PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE

Edward G. Rendell, Governor

Colonel Jeffrey B. Miller, Commissioner

An Internationally Accredited Law Enforcement Agency

2006 Annual Report

For the Year Ending December 31, 2006
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."
Dear Fellow Pennsylvanians,

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

In 2007, the Pennsylvania State Police continued to enhance its reputation as one of the finest law-enforcement agencies in the world. Among its other accomplishments for the year, the department added drug recognition experts to its ranks to crack down on those who drive under the influence of drugs; completed a major upgrade of its computerized criminal history record information system; earned reaccreditation for its crime laboratory system from a national organization; and assumed responsibility for patrolling Interstate 76 in Philadelphia.

As Governor, it has been my pleasure to work with Commissioner Jeffrey B. Miller to ensure that our citizens receive the highest possible level of law-enforcement services from the Pennsylvania State Police. My budgets have made it possible to bring the State Police enlisted complement to the highest level in the state’s history, while also increasing the number of civilian support personnel and adding new technology to help troopers do their job.

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,

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 and honor that I present to you, and the citizens of the Commonwealth, the Pennsylvania State Police 2006 Annual Report. The report represents the highlights, challenges, and major accomplishments of the men and women of the Pennsylvania State Police during the year 2006.  

The Pennsylvania State Police was established by Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker on May 2, 1905, as a result of the tragic events that occurred during The Great Anthracite Coal Strike. The Department was the first uniformed police agency of its kind in the country. Our tradition was built upon our ability to respond to and handle any and all emergencies. On October 2, 2006, the Pennsylvania State Police responded to an Amish School Shooting which will be remembered as one of the most tragic events in Pennsylvania history. Our members responded heroically to save innocent lives. While we try to understand why such atrocities take place in a civilized society, the commitment to remain steadfast in providing the finest law enforcement services to all citizens of the Commonwealth is just as great now as it was in 1905.  

During 2006, that commitment resulted in Troopers making a record number of Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrests, while at the same time decreasing the number of DUI related fatalities. There was a significant decrease in the total number of collisions, as well as a reduction in fatal crashes and crash-related injuries. Additionally, the number of criminal arrests and criminal offenses cleared by Department members increased in 2006 as compared to 2005.  

The men and women of the Pennsylvania State Police will continue to embody the Department's Core Values of Honor, Service, Integrity, Respect, Trust, Courage, and Duty, as we serve the citizens of the Commonwealth.  

Sincerely,  

[Signature]  

Colonel Jeffrey B. Miller  
Commissioner
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Commissioner

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 6,000 enlisted and civilian personnel, which includes 4,428 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; as Chair of the International Association of Chiefs of Police Homeland Security Committee; 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; as Chairman of 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; as a member of the Auto Theft Prevention Authority; and as a member of the Governor’s Homeland Security Executive Cabinet and Advisory Council.

Chief Counsel’s Office

Barbara L. Christie, Chief Counsel

The Chief Counsel’s Office consists of Chief Counsel, five attorneys, and legal support staff based in Department Headquarters, with nine attorneys and support staff stationed at the Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement (LCE) Legal Offices in Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Allentown, and Pittsburgh to represent the LCE in Liquor Code matters. The Chief Counsel’s Office issues legal opinions; reviews contracts/agreements, legislation, and legal documents; and represents the Pennsylvania State Police in administrative hearings and in state and federal trial and appellate litigation.
In 2006, the Chief Counsel’s Office reviewed 127 agreements/MOUs, issued 583 legal opinions, and closed out 748 cases or assignments. The Chief Counsel’s Office is also responsible for publishing the monthly PSP Counselor, a digest of state and federal court opinions significant to law enforcement. Also, in 2006, the LCE attorneys handled 2,903 citation cases.

**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; Lieutenant Brad S. Lawver; and Administrative Assistant Stefanie A. Weit. 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. On many occasions, the Office is directed to provide or coordinate 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 point-of-contact for legislators seeking information or assistance with a wide variety of PSP-related issues.

Input submitted by members via the Legislative Proposal Submission Form will continue to be utilized throughout the 2007-2008 Legislative Session for formulation of policy regarding issues that affect the Department. The form is available on the PSPiNet/Legislative Affairs Office website.

**Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission**
*Major John M. Gallaher, Executive Director*

The Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission (MPOETC) is located at 8002 Bretz Drive, West Hanover Township, Dauphin County, and is under the administrative command of the Commissioner. MPOETC is responsible for establishing and maintaining training standards for municipal police officers and other police officers who have been legislatively placed under their authority.

Additionally, MPOETC is tasked with establishing and maintaining standards for instructors and curriculum content at the 21 certified schools across the State that deliver the basic police training curriculum under Act 120. Each year, the Commission staff coordinates the development of 12 hours of in-service training which is mandatory for all municipal police officers across the Commonwealth.

The Commission is also responsible for the certification and decertification of municipal police officers. Officers must be certified by MPOETC prior to enforcing the Crimes Code, moving violations of the Vehicle Code, or carrying a firearm.
Certification is based on the completion of numerous items including the 750-hour basic training course, psychological and physical standards, criminal history check, as well as successfully passing a comprehensive certification examination. In order to have the certification renewed on a biennial basis, officers must complete the 12 hours of in-service training each year, as well as maintaining valid CPR and first aid certification and annual firearms qualification.

The recertification statistics available in 2006 indicated a total of 22,660 municipal police officers in the Commonwealth, employed by 1,171 police departments.

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The Public Information Office is located in Department Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Members of the Public Information Office are Jack J. Lewis, Press Secretary, and Trooper Linette G. Quinn, Public Information Coordinator. They work in cooperation with Corporal Anthony R. Durante, 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 Durante to supply information for the Department’s website; providing advice to the Commissioner on media-related matters; working in cooperation with the Governor’s Office of Communications, and producing *The Communicator*, the monthly newsletter for Department personnel and more than 3,400 retirees.

During 2006, the Public Information Office issued about 70 news releases. In addition, Trooper Quinn worked closely with personnel at Troop J and the Department’s Command Staff during the Nickel Mines Amish School shooting incident.

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 Legislative Reference Bureau.
Deputy Commissioner of Operations

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

Domestic Security Office
Major James J. Garofalo, Director

During 2006, the Domestic Security Office (DSO) Risk & Vulnerability Assessment Team (RVAT) continued to provide professional security assessments for a wide variety of infrastructure throughout the Commonwealth. A total of 38 assessments were conducted in the public and private sectors. RVAT members also attended numerous training seminars and conferences to further improve the capability of the team.

RVAT members played a pivotal role in the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) program by conducting security assessments at 297 Points of Dispensing Sites (PODs) throughout the Commonwealth. A PODS is a location that will receive and distribute critical medical and pharmaceutical supplies in the event of a chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear incident.

In 2006, school security rose to the forefront due to several high-profile violent incidents. RVAT conducted numerous assessments on school facilities and provided security presentations to many school districts throughout the Commonwealth. RVAT continues to be a vital resource for educational institutions in Pennsylvania.

The DSO was successful in procuring $506,600 in funding from the 2006 Domestic Homeland Security Grant Program for the Department’s use in homeland security training, equipment and exercises. Within the DSO, the Homeland Security Liaison continued to provide a critical link between the Department and federal officials.

During 2006, the DSO coordinated the Department’s participation in nuclear power plant exercises for the Beaver Valley, Peach Bottom, and Susquehanna Steam facilities, and has been involved with rewriting the statute which governs the transport of radioactive materials across the Commonwealth. Also, the DSO coordinated the Department’s participation in Domestic Homeland Security’s “comprehensive reviews” at four of the five nuclear power plants in the Commonwealth. This process provides an analysis of the overall preparedness and security posture of the facility. The DSO applied for, and the Department received over $330,000 in federal reimbursement for the Department’s emergency response to the rain/flooding in June.

DSO personnel are involved in Avian Flu Pandemic planning with the Governor’s Office and the Department of Health, and actively participate in a variety of critical infrastructure protection workgroups, including the Agricultural Terrorism Working Group chaired by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).
The DSO continued to spearhead the Department’s initiatives in enhancing Department Headquarters building security and the new PSP identification card program. RVAT members will supervise the identification card enrollment of all Department personnel.

