to life in prison. The child was discovered by PSP members on August 7, 2003, in a small picnic cooler wrapped in trash bags, behind the Tatar residence in Parks Twp., Armstrong County. The victim's mother, Tatar's wife, had previously entered a plea of guilty to First-Degree Murder in the case and testified against Tatar.

**Teens Convicted in Murder Case:** On November 10, 2003, 2 teenage inmates of a juvenile detention center in Pine Twp., Mercer County, attacked, strangled and suffocated a night-shift counselor, then escaped from the facility and fled the scene in the victim's pick-up truck. The assault had been preplanned as the means of escape. On November 11, 2003, the teens were located and arrested in the city of Pittsburgh. Both provided full confessions and were charged with Homicide, Robbery, and Escape. The teens plead guilty to Second Degree Murder and were sentenced to serve 25 years to life in prison.

### Troop C Enforcement Efforts

Traffic Citations	30,235
DUI Arrests	697
MCSAP Inspections	2,396
School Bus Inspections	776
Criminal Arrests	3,887
Drug Related Arrests	223
Fire Marshal Investigations	161
Child Safety Seat Inspections	249

**Multiple Vehicle Crash During Snowstorm:** On December 19, 2004, members of Mercer Station responded to a report of a large scale multiple vehicle crash on Interstate 80, Lackawannock Twp., Mercer County. Crashes had occurred in both the eastbound and westbound lanes and involved approximately 100 vehicles, resulting in over 100 injuries. There were no fatalities. At the time of the crashes, visibility was limited to approximately 20 feet due to whiteout conditions of a snowstorm. The crash received national news coverage.

**DUI Enforcement Efforts:** Trooper Eric R. Miller, Mercer Station, continued his aggressive efforts against Driving Under the Influence violations. He led Troop D with 51 DUI arrests. Trooper Christopher A. Filer, Mercer Station, made 34 DUI arrests, and Trooper Terence A. Whalen, Mercer Station, made 24 DUI arrests.

**DUI Enforcement Awards:** In November 2004, Trooper Eric R. Miller and Trooper Chad J. Craig, both from Mercer Station, were honored by the DUI Association at their annual conference in State College, PA, for their 2003 DUI enforcement efforts. Both earned the title of TOPGUN for making 50 or more DUI arrests. Trooper Miller was 4th in the state with a total of 57 DUI arrests in 2003, and Trooper Craig, who was stationed at Pittsburgh Station during 2003, finished in 6th position with a total of 54 DUI arrests in 2003.

**Toys for Tots Programs:** The Mercer and New Castle Stations again served as collection points for the US Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program. The PSP efforts were coordinated by Corporal James D. Walker, New Castle Station, and PCO Jeffrey S. Albaugh, Mercer Station. Citizens responded by donating new, unwrapped toys to the Stations for subsequent distribution to needy children in the area.



*Troop D, Anti-Drug Presentation to Elementary School Students.*

Troop D Enforcement Efforts	
Traffic Citations	25,737
DUI Arrests	,1,155
MCSAP Inspections	2,346
School Bus Inspections	2,243
Criminal Arrests	5,903
Drug-Related Arrests	452
Fire Marshal Investigations	180
Child Safety Seat Inspections	623



*Troop D, Citizens' Police Academy Graduates.*



## Troop E, Erie Facts and Highlights

Captain Michael J. Hample, Commanding Officer

Headquarters located in Erie County  
4320 Iroquois Avenue  
Erie, Pennsylvania 16511-2135  
Phone 814-898-1641

### 5 Additional Stations:

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

- ★ 283 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 2004: 47,050

**Sentencing in Crawford County Murder:** On December 20, 2004, Patrick Thomas Ramsey pled guilty to First-Degree Murder for the October 2002 killing of Mildred Hauser. Mrs. Hauser, an 82-year-old widow who lived alone, was brutally raped and murdered in her home in Summit Twp., Crawford County. Trooper Kurt R. Sitler, Meadville Station, was the lead investigator, assisted by members from the Meadville, Erie and Pittsburgh Stations. Ramsey never admitted his involvement until the moment of his guilty plea. Ramsey was sentenced to life in prison without parole for the Murder.

**Sentencing in Warren County Murder:** On November 19, 2002, Kenda Vasilisin was murdered in Conewango Twp., Warren County. Gregory Vasilisin, her husband of 6 months, was located in Las Vegas and charged with the Murder. He fought extradition but was eventually returned to Warren County. On March 10, 2004, Vasilisin pled guilty to First-Degree Murder and was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

**President George W. Bush Visits Erie:** During September 4, 2004, President George W. Bush made a campaign stop in Erie. The president arrived by bus after making several stops in Ohio. More than 100 Department members participated in ensuring the safety of the motorcade, and staffing positions at the Veterans Stadium where the President spoke. The operation concluded without incident.

**Traffic Stop Nets Unlawful Restraint Arrest:** On March 28, 2004, Trooper Marc D. Stevick, Erie Headquarters, stopped a vehicle on Interstate 90 for speeding. A half-dressed woman jumped out of the passenger's side of the vehicle and informed Trooper Stevick that the driver kidnapped her, physically and

sexually assaulted her, and threatened to kill her. Trooper Stevick arrested the driver for DUI, Terroristic Threats, Unlawful Restraint, and Simple Assault. The driver was found guilty of the charges filed by Trooper Stevick, and was also arrested by Ohio authorities for Rape and Kidnapping. Trooper Stevick received a Letter of Commendation from the Commanding Officer for his actions.

**Christmas Saturation Patrols:** Troop E members participated in saturation patrols from November 24 through December 24, 2004. Members saturated business areas and parked marked patrol units in high visibility locations. This proactive crime prevention program was initiated in an attempt to reduce crime during the holiday shopping season. The patrols were instrumental in the capture of a subject wanted for firing shots inside a Radio Shack then robbing the location. One of the holiday patrols spotted the suspect and he was captured after a vehicle and foot pursuit. The response to the patrols from store managers and the public was overwhelmingly positive.

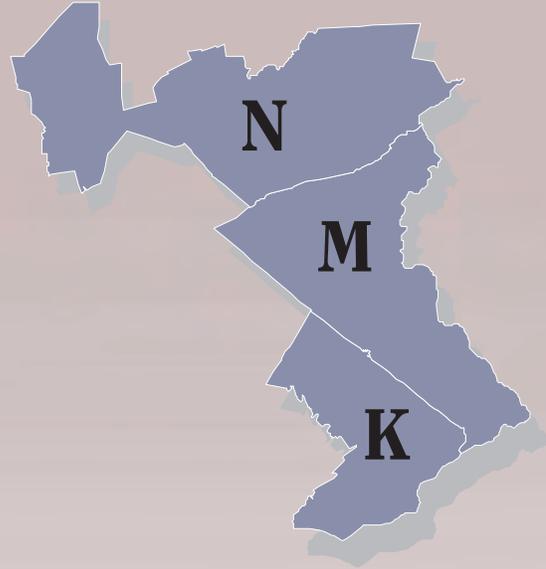
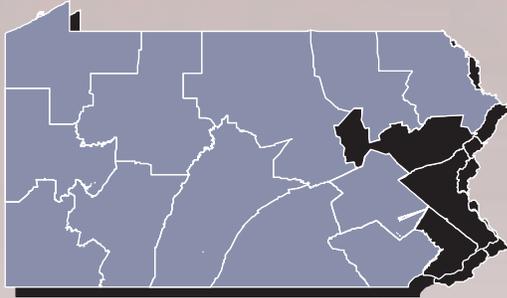
### Troop E Enforcement Efforts

Traffic Citations	23,423
DUI Arrests	810
MCSAP Inspections	1,479
School Bus Inspections	1,152
Criminal Arrests	5,537
Drug-Related Arrests	281
Fire Marshal Investigations	97
Child Safety Seat Inspections	1,152



Troop E, Lieutenant Douglas A. McGee with President George W. Bush.

# AREA V



**Area V**  
**Major Tyree C. Blocker**

**Troop K, Philadelphia**  
**Captain Tedescung L. Bandy**

**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 Tedescung L. Bandy, 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

- ★ 222 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 2004: 45,162

**Presidential Campaign Visit Security Details:** Personnel from Troop K participated in 5 separate Presidential visits to southeastern Pennsylvania from March through October of 2004. The primary mission of the Troop was to maintain the integrity and security of the Presidential motorcade. Troop K also provided intelligence liaisons and assisted with site security.

**Security Provided for President of Afghanistan:** On July 4, 2004, members of Troop K assisted the US Secret Service with site security at Independence Hall during the visit of Afghan President Hamid Karzai to Philadelphia, where he was presented with the Freedom Medal.

**Valley Forge National Historical Park Rallies:** On September 25, 2004, Troop K members assisted the National Park Service with security at 2 separate rallies held in the Valley Forge National Historical Park. A Neo-Nazi organization called the "National Socialist Movement" secured a permit to demonstrate in the Park. A counter-demonstration, labeled the "Rally for Social Tolerance," took place simultaneously in the Park. No significant incidents were reported.

**Trooper Rescues Stranded Motorist from Flood Waters:** On September 28, 2004, Trooper John Sleboda, Jr. was dispatched to a call of a motorist trapped in a vehicle in flood waters in Worcester Twp., Montgomery County. Trooper Sleboda arrived at the scene and observed a man trapped in an SUV in rising water that was already up to the windows of the vehicle. Trooper Sleboda tied an emergency rope to the spare tire of his patrol unit to use as a floatation device then swam out to the SUV. When the rope became entangled in debris, Trooper Sleboda untied it from the tire and continued out to the SUV. When Trooper Sleboda reached the SUV, he helped the motorist out of the vehicle and onto the roof. The motorist indicated that he was a very poor swimmer, so Trooper Sleboda remained with him on the vehicle's roof until the arrival of a rescue boat from a local fire company.

Trooper Sleboda and the motorist were treated for exposure to the cold.

**Duty-Related Human Interest Item:** On October 27, 2004, Trooper Joseph N. Altieri, of the Troop K Motorcycle Unit, was assigned to assist Troop J with a Presidential visit in Lancaster County. Trooper Altieri was operating a Pennsylvania State Police motorcycle on his way to Lancaster County when he was struck by a vehicle. As a result of the crash, Trooper Altieri suffered severe injuries, and his left leg had to be amputated below the knee. While in the hospital, Trooper Altieri was visited by the Commissioner and other members of the Department's Command Staff, and he also received a personal phone call from President George W. Bush.

Trooper Altieri is currently undergoing rehabilitation and living at his home. On December 4, 2004, Trooper Altieri and his fiancé attended the annual Army-Navy football game in Philadelphia, and during the game, he and his fiancé met privately with President Bush.



## 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
- ★ Trevoese, Bucks County
- ★ Belfast, Northampton County

- ★ 249 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 2004: 55,724

### Troop K Enforcement Efforts

Traffic Citations	21,240
DUI Arrests	761
MCSAP Inspections	1,789
School Bus Inspections	5,739
Criminal Arrests	3,147
Drug-Related Arrests	348
Fire Marshal Investigations	98
Child Safety Seat Inspections	1, 075

**Former Nurse Pleads Guilty to Homicide-Related Charges:** On December 15, 2003, Charles Cullen, a critical care nurse living in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania was arrested by the Somerset County, New Jersey Prosecutor's Office. Cullen admitted causing the deaths of 30-40 patients while he was employed at various hospitals in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Cullen had worked in several hospitals in Lehigh and Northampton Counties.

The District Attorneys from both Lehigh and Northampton Counties requested that the Pennsylvania State Police investigate Cullen's statements and possible criminal activity in Pennsylvania. An investigative task force was established within Troop M, consisting of members from Bethlehem, Belfast, and Fogelsville Stations.

The 10-month-long investigation conducted by the Pennsylvania State Police resulted in the filing of 3 complaints charging Cullen with 7 counts of Criminal Homicide and 3 counts of Criminal Attempt (to commit Criminal Homicide). Cullen has pled guilty to all of these charges.



Troop M, new Trevoese Station.

**Pennsylvania and New Jersey State Police Begin Patrolling Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission Properties:** Governor Edward G. Rendell, in agreement with Governor James McGreevy of New Jersey, tasked the Pennsylvania and New Jersey State Police agencies to provide all law enforcement functions for the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission (DRJTBC) bridges, affiliated buildings and property.