Gaming Enforcement Office
Captain Timothy J. Allue, Director

Act 71 of 2004, amending Title 4, Amusements, Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, authorized slot machine gaming at up to 14 casino sites in the Commonwealth. In December 2005, the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board issued 11 of the 14 potential licenses and several casino operators immediately started construction. The final 3 licenses will be issued pending submission of applications by potential casino operators.

Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs, Luzerne County, opened for business on November 14, 2006, as the first Pennsylvania casino in history. Shortly thereafter, on December 19, 2006, Philadelphia Park Casino held their grand opening in Bensalem, Pennsylvania. Chester Downs in Chester, Presque Isle Downs in Erie, and The Meadows in Washington are on track for scheduled openings during the first half of 2007. Mt. Airy Resort in Monroe County and Penn National Casino in Dauphin County are slated for late 2007 grand openings. The remaining casinos, Majestic Star in Pittsburgh, Sugar House Casino and Foxwoods Casino in Philadelphia, and Sands Bethworks Casino in Bethlehem are anticipated to be operational by late 2008 or early 2009.

Act 71 empowers the Pennsylvania State Police to, among other duties, conduct background and criminal investigations involving any gaming-related activities in the Commonwealth. The law enforcement function of the Gaming Enforcement Office has been created to encompass the initial response and subsequent investigation of all crimes occurring in the licensed facilities, as well as enforcement of the criminal provisions of the Horse Racing Development and Gaming Act. In addition to criminal enforcement, the Gaming Enforcement Office is also mandated to fingerprint all gaming industry applicants and Harness/Horse Racing licensees. The volume of fingerprinting is expected to be approximately 15,000 persons each year.

A Pennsylvania State Police Gaming Enforcement Office is located at each casino site and staffed on a 24/7 basis by members of the Gaming Enforcement Office. By the close of 2006, the Gaming Enforcement Office complement increased to approximately 80 personnel. Ultimately, once all gaming facilities become operational, the Gaming Enforcement Office will be comprised of approximately 220 personnel. The Gaming Enforcement Office also works closely with respective municipal law enforcement agencies and local State Police Stations to ensure optimal criminal investigation and public safety in and around all gaming facilities.

During 2006, in the midst of extensive preparations for Gaming Enforcement Office openings at each site, Gaming Enforcement Office members conducted 1,210 record checks and 174 background investigations.
In addition, 3,250 gaming applicants were fingerprinted, resulting in the apprehension of eight wanted persons. In the few weeks between the openings of Pocono Downs and Philadelphia Park and the end of 2006, Gaming Enforcement Office members conducted investigations of criminal misconduct involving Theft, Harassment, Criminal Trespass, Money Laundering, Underage Consumption, Illicit Drugs, and Counterfeit Currency.

In the years ahead, the Gaming Enforcement Office will continue its commitment to enhancing professional and constructive interagency partnerships with the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, local law enforcement agencies, and local Pennsylvania State Police Troops to ensure public safety and compliance with the law at all casino sites in Pennsylvania.

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

DUI Field Operations Section: During 2006, Department members remained vigilant in removing impaired drivers from the Commonwealth's highways. The State Police is one of over 1,200 police agencies and the second largest Department. Department members are responsible for making 30 percent of the total DUI arrests in the Commonwealth. The following programs targeting impaired drivers and concentrated efforts in the area of strict DUI enforcement were conducted with overwhelming success in 2006.

Operation Nighthawk is a specialized two-day training and enforcement program aimed at reducing drinking and driving. Conducted on Friday and Saturday evenings, this program combines classroom instruction with a massive county-wide DUI roving enforcement activity. The Pennsylvania State Police conducted Operation Nighthawk in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Association and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) at two locations during 2006. The 2006 programs brought State Police Troopers and municipal police officers together, establishing open communication and networking. Since the program's inception, 14 events have occurred, attended by a total of 538 Troopers and 502 municipal police officers from 263 different agencies. This team approach to DUI enforcement has resulted in 510 DUI arrests, 3,036 traffic citations, 195 underage drinking arrests, and 147 drug arrests.
Selective Traffic Enforcement Against Drunk-Driving (STEAD-D): The Department continued the federally funded STEAD-D program during 2006. This program dedicates members to DUI enforcement by conducting DUI roving patrols and sobriety checkpoints. The program provided funds to conduct more than 650 DUI roving patrol efforts and over 170 sobriety checkpoints throughout the Commonwealth. As a result, over 1,265 DUI arrests and over 40,500 contacts were made with motorists. Additionally, STEAD-D funds provided the means to conduct Operation Nighthawk.

Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Training (SFST): More than 300 Department members received the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s (NHTSA) SFST training during 2006. In 2006, the State Police continued the inclusion of the NHTSA SFST training in the Cadet basic training curriculum, certifying more than 200 Cadets in SFST. Troopers trained in SFST are better able to detect drinking drivers, especially the heavy drinkers who have developed a tolerance to alcohol.

Drug Evaluation and Classification (DEC): Pennsylvania became the 39th state to be recognized and approved by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) to employ the Drug Evaluation and Classification (DEC) Program. The DEC Program focuses on training Troopers and police officers to recognize when an individual has been driving under the influence of drugs and to identify the type of drug causing impairment. The DEC Program was developed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and approved by the IACP. Upon completion of their initial training, officers are certified as Drug Recognition Experts (DREs) and become far more effective in identifying drug-impaired individuals. In February 2006, the second DRE class was conducted, as well as the first DRE Instructor School. In December 2006, the third DRE class was conducted. The 30 certified DREs conducted 203 Drug Influence Evaluations during DUI investigations in 2006.

Pennsylvania State Police Checkpoint Strikeforce: In 2006, the Department continued the Pennsylvania State Police Checkpoint Strikeforce Program. The program was initiated in response to similar successful programs in other states in reducing alcohol-related crashes and fatalities. In addition to the STEAD-D Program, the Checkpoint Strikeforce Program was responsible for an additional 377 sobriety checkpoints and DUI roving patrol enforcement activities. During these activities, 413 motorists were arrested for DUI and an additional 34,618 motorists were contacted.
Motorcycle Program: The complement of the Department’s motorcycle patrol fleet continues to expand. Three motorcycles were assigned to Troop F, Milton; Troop G, Rockview; and Troop L, Hamburg, respectively. An additional motorcycle was added to Troop M, Bethlehem, and Troop R, Dunmore, and Troop T replaced their older models with the newest version in the Department. This brings the total number of motorcycles to 30, operating at 12 select Troops at 17 Stations throughout the State. The Patrol Services Division continues to instruct the Basic Police Motorcycle Operators Training Course to new members selected for the motorcycle patrol.

Mobile Video Recorders (MVRs): During 2006, the Bureau of Patrol continued to administer the MVR program. Opportunities for upgrading the current system were explored. Currently all marked patrol vehicles in the Department fleet are equipped with MVRs.

Safe Highways Initiative thru Effective Law Enforcement and Detection (SHIELD): Operation SHIELD is a criminal patrol program aimed at removing weapons, fugitives, terrorists, counterfeit merchandise, and narcotics from the highways of Pennsylvania. Troopers who participate in this patrol program have received advance training on topics such as conducting professional traffic stops, hidden compartments, racial profiling, false documents, law enforcement roles in terrorism, and search and seizure.

This training has proven to be highly successful as Troopers have seized more than $2.7 million in currency, $4.5 million in narcotics, and $1.8 million in counterfeit merchandise.

In 2006, the Bureau of Patrol, in conjunction with the Bureau of Training and Education, conducted four Operation SHIELD training classes. SHIELD-trained members have made the following arrests/seizures in 2006:
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**Safety Program Division**

**Vehicle Fraud Unit:** The Vehicle Fraud Unit is comprised of 72 Vehicle Fraud Investigators (VFIs) statewide. The Commander, Vehicle Crash & Driver Safety Section and the Supervisor, Vehicle Fraud Unit attended fraudulent documents training in Niagara Falls, New York, in August of 2006.

The Vehicle Fraud Investigators Unit received an extension to an existing National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) grant and additional monies to assist with odometer fraud investigations.