On June 14, 2004, the Pennsylvania State Police and the New Jersey State Police created a part-

nership and became the law enforcement agencies for the DRJTBC. There are 3 Troops and 5 Stations from the Pennsylvania State Police involved in this initiative. Personnel from the Belfast, Dublin, and Trevose Stations from Troop M patrol 18 of the 20 Commission-owned bridges.

DRJTBC bridges span the Delaware River, connecting Pennsylvania and New Jersey. There are 7 toll bridges, 11 toll supported (free) bridges, and 2 pedestrian bridges. The northern most bridge is located in Milford and the southern most bridge is in Morrisville. The distance between the 2 bridges is approximately 139 miles. The DRJTBC also owns and operates buildings and facilities on commission property.

**Conviction Obtained for 1975 Homicide:** In January of 2004, James Moore, Jr. pled guilty to Third-Degree Murder in the death of Lisa Marie Bendekovits. This murder took place in April of 1975. In October of 1999, the Bethlehem Headquarters Criminal Investigation Unit reviewed the 1975 homicide. During the review of the case, new information was discovered and presented to a Grand Jury. James Moore, Sr., and James Moore, Jr., were subsequently indicted for the death of Bendekovits. James Moore, Jr., pled guilty and was sentenced to imprisonment. James Moore, Sr., was to enter a guilty plea, but died of natural causes prior to entering his plea.

**Dedication of New Trevose Station:** The new Trevose Station was officially dedicated on July 15, 2004. The dedication ceremony was attended by Colonel Jeffrey B. Miller and his Executive Command Staff as well as Troop and Station personnel. Also in attendance were State Legislators, Common Pleas Judges, Magisterial District Judges, Municipal Police Officers, active and retired Trevose Station personnel, and family and friends.



Troop M, Trooper Rayna J. Bond at Camp Cadet.

**Presidential Election Campaign Visits:** During the 2004 Presidential campaign, the candidates made numerous visits to Bucks, Lehigh, and Northampton Counties. Troop M personnel participated in security details during the visits. All of the campaign visits to the area were accomplished without incident.



Troop M, Trooper Dennis W. Long of the re-established M Cycle Troop M Motorcycle Patrol Unit.

### Troop M Enforcement Efforts

Traffic Citations	27,164
DUI Arrests	531
MCSAP Inspections	2,085
School Bus Inspections	2,748
Criminal Arrests	2,615
Drug-Related Arrests	140
Fire Marshal Investigations	45
Child Safety Seat Inspections	371



## Troop N, Hazleton Facts and Highlights

Captain John G. Rice, Commanding Officer

Headquarters located in Luzerne County  
250 Dessen Drive  
West Hazleton, Pennsylvania 18202  
Phone 570-459-3890

### 4 Additional Stations:

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

- ★ 239 enlisted and civilian personnel
- ★ Total population of Troop area: approximately 347,800
- ★ Total area served by Troop: 1,766.4 square miles
- ★ Total number of incidents handled by Troop during 2004: 45,244

**Troop N Awards and Recognition:** Trooper David E. Balliet, Trooper Jeffrey W. Maund, and Trooper James L. Stroup, Hazleton Headquarters, were each presented with the Commissioner's Medal of Commendation for their heroic actions in November 2003. Upon arrival at a 2-vehicle crash a fire started under the dash of one of the vehicles. The victim was trapped in the vehicle and unable to exit his vehicle. The troopers successfully extinguished the fire and provided emergency medical assistance until EMS arrived.

Corporal Francis C. Aigeldinger III and Trooper Brian J. Dropinski, Fern Ridge Station, were each awarded a Troop Commander's Letter of Commendation for their actions at the scene of a vehicle crash. Aigeldinger and Dropinski attempted to save the life of a severely injured motorist without consideration to their own personal safety and with disregard to the dangerous weather conditions. The temperature at the scene was below zero, and the wind-chill factor was reported at minus 30 degrees. The Troopers removed their issued uniform jackets in an attempt to warm the victim and prevent him from hypothermia. Unfortunately, the victim did not survive. The Troopers' selfless and heroic actions demonstrate their commitment and dedication to duty.

Corporal Daniel J. Balliet, Hazleton Headquarters, received a Medal of Honor from Butler Twp. Police Department for defusing an armed suspect

**Quadruple Murder/Suicide:** Members of the Bloomsburg Station were dispatched to investigate a report of a deceased female found next to a roadway in Conyngham Twp., Colum-



*Troop N, Captain John G. Rice presenting a certificate to a Cadet at the Troop N Camp Cadet graduation ceremony.*

bia County. The investigation revealed that the female, 13-year-old Kelsey Brown was the victim of a fatal gunshot wound. During the investigation into Kelsey's death, her 18-year-old brother, Jarod Brown, was found dead in Schuylkill County, the victim of an apparent homicide. Troopers then responded to the Schuylkill County residence of Hollie Gable, the mother of Kelsey and Jarod Brown. When Troopers arrived, Gable ran into the residence and shots were heard from within. Shortly thereafter, Troopers found 16-year-old Kirstin Brown dead in a vehicle parked at the Gable residence. Found inside Gable's residence was another murder victim, Gable's boyfriend, Kenneth Cragle.

Gable was taken into custody and immediately transported to Geisinger Medical Center suffering from self-inflicted gunshot wounds. Gable died the next morning. The investigation revealed that all of the victims had been shot by Gable.

**Double Homicide Conviction:** After a 3-year investigation, a double homicide case came to a conclusion with a guilty verdict against Daniel Arthur Heleva in Monroe County Court. Heleva was sentenced to life in prison as an accomplice in the murders of John Joseph Mendez and Ricardo Enrique Lopez. Mendez and Lopez were shot and bludgeoned to death by Heleva and Manuel Marcus Sepulveda on November 26, 2001, in a drug-related incident. Sepulveda was tried in Monroe County Court and convicted of murder in January of 2003 and was subsequently sentenced to death. The successful prosecution and conviction of both Heleva and Sepulveda were the result of the thorough investigation conducted by the following Lehighton Station personnel: Trooper Joseph P. Sommers, Trooper Larry C. Fedor, Trooper Sean P. Jennings, Trooper Matthew W. Tretter, Trooper Joel P. Rutter; and the Troop N Major Case Team.