Additionally, VFIs investigated 1,956 vehicle-related complaints. These complaints ranged from late/non-submission of vehicle titles, faulty state inspections, odometer rollbacks, forged/altered vehicle title applications, replated vehicles, and enforcement of Title 63, Act 27, Board of Vehicles Act, regarding vehicle dealer operations.

Through the enforcement of Act 27 in 2006, the Vehicle Fraud Investigators Unit levied $1,026,000 in penalties against Pennsylvania automobile dealerships. These investigations led to the filing of the following charges:

- Vehicle Code Summary Violations – 4,501
- Act 27 Board of Vehicles Act (Title 63) – 1,062
- Vehicle/Crimes Code Misdemeanors – 1,343
- Vehicle/Crimes Code Felonies – 8,399

**Occupant Protection Program:** The Department’s Occupant Protection Program comprises 2 areas of focus: the Child Passenger Safety Program and the Occupant Restraint Use. These initiatives are intended to increase seat belt usage and reduce fatalities and injuries through the use of occupant restraints. Currently, the Department has 253 Child Passenger Safety Technicians (CPSTs) and 4 Child Passenger Safety Technician Instructors certified by NHTSA.
In 2006, this group inspected over 2,800 child safety seats, while teaching parents and caregivers how to safely transport children.

On average, 95 percent of the seats checked resulted in some type of misuse, which was detected and then corrected. Most inspections revealed more than one problem, demonstrating the pressing need for this public service. Grant monies were provided to the Department to purchase child passenger safety inspection kits and necessary supplies for each CPST. These were distributed to members at the completion of their CPST certification.

Members of the Department also participated in traffic safety checkpoints and child safety seat checkup events during national and statewide occupant protection enforcement/education programs throughout 2006. Programs included National Child Passenger Safety Week and Click It or Ticket Mobilization Weeks. The Department placed second nationally in the prestigious International Association of Chiefs of Police “Chiefs’ Challenge,” predominantly due to the occupant protection education/enforcement efforts of our members.

The Department sent two members to the NHTSA Region III Occupant Protection Law Enforcement Summit in Hershey, Pennsylvania, in April of 2006.

Work Zones: The Safety Program Division coordinates the use of Troopers in work zones with PennDOT to ensure the safety of the motoring public. The program was conceived and implemented in 1994, with a single work zone in the Dauphin County area as a pilot project. Due to its success, the program was expanded to include the entire Commonwealth. During 2006, there were 229 work zones approved for the utilization of Troopers to enhance safety efforts. New legislation was enacted in 2003, which requires all motorists to use headlights while traveling through active work zones; in addition, speed-monitoring signs are situated prior to many work zones to allow motorists to view their actual speed as they enter a reduced-speed area. During 2006, Troopers issued a total of 3,833 citations, 3,407 written warnings, and effected 77 DUI arrests in work zones.

Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Specialists (CARSs): CARSs were assigned to assist and/or forensically map over 622 fatal crashes and serious crime scenes in calendar year 2006, an increase of 4.8 percent over 2005. In addition, CARS members responded to numerous requests to assist municipal police departments and district attorneys’ offices.

In 2006, CARS forensic mapping was enhanced by the deployment of 16 additional Stations, which were obtained from a PennDOT grant.

The Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Unit has six computerized Crash Data Retrieval Units and each CARS member is trained in the use of the Crash Data Retrieval System.
Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP): As a result of the consolidation, the Department’s commercial vehicle safety effort consists of Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (CVE) Teams, MCSAP, and the New Entrant Safety Audit Program, as well as programs associated with the Department of Environmental Protection. The Department is tasked, along with our partner agencies, with ensuring commercial vehicle safety on the Commonwealth’s highways. This is achieved through a system of inspections and enforcement procedures.

MCSAP inspections are conducted by PSP through the use of mobile CVE Teams. The CVE Teams generally consist of two Motor Carrier Enforcement Officers (MCEOs) and one Trooper. The Department currently has a combination of 339 active Motor Carrier Inspectors (MCIs), Motor Carrier Enforcement Supervisors (MCESs), and MCEOs.

MCSAP Operations: In 2006, the Department’s MCIs participated in several national operations, including Operation Airbrake and Operation Roadcheck, as well as participated in statewide operations, such as the Troop Truck Crash Prevention Initiative, the Waste Hauler Inspection Program, and the Holiday Security Awareness details.