*Troop N, Mounted Unit at a parade in Jim Thorpe.*

### Troop N Enforcement Efforts

Traffic Citations	29,672
DUI Arrests	501
MCSAP Inspections	2,610
School Bus Inspections	1,403
Criminal Arrests	2,964
Drug-Related Arrests	283
Fire Marshal Investigations	162
Child Safety Seat Inspections	468

## 2004 PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE PERSONNEL OF THE YEAR

### Trooper Bernard J. Walasavage, Jr., named State Police "Trooper of the Year"

State Police Commissioner Jeffrey B. Miller named Trooper Bernard J. Walasavage, Jr., Troop L, Schuylkill Haven, Pennsylvania State Police "Trooper of the Year." Trooper Walasavage was instrumental in the apprehension of a double murder suspect and the release of a 13-year-old hostage.

"Trooper Walasavage showed remarkable bravery, poise, and restraint in dealing with the situation," Col. Miller said. "His actions in this case and on a daily basis exemplify the goals, values and professionalism of the Pennsylvania State Police."

Tpr. Walasavage was on patrol on April 21, 2003, when he located a vehicle that was being sought in connection with a double murder and the taking of a 13-year-old female hostage. The vehicle was traveling south on Route 901 near Pottsville, Schuylkill County.

Tpr. Walasavage pursued the vehicle at high speeds into Berks County until the driver pulled into a dirt parking lot and held a shotgun to the head of the girl. The suspect ordered the girl out of the vehicle and she

ran to Tpr. Walasavage, who directed her safe removal from the area.

With several Troopers on the scene, Tpr. Walasavage opened communications with the suspect, who held the shotgun to his head and refused all orders to drop the weapon and surrender. At one point, the suspect walked toward Tpr. Walasavage, but stopped when he was ordered to stop.

Tpr. Walasavage talked with the suspect for several hours until he was relieved by a negotiator from the Department Special Emergency Response Team. The suspect later surrendered and is facing court action.

"Tpr. Walasavage's actions were instrumental in ending this situation without additional loss of life," Col. Miller said. Col. Miller added that Tpr. Walasavage is a role model for youth in Minersville, where he lives. He is a little league baseball coach, a member of the Rescue Fire Company, and a volunteer reader at Minersville Elementary School.

Tpr. Walasavage, 41, enlisted in the State Police in 1991. He and his wife, Paula, have 4 children; Bernie III, Lee, Sarah, and Madeline.

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*Department Personnel of the Year, Pictured (l-r) PCO Thomas J. Parenti, Trooper Bernard J. Walasavage, Jr., Colonel Jeffrey B. Miller, Janet K. Speros, EO3 Thomas J. Sweetz.*

## 2004 PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE PERSONNEL OF THE YEAR

### Thomas J. Sweetz named State Police "Liquor Enforcement Officer of the Year"

**E**nforcement Officer 3 Thomas J. Sweetz, 55, of Shavertown, Luzerne County, was honored as the Pennsylvania State Police "Liquor Enforcement Officer of the Year." State Police Commissioner Jeffrey B. Miller presented the award to Sweetz.

Sweetz serves in the State Police Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement, Wilkes-Barre District Office. He is a 33-year veteran of liquor law enforcement.

"EO3 Sweetz has an exceptional work ethic and is constantly striving to improve operations within the Bureau and District Office," Col. Miller said. "He is a strong mentoring force for liquor enforcement officers and a totally dedicated individual."

Sweetz received a bachelor's degree in economics from Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, in 1971, and a master's degree in organizational management from College of Misericordia, Dallas, Pennsylvania, in 2001. He and his wife Patricia have a daughter, Melissa.



### Thomas J. Parenti, Jr., named State Police "Police Communications Officer of the Year"

**P**olice Communications Officer Thomas J. Parenti, Jr., 32, of Honesdale, Wayne County, was honored as the Pennsylvania State Police "Police Communications Officer of the Year." State Police Commissioner Jeffrey B. Miller presented the award to Parenti.

Parenti, a PCO at Troop R, Honesdale, convinced a murder suspect to surrender to Troopers last year. "PCO Parenti is a caring individual whose efforts are geared to ensuring the safety of the public and members of the Department," Col. Miller said.

While on duty on October 8, 2003, Parenti received a call from a frantic man who told Parenti that someone had been shot. Parenti calmed the caller and dispatched Troopers to the scene. During the conversa-

tion, Parenti determined that the caller had been involved in the shooting and still had the firearm. Parenti informed the responding Troopers and kept the caller on the line.

"Eventually, PCO Parenti convinced the subject to put down the gun and then talked him out of the house to surrender to the Troopers," Col. Miller said. The subject, who had shot and killed one individual, and shot and wounded another, was arrested, and subsequently pled guilty to one count of Murder, and one felony count of Aggravated Assault.

"PCO Parenti consistently has shown that he can handle multiple stressful tasks at one time and do so in a professional manner," Col. Miller said. "He has the full respect and confidence of those who work at the Honesdale Station."

Parenti is a graduate of Honesdale High School, and a veteran of the US Marine Corps. He and his wife Tracy have 2 daughters, Taylor, and Grace.

### Janet K. Speros named State Police "Employee of the Year"

**T**he recently retired Troop Administrative Manager of Troop J, Lancaster, Janet K. Speros, 59, of Manheim Twp., Lancaster County, was honored as the Pennsylvania State Police "Employee of the Year." State Police Commissioner Jeffrey B. Miller presented the award to Speros.

"During her more than 40 years of service to the Department, Janet Speros exemplified the highest standards of dedication, professionalism, leadership, and initiative," Col. Miller said. He said that through the years, Commanding Officers at Troop J, and personnel from throughout the Department have relied upon Speros' knowledge and expertise in dealing with both day-to-day operations and major projects, such as State Police coverage for the 2000 Republican National Convention in Philadelphia.

Speros is married to Spencer Speros. She has a daughter, 2 stepsons, 2 grandchildren, and 4 step-grandchildren.

# Deputy Commissioner of Staff



*Lt. Colonel Henry D. Oleyniczak*

**L**t. 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 Records and Identification, Bureau of Technology Services, and the Bureau of Staff Services.

## 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:** The Planning Division provides technical assistance and information relating to the Problem Specific Policing initiative to the Executive Command Staff, and Area and Troop Commands. The Bureau of Research and Development continues to work closely with the field and the Bureau of Technology Services to ensure that members derive the maximum benefit from the program, and ensure that Prophecy software is updated to meet the needs of the Department.