These details resulted in 60,860 commercial vehicles inspected by PSP MCIs which resulted in 61,278 citations, 133,415 warnings, and 59 DUls. Additionally, 1,502 commercial vehicles were weighed, resulting in 1,055 citations and 938 warnings. Additionally, 1,409 commercial vehicles were measured, resulting in 1,331 oversized vehicle citations and 494 oversized vehicle warnings.

As a result of a staff study conducted at the direction of the Commissioner, the school bus inspection responsibilities were transferred from the VFIs to MCSAP-certified personnel, effective June 1, 2006. In preparation for this transition of duties, personnel from the Commercial Vehicle Safety Section and the Vehicle Fraud Unit created and administered school bus-related training to 285 personnel during May 2006. Subsequently, MCSAP-certified personnel conducted 26,411 school bus inspections during 2006.

MCSAP Training: The Safety Program Division, Commercial Vehicle Safety Section has assumed the responsibility for the training and oversight of municipal police officers in Vehicle Size and Weight and Commercial Vehicle Inspections. During 2006, approximately 65 municipal police officers representing over 60 departments received this training. In addition, 55 municipal police officers received training in basic commercial vehicle inspections.

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Section has also instituted a program to train municipal police officers in the inspection of vehicles transporting hazardous materials, cargo tank vehicles, and vehicles transporting passengers. The first General Hazardous Materials training course for municipal officers was conducted in Philadelphia, in which 30 officers received certification.

Further, an additional 30 PSP members and employees received the basic commercial vehicle inspection course during 2006.
New Entrant Safety Audit Program: In 2006, the PSP continued to conduct congressionally mandated new entrant safety audits of all new or existing Pennsylvania trucking companies involved in interstate commerce. Pennsylvania has 19 MCEOs and eight Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Officers certified to perform Safety Audits on new trucking companies. This 100 percent federally-funded activity requires the Commonwealth to investigate approximately 170 new trucking companies opening each month in the Commonwealth, with a safety audit required within 18 months of application. This audit process places an inspector in the company headquarters reviewing their driver qualification, vehicle maintenance files, insurance documents, and other required records. During 2006, 1,581 new entrant safety audits were completed.

Super Loads, Escorts, & Permits: During calendar year 2006, the Escorts and Permits Unit coordinated a total of 1,189 super load movements statewide. Subsequent billing by the Unit resulted in the Department recovering $822,590 in overtime for the inspection, weighing, and escorting of these super loads; and $188,560.40 in vehicle usage fees.

The Department, along with PennDOT and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, has participated in several meetings with personnel from Gamesa Wind US. Gamesa Wind US manufactures and installs windmills necessitating many super loads to be moved within the Commonwealth. In 2006, PSP escorted 319 windmills from Gamesa Wind US. Gamesa Wind US has two facilities in Pennsylvania, one in Bucks County and one in Cambria County.

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 Drug Law Enforcement Division, the Special investigations Division, and the Intelligence Division.

Special Investigations Division

Auto Theft Section: The Auto Theft Section, comprised of three Regional Task Forces, conducts in-depth auto theft investigations throughout the Commonwealth. During 2006, 485 vehicles, valued at over $6 million, were recovered, 200 investigations were cleared by arrest, and 270 individuals were arrested.

Eastern and Central Task Force members arrested three brothers involved in a $4.5 million vehicle and equipment theft ring operating in the tristate area. As a result of this investigation, dozens of tractor trailer and heavy equipment thefts were cleared by over a dozen PSP Stations and over 20 municipal police departments in Pennsylvania, New York, and New Jersey. One suspect was also charged with a 1993 criminal homicide committed in Monroe County, Pennsylvania.
**Fugitive Task Force:** During 2006, the Fugitive Task Force apprehended 510 fugitives, including 46 fugitives for homicide offenses, 43 fugitives for robbery offenses, and 171 for drug violations. In addition, 101 fugitives were located and apprehended by law enforcement agencies outside Pennsylvania based on investigative information provided by the PSP Fugitive Task Force.