**Design of Homeland Security Poster:** Major Richard A. Stein and Corporal Anthony R. Durante, Planning Division, in cooperation with the Department's Office of Domestic Security, designed the poster for the "Homeland Security is Everyone's Responsibility – Get Involved" campaign. The poster is displayed in businesses and public venues throughout the Commonwealth.

**Governor's Budget Office Presentation:** The Planning Division prepared a comprehensive presentation for the Department's Executive Command Staff to present to the Governor's Budget Office. The presentation included an overview of Department operations, including legislatively mandated functions, workload assessment, budget needs, operational challenges, and the effects of proposed budget cuts on Department operations.

### Programming Division

**Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Reporting System:** There were major changes to the Pennsylvania Uniform Crime

Reporting System (PAUCRS) during 2004. On May 20, 2004, the "Are You Aware?" interface to PAUCRS was activated on the website at: <http://ucr.psp.state.pa.us>. This interface provides a user-friendly format for obtaining standardized crime statistics for jurisdictions throughout the Commonwealth. The system is being accessed by students, professionals, realtors, lawmakers, and community leaders to examine the types of crimes occurring within communities throughout the Commonwealth. The accuracy of data submitted to the system was enhanced when Governor Edward G. Rendell signed Senate Bill 668 into law on November 29, 2004. The Bill mandates Uniform Crime Reporting for all law enforcement agencies within the Commonwealth.

**Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA):** On July 31, 2004, Lt. Colonel Henry D. Oleyniczak accepted CALEA reaccreditation for the Department at the Buffalo, New York Commission meeting. This is the third time CALEA has reaccredited the Pennsylvania State Police, since its initial accreditation in 1993.

The accreditation team observed a static display of standards-related equipment, participated in a tour of Department Headquarters building, visited numerous field installations by air and vehicle, interviewed personnel, and reviewed files provided by the Accreditation Section specific to each applicable standard. The 286 CALEA mandatory standards and 80 non-mandatory standards were found to be in compliance.

## Bureau of Forensic Services

Major John R. Capriotti, Director

The Bureau of Forensic Services, headquartered in Department Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, with regional laboratories in Bethlehem, Erie, Greensburg, Lima, and Wyoming; 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:** The AFIS Section was connected to the FBI Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS), allowing crime scene prints to be searched against a national database of known fingerprints. The AFIS Section experienced a 20% increase in case "hits" where crime scene prints were identified to previously unknown persons.

### Quality Management Division

**American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB) Legacy:** During 2004, 3 individuals from the Bureau of Forensic Services attended the Inspector's Course and became ASCLD/LAB Inspectors. This brings the Bureau total to 21 ASCLD/LAB Inspectors.

## Scientific Services Division

**Statewide Laboratory Information Management System (SLIMS):** SLIMS has been operational since April 2001. All regional laboratories and forensic disciplines continue to use this mission-critical application in the day-to-day operation of the laboratory system.

In June 2004, records from the previous laboratory information management system were converted and loaded into the SLIMS database. This conversion brought the total number of case records in SLIMS to over 250,000. A project is underway to convert laboratory case records from MAPPER to a format compatible with the SLIMS database. The goal of this project is to provide a single point of access to laboratory case records dating back to 1986.

In July 2004, the SLIMS application was upgraded to address growth and changes in the forensic community. For example, several law enforcement agencies have acquired a compatible bar code-based evidence tracking system to automate submission of evidence to the laboratory. The upgrade allows the laboratory to work with these agencies to ensure all submission data is submitted in a format that will work to the benefit of both the laboratory and the submitting agency.

**Forensic DNA Update:** 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, 250 no-suspect investigations were aided with this technology.

The DNA Section, in conjunction with the Allegheny County Crime Laboratory and the Philadelphia City Police Department Laboratory, has solved cases throughout the Commonwealth. Technical expertise was freely exchanged between laboratories and technological advances shared. With the assistance of members of the DNA Laboratory, the Philadelphia Police Department DNA Laboratory met all FBI standards and joined CODIS in August.

## 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 114 livescan devices located at municipal and State Police facilities throughout the Commonwealth which contribute approximately 75% of the arrest fingerprints to the Pennsylvania State Police Central Repository. It is anticipated that livescan submissions will continue to increase through joint efforts of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police, and the Pennsylvania State Police. The efforts of these agencies are working on funding to replace existing older livescan technology with newer updated technology and to expand the deployment of

this technology to other agencies. The new devices will also provide the capability to capture palm prints.

**Investigative Records Section:** The Crash Reports Unit processes all original documents associated with State Police-generated Police Crash Reports. The Unit also processes requests by authorized parties for certified copies of reports. During 2004, the Crash Reports Unit processed approximately 60,000 reports and 45,000 requests for copies.

The Criminal Investigative Records Unit processes all original documents associated with State Police generated criminal Incident Reports. During 2004, the Criminal Investigative Records Unit processed approximately 300,000 original reports and appended documents.

The Expungement Unit processes all court-ordered expungements of criminal history record information maintained by the State Police Central Repository. During 2004, the Expungement Unit processed approximately 34,000 requests for expungements.

**Megan's Law Section:** A recent legislative change in Senate Bill 92 provides for public access to information on all registered sex offenders, not just sexually violent predators. The Department led the way in promoting this significant change. Internet access to information on all registered offenders increases the safety of the citizens of the Commonwealth.

The Megan's Law registry continues to grow at a rapid rate. There are presently 7,886 registered sexual offenders with 933 currently in an inactive status. More than 1,120 offenders were registered in 2004. In the second half of 2004, the Megan's Law Section was registering new offenders at the rate of 6 per business day. There are currently 58 registered sexually violent predators; more than double the number from all previous years combined. Approximately 170 additional individuals have been determined to be sexually violent predators, but are not yet registered because they are currently incarcerated.

## Firearms Division

**Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS):** During 2004, there were 148,225 handguns and 254,267 long guns transferred, and 123,721 licenses to carry reported. PICS processed a total of 529,133 calls regarding background checks. During 2004, there were 84 wanted persons identified and captured as a result of background checks.

The PICS Unit issued 9,943 denials in 2004. There were 401 investigations referred to State Police Troops, and 3 to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, for prohibited individuals attempting to acquire a firearm by providing false information. These resulted in 259 arrests and 112 convictions.