**Organized Crime Task Force:** During 2006, the Eastern Task Force conducted a joint investigation with the Federal Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the FBI. This investigation resulted in a major indictment against an alleged organized crime boss and several of his associates.

The Organized Crime Section completed its first full year participating in the PSP/ATF Gun Task Force. Organized Crime Unit members assigned to the Task Force seized 242 firearms and made 70 arrests for firearms trafficking and other firearm offenses. The Task Force has offices in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Reading, and Erie.

**Criminal Investigation Assessment/Missing Persons Unit:** During 2006, there were 66 requests to activate the Pennsylvania Amber Alert System. The system was activated on nine occasions. All children related to the activations were located. Four of the children were recovered as a direct result of the Pennsylvania Amber Alert.

In one case, on December 6, 2006, an 11-year-old child was reported abducted at gunpoint by three males outside his residence in Philadelphia. Immediately following the initial investigation, the Philadelphia Police Department requested an activation of the Pennsylvania Amber Alert Plan. The Amber Alert was issued, and a short time later the child was released unharmed at a location across the city from the initial abduction site. The victim related that the suspects decided to release him after seeing the Amber Alert on television.

**Computer Crime Unit:** The Computer Crime Unit consists of five Area Computer Crime Task Forces. During 2006, the task forces conducted 1,084 investigations, 1,255 forensic examinations, obtained 816 court orders, and executed 366 search warrants. Additionally, the Computer Crime Unit assisted in 608 state, 492 municipal, and 133 federal investigations. The Computer Crime Unit continues operating a 24-hour hotline for law enforcement to utilize for technical assistance.

During one investigation, the Troop A, Indiana Station, Fire Marshal Unit requested that Computer Crime Analyst MaryAnn Leon, Area III, perform a forensic examination of a computer used to record video surveillance at a hunting cabin in Indiana County. The cabin had been destroyed by an arson fire. Though damaged in the fire, the computer hard drive was removed and forensically examined. Analyst Leon was able to locate video files depicting six arson suspects. Still images were printed and then featured in a Crime Stoppers media release. Five juveniles and one adult were arrested and later pled guilty to Arson and Burglary charges.
**Fire Marshal Unit:** The Fire Marshal Unit, using grant funding from the Insurance Fraud Prevention Authority, purchased and distributed 45 high-resolution, digital cameras to Troop Fire Marshals. Seventy members received camera training via five regional training sessions conducted with assistance from the Bureau of Forensic Services. Additionally, 62 Deputy and Alternate Fire Marshals received Concepts of Fire Dynamics training and 81 Deputy and Alternate Fire Marshals received Use of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus training via regional training sessions.

During 2006, Troop Fire Marshal Unit members responded to 2,587 fire-related incidents. Fire Marshals also conducted 70 municipal-level training classes for firefighters. A total of 1,741 firefighters were trained in various topics including arson detection and preservation of evidence.

**Pennsylvania Crime Stoppers Unit:** During 2006, the Pennsylvania Crime Stoppers Unit received 521 tips. The Crime Stoppers Program assisted in clearing 32 cases, including seven Homicide cases. There were 55 arrests, with $18,000 in property and 22 weapons recovered.

**Polygraph Unit:** The Polygraph Unit conducted 1,777 examinations during 2006. This includes 957 PSP Cadet applicant examinations. Also, 107 examinations relative to Homicide and/or Death investigations, which resulted in 41 “Deception Indicated” results, 48 “No Deception Indicated” results, and 18 “No Opinion” results. During these Homicide/Death examinations, the Polygraph Unit obtained 28 pretest admissions/confessions and 30 posttest admissions/confessions. The number of Homicide/Death examinations conducted in 2006 represents an increase of approximately 25 percent compared to 2005.

**Intelligence Division**

The Intelligence Division is divided into the Tactical Intelligence Section and the Analytical Intelligence Section. This gives the Department the ability to collect significant pieces of criminal intelligence related to Homeland Security/Terrorism, Street Gangs, Domestic Threat Groups, Organized Crime, and a wide variety of other criminal enterprises, which impact the citizens of the Commonwealth. The information is then examined by highly trained analysts who identify gaps in the information and combine the information in order to draw informed conclusions from the various pieces. This collection and dissemination model is available to all law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth.