## Criminal Records and Identification Division

**Pennsylvania Access to Criminal History (PATCH):** During 2004, PATCH processed 744,293 requests for criminal

records checks or 69.3% of the total 2004 fee requests. The total for all fee criminal records check requests in 2004 was 1,073,676.

## 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, Technical Support Division, and the Office of Consolidated Dispatch.



*PCO Demonstrates CDC Console to Colonel Jeffrey B. Miller*

## Computer Operations Division

**Philadelphia Court Bench Warrants:** A joint project between the Pennsylvania State Police, the Philadelphia Court System, and the Philadelphia Police Department has resulted in the entry of Philadelphia Court bench warrants into the Commonwealth Law Enforcement Assistance Network (CLEAN) system. The entry of approximately 50,000 warrants will ensure that Philadelphia Court System wanted persons are not able to purchase weapons at a Pennsylvania firearms dealer, because the interface between CLEAN and the Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS) will automatically disqualify the person from the purchase. Additionally, the existence of a warrant in CLEAN will be revealed and the person can be taken into custody. The project went live on December 13, 2004.

**Livescan Fingerprint Enhancements:** Two enhancements to the livescan fingerprint process have been completed. The first is an automatic check of wanted and missing persons databases each time an individual is processed via livescan, regardless if the individual uses their actual name, or a fictitious name. The second enhancement is a permanent sign-on assigned to each livescan device. Responses to records checks are received directly at the livescan device.

## Strategic Development Division

**Global Location Code Database:** An integrated database with information about every building and physical location in the Department including phone numbers, fax numbers, and directions has been implemented. This database will be



*Harrisburg Consolidated Dispatch Center.*

accessed by every PSP application requiring location information and is available via the PSPiNet.

**Incident Information Management System (IIMS) Program/Consolidated Dispatch:** The Department entered a new era on June 8, 2004, when the Harrisburg Consolidated Dispatch Center (CDC) initiated dispatching operations. The Harrisburg CDC was the first of 5 dispatch centers scheduled to be built across the Commonwealth. The Carlisle Station was the first to be dispatched from the Harrisburg CDC. On June 15, 2004, the Lancaster and Ephrata Stations went operational, followed by the Harrisburg and Lykens Stations on June 22, 2004. The Harrisburg CDC will ultimately handle dispatching for Troops G, H, and J.

The second CDC, located in Norristown, became operational on December 22, 2004. The Norristown CDC will initially serve the Philadelphia, Skippack, Reading, and Hamburg Stations. The Norristown CDC will eventually serve Troops K, L, and M. The remaining 3 CDCs are slated to be constructed in Greensburg, Clarion, and Pittston. The CDCs will ultimately reduce the number of dispatch points from 81 to 5.

**Records Management/Data Warehouse (RMS):** During 2004, development and testing of RMS continued. RMS will provide for online collection and reporting of information by Troopers and dispatchers. The information will be available in a data repository, which can be accessed for auto-populating various reports, compiling statistics, and for investigative purposes by authorized officers. RMS will provide a single point of entry, and will supplement incident information so only new or changed information will need to be entered, eliminating the need to duplicate information. RMS will also provide automated evidence and property management functions, including a bar code system to track evidence custody.

## Bureau of Staff Services

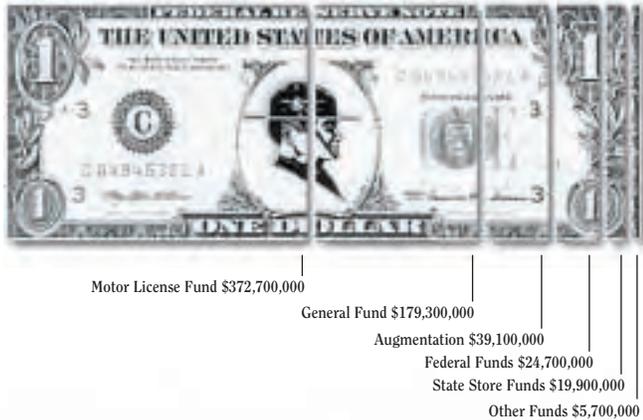
Robert Grumet, Director

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

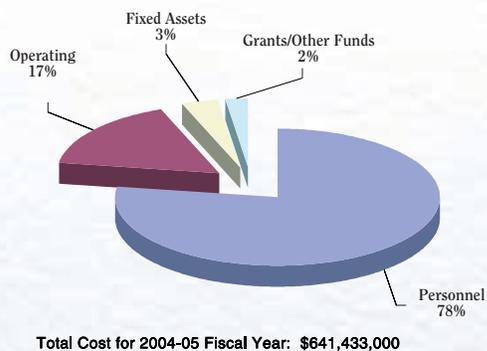
The Bureau prepares the annual Department budget requests and monitors expenditures for compliance;

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 financial or procurement programs.

### 2004-05 Department Budget FUNDING SOURCES:



### Where Does the Money Go?



During 2004, the following items were purchased:

- Modular Furniture
- Mobile Video Recorders
- 454 (Marked & Unmarked Vehicles)
- 42 Undercover Vehicles
- 20 4-Wheel Drive Patrol Vehicles
- Vision Light Bars for Patrol Vehicles

### NEWLY CONSTRUCTED AND/OR RENOVATED FACILITIES IN 2004

- Troop G, Hollidaysburg Headquarters
- Troop J, Embreeville Station
- Troop M, Trevoise Station
- Bureau of Emergency & Special Operations, Latrobe APU Hanger
- Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement, Pittsburgh District Office #4
- Bureau of Technology Services, Norristown CDC
- Bureau of Training & Education, New Addition to the Administrative Offices
- Municipal Police Officers & Education Training Commission

## Deputy Commissioner of Administration



*Lt. Colonel Cynthia L. Transue*

**L**t. Colonel Cynthia L. Transue was appointed as Deputy Commissioner of Administration on January 21, 2003. She is responsible for coordinating and supervising the Member Assistance Office, Office of Fitness and Wellness, Bureau of Training and Education, and the Bureau of Human Resources.

## Member Assistance Program

Corporal Govan A. Martin, III, Manager

The year 2004 marks the 18th year of operation of the Member Assistance Program (MAP). The mission of MAP is to provide confidential assistance to Department personnel and their families, and advocate for the mental and emotional health of all our Department personnel and their families.

**Chaplaincy Program:** The Chaplaincy Program offers spiritual support to all Department personnel and their families. The Chaplaincy Program also assists with death notifications, funerals, and special events or incidents as requested. In April 2004, 9 additional Chaplains attended basic training, bringing the total to 24 Department Chaplains.

**Data Statistics/MAP:** MAP continues to see a significant rise in every major category of assisting our Department personnel and their families. MAP responded to 74 critical incidents in 2004. MAP interactions with Department personnel (enlisted and civilian) and their families totaled 9,995 during 2004.

**Data Statistics/Chaplaincy Program:** The Chaplaincy Program was utilized by Department personnel and their families for a variety of needs. The data below provides an overview of the Chaplain activity in 2004.

Chaplains responded to 3 critical incidents in 2004. (2 fatal crashes and 1 police pursuit).

Chaplain interactions with all Department personnel and their families totaled 868.

Chaplains assisted in 25 Department ceremonies or special events and conducted 256 Troop/Bureau/Station visits.

## Physical Fitness and Wellness Office

Corporal Joseph J. Christaldi, Manager

The Physical Fitness and Wellness Office administers physical fitness tests for State Police applicants, State Police Cadets, Liquor Enforcement applicants, and enlisted members applying for certain specialized positions.

During 2004, Physical Fitness Coordinators (PFCs) conducted physical fitness tests for 643 State Police Cadet applicants and 102 Liquor Enforcement Officer applicants. PFCs conducted fitness assessments, graduation fitness tests, and the John K. Schafer Memorial Physical Fitness Award for the 115th and 116th Cadet Classes, and entry-level fitness tests for the 117th Cadet Class.

PFC's provided assistance at the annual Verizon Pioneers Special Olympics held at Fort Indiantown Gap from June 24th to June 27th, 2004.

## Bureau of Training and Education

Major Robert R. Einsel, Director

The Bureau of Training and Education is headquartered in Hershey, Pennsylvania. The Bureau is responsible for operations at the Academy in Hershey and Regional Training Centers located at Schwenksville, Greensburg, Forty Fort, and Meadville. Training was provided to over 7,000 law enforcement personnel during 2004.



*Bureau of Training and Education, new wing added to the Academy in Hershey.*

**Cadet, Liquor Enforcement Officer, and Municipal Police Officer Training:** Cadet training at the Academy in 2004 resulted in 138 new Troopers reporting to the field with the graduations of the 115th and 116th Cadet Classes. The 117th Cadet Class began on October 25, 2004. At the end of the year, 102 Cadets remained in the class, which is scheduled to graduate on May 13, 2005.

The 12th Liquor Enforcement Officer Class, which began training January 19, 2004, at the Southwest Training Center, graduated 27 trainees on April 27, 2004.

Municipal Police Act 120 Basic Training was conducted at the Northwest Training Center from July 26 to December 17, 2004, with 8 trainees in attendance.

**Command Training Program:** The inaugural Command Training Program Class for 10 recently promoted Lieutenants was conducted from May 3-7, 2004. Additional

classes will be scheduled as needed based on future promotions.

**Academy Renovation and Addition Completed:** The final phase of the Academy renovation project was completed in 2004. A new 2-story addition contains a high tech conference room, 2 computer classrooms, a conference room, and administrative offices.

A state-of-the-art video studio on the ground floor of the Academy was completed in 2004. Significant videos produced by the Video Unit during 2004 included programs on Methamphetamine Drug Labs for the Department and MPO-ETC, and production of 4 sexual harassment scenarios to be included in the Department's annual Sexual Harassment Training Program.

**Mounted Unit:** The Mounted Unit, consisting of 4 full-time members assigned to the Academy and 25 tactical members assigned throughout the Commonwealth, were detailed a total of 635 rider days for the year. The Mounted Unit provided tactical security at numerous events throughout the Commonwealth in 2004, including Presidential and Vice Presidential visits. In addition to the tactical details, members of the Unit participated in 19 public relations events and parades including the National Police Memorial in Washington, D.C., and 23 Department events.

**Ceremonial Unit:** The Ceremonial Unit consists of 1 full-time member assigned to the Academy and 50 members throughout the state. Ancillary members within the Unit include singers, buglers, and a drummer. Members of the Unit participated in 99 details in 2004, including 55 funerals. The majority of funerals were for retired PSP members, including that of Retired Commissioner Ronald M. Sharpe. Members were also detailed to the funeral of active member Corporal Richard Walbridge of the Bureau of Emergency and Special Operations Aviation Unit, and for line-of-duty deaths for officers in Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland. Unit members participated in 44 additional details, including the annual State Police Day Memorial Service, promotion ceremonies, Cadet graduation and Camp Cadet programs. They also participated in the 2004 National Police Memorial in Washington, D.C., a memorial wreath laying service in honor of Flight 93, the Delaware State Police memorial service, and the 75th anniversary celebration for the North Carolina Highway Patrol.

**Community Services Unit:** The Community Services Unit presents programs addressing current and relevant topics to keep the public informed of law enforcement safety issues. This year, Community Services Officers throughout the Department received training on the Community Outreach program, illegal methamphetamine drug production, and hands-on media training to better enable them to accomplish their duties. Drug Awareness, Personal Safety, and Seat Belt Safety programs topped the list of presentations with more than 500 programs in each of these areas being given throughout the Commonwealth. Statewide, more than 2,400 programs in Crime Prevention-related issues were presented to 142,500 individuals. Over 4,300 Traffic Safety and Specialty programs were presented to more than

189,000 individuals. The 34th American Legion Trooper Youth Week, 24 Camp Cadet programs, and the 6th Commissioner's Honor Camp were also conducted.

The Community Services Unit continues to utilize the 2 roll-over simulators and the 2 anti-drug and alcohol Mustangs to reach the public and, in particular, the youth of the Commonwealth about the need to buckle up and stay drug and alcohol free. The Community Services Unit's 1995 Mustang won first place in its class at the Pennsylvania Police Heritage Car Show in York on October 2, 2004.

## 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.

## Employment Services and Systems Division

The Employment Services and Systems Division processed 1,213 Cadet applicants in order to appoint 169 Cadets in 2004, and to staff 2 Cadet classes scheduled to begin training in March and May of 2005. A total of 75 Liquor Enforcement Trainee applicants were processed to staff a class of 20 for January 2005. Additionally, there were 98 civilian new hires for calendar year 2004.

## Enlisted Services Division

**Recruiting:** The Department has opened its third Area Recruitment Office. The Area II Recruitment Coordinator and the part-time Recruiters from Troop F, Montoursville; Troop R, Dunmore; and Troop P, Wyoming will be assigned to the new office located in the city of Scranton.

## Human Resource Management Division

A written examination for Cadet applicants was administered on January 9 and 10, 2004, at 7 locations across the Commonwealth. Of the 7,605 candidates scheduled to participate, 3,753 reported for the test. The top 1,093 candidates were invited to participate in oral examinations held from March 6–10, 2004. Of those scheduled, 961 candidates reported for the test.

Written examinations for Cadet and Liquor Enforcement Officer (LEO) Trainee applicants were given on July 9 and 10, 2004, at 7 locations across the Commonwealth. Of the 5,323 Cadet applicants scheduled to participate, 2,958 reported for the test. Out of 671 LEO Trainee applicants scheduled, 420 candidates reported for the test. The oral examinations for Cadet applicants were held from August 19–24, 2004. Of the 1,981 candidates invited to participate, 1,800 reported for the test. The oral examinations for LEO Trainee applicants were given from September 13 - 16, 2004. Of the 343 candidates invited to participate, 289 reported for the test.

## Deputy Commissioner of Professional Responsibility



*Lt. Colonel John R. Brown*

Lt. Colonel John R. Brown was appointed to the newly created position of Deputy Commissioner of Professional Responsibility of the Pennsylvania State Police on March 13, 2004. The Deputy Commissioner of Professional Responsibility oversees the following segments:

The newly renamed Bureau of Integrity and Professional Standards (previously the Bureau of Professional Responsibility),

Department Discipline Office, Equal Employment Opportunity Office, and the Early Intervention Program Office.

The Deputy Commissioner of Professional Responsibility focuses on all of the segments that are logically related in scope pertaining to the prevention, investigation, and accountability measures employed by the Department with regard to police misconduct. The elevation of these important and complex functions with the creation of a fourth Deputy Commissioner position reinforces the message that the Department is committed to ensuring that transgressions in integrity and self-discipline will not be tolerated. It is also responsive to recommendations made by the Office of Inspector General that the internal affairs function within the Department should report directly to the Commissioner. This solution acknowledges the complex nature and importance of the subject matter, and allows the individual coordinating and overseeing the entire process to report directly to the Commissioner. Additionally, it allows the Deputy Commissioner of Professional Responsibility to focus on risk management issues across the full spectrum of potential liability affecting Department operations. This is important in recognizing potential Department-wide trends in the area of misconduct, sexual harassment, use of force, early intervention, and risk management.

## Department Discipline Office

Captain Robert B. Titler, Director

The Department Discipline Office (DDO) informs the Commissioner of the effectiveness of the concepts and compliance with the provisions of the disciplinary system on the part of all personnel, while ensuring the administration of discipline is fair, impartial, and consistent. The DDO coordinates, evaluates, and processes all formal disciplinary actions submitted within the Department.

The DDO and the Deputy Commissioner of Professional Responsibility had a major role during the Act 111 contract

negotiations between the Commonwealth and the Pennsylvania State Troopers Association (PSTA) on discipline issues. On December 22, 2004, Governor Edward G. Rendell announced a landmark arbitration decision for the Pennsylvania State Police and the PSTA. The Act 111 Interest Arbitration Panel issued its award establishing a new disciplinary system governing the Department. The Department will now be able to address the few unresolved recommendations of the Office of Inspector General's investigative report, including the adoption of disciplinary standards for serious misconduct.

## Equal Employment Opportunity Office

Sergeant Martin L. Henry III, Director

The Equal Employment Opportunity Office (EEOO), located in Department Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, reports to the Deputy Commissioner of Professional Responsibility.

The EEOO, in response to recommendations made by the Office of Inspector General, developed and implemented several new programs, while upgrading current office functions. Specific training programs were established for all Department personnel. Through the assistance of the Department Web Master, the EEOO was able to introduce web-based, sexual harassment training and testing. This online program required personnel to complete a quiz as part of the training.

One of the significant Office functions receiving an upgrade was the complaint tracking procedures. A database and complaint tracking system was developed. This program is designed to ensure complete and accurate complaint tracking and has the capability of identifying repeat offenders of sexual misconduct or sexual harassment. Additionally, statistical information can be obtained from this program.

## Early Intervention Program Office

Captain Thomas J. LaCrosse, Director

The Early Intervention Program (EIP) Office is responsible for management of the Department's Early Intervention Program, including the Personnel Early Warning System (EWS). EWS is a databased police management tool designed to identify personnel whose behavior is problematic and provide a form of intervention to correct that performance outside of the formal discipline system.

## Bureau of Integrity and Professional Standards

Major Charles J. Skurkis, Jr., Director

The Bureau of Integrity and Professional Standards (BIPS), formerly known as the Bureau of Professional Responsibility, is comprised of the Internal Affairs Division and the Systems and Process Review Division. BIPS is



charged with investigating personnel misconduct and inspecting/evaluating Department installations and operations. The BIPS Administrative and Central Offices are headquartered in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. BIPS also has regional offices located in Fogelsville, Pittsburgh, and Hollidaysburg.

## Internal Affairs Division

**Internal Affairs Division Implements Toll-Free Hotline:** In response to recommendations from the Office of Inspector General, the Internal Affairs Division (IAD) implemented a 24 hour toll-free hotline (1-866-426-9164) which allows citizens to file complaints alleging misconduct by Department personnel. Enhancements to the IAD database program allow for complete tracking of complaints from reception through adjudication, with automated histories available to Department Commanders.

## Systems and Process Review Division

**Department Reviews:** During 2004, 4 Systems and Process Review (SPR) teams, assigned to geographical sections of the Commonwealth, conducted 51 formal reviews of Department locations. Various Troop Headquarters, Stations, and other organizational segments within the Department were subject to intensive examination of their physical facilities, vehicles, equipment, personnel, investigative procedures, evidence processing/storage, and all reporting/record keeping functions. Results of the reviews were consolidated into reports identifying specific levels of compliance/non-compliance with Department regulations, and presented to affiliate Commanders for recognition and appropriate correction. Additionally, a total of 31 Action Recommendations, formal suggestions to evaluate or revise current policies, regulations, or procedures, were submitted by SPR to the Department for consideration.



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. Prynne	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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