**Analytical Intelligence Section:** The Analytical Intelligence Section is responsible for the Pennsylvania Criminal Intelligence Center (PaCIC). PaCIC Analysts provide Department members and federal, state, and municipal law enforcement agencies with access to intelligence information, investigative data, and public source information 24 hours a day, seven days per week. Analysts also provide investigative support by analyzing complex information and collating it into intelligence summaries, organization charts, link analysis, time event analysis, and other manageable, professional products.
In 2006, PaCIC Analysts responded to over 9,000 law enforcement requests and fielded 783 total calls on the Terrorism Tipline and Drug Tipline.

**Tactical Intelligence Section:** The Tactical Intelligence Section is responsible for the coordination of intelligence gathering efforts of the Department, including five area-based Task Forces. The Area Task Forces work closely with the intelligence and investigative components of municipal, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.

The Task Forces rely upon surveillance, confidential informants, physical and computer-based undercover operations, federal task force participation, and the Pennsylvania Terrorism Tip Line to assess and investigate a variety of suspected criminal groups and individuals throughout the Commonwealth.

During 2006, the Tactical Intelligence Section increased its participation in the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s (FBI) Joint Terrorism Task Force. A number of joint investigations were begun to include undercover operations, joint international terrorism investigations, and confidential source sharing. Troopers now hold top secret clearance investigative capabilities in Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Scranton, Williamsport, State College, Pittsburgh, and Erie FBI offices. Our increased participation has allowed the Department to provide valuable and unique investigative experience to the mission of homeland security, while maintaining situational awareness on international and domestic terrorism issues that could potentially affect the Commonwealth.

The Tactical Intelligence Section has enhanced its capability of intelligence gathering by brokering relationships with police departments outside the Commonwealth. As one example, Intelligence Officers work regularly with detectives from the New York City Police Department (NYPD) to share source information related to groups common to both jurisdictions and terrorism threats. Regular assignments of Intelligence Officers to the NYPD Regional Intelligence Center in Manhattan have provided a conduit for information sharing around the world.

During 2006, 11 members were added to five area street gang task forces. These task forces are comprised of federal, state, and municipal law enforcement, whose members work in conjunction with corrections officers, state and county probation/parole officers, and district attorneys’ offices. Gang task forces have participated in a number of significant investigations and multiagency saturation patrols since their inception. Cases involving small city “crews” entrenched in the distribution of illegal drugs and weapons have begun in many urban areas, as well as large-scale organized crime probes aimed at combating interstate gang crime.

**Drug Law Enforcement Division**

**Operations Section:**

**Interdiction Units:** The Drug Law Enforcement Division operates three Interdiction Units (East, Central, and West). Interdiction Unit members conduct investigations at public facilities such as mass transit terminals, as well as private sector facilities such as motels and parcel delivery services. Additionally, members conduct highway interdiction activities.
Members are often assigned to Federal Task Forces with Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), FBI, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) personnel. Eastern Interdiction Unit members are assigned to the Philadelphia/Camden High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force. During 2006, members of the Eastern Interdiction Unit arrested 50 individuals, seized over $4.7 million, 181 kilograms of cocaine, 7 kilograms of heroin, 5,800 pounds of marijuana, and six weapons.

Central Interdiction Unit members are assigned to work in the Harrisburg/Carlisle area or are assigned to a DEA Task Force in Harrisburg, Allentown, or Scranton. During 2006, members of the Central Interdiction Unit arrested 22 individuals, seized over $3.1 million, 459 kilograms of cocaine, 155 pounds of marijuana, 81 weapons, and over 7,100 marijuana plants.

Western Interdiction Unit members are assigned to work at various locations in Western Pennsylvania, including Pittsburgh and Erie. During 2006, members of the Western Interdiction Unit arrested 42 individuals, seized over $940,000, 36 kilograms of cocaine, 220 pounds of marijuana, and 21 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. During 2006, CLRT members responded to 76 call-outs, which resulted in 57 actual labs and 10 dump sites.

CLRT has been working with federal, state, and municipal agencies in developing a protocol to handle incidents involving drug-endangered children encountered at clandestine labs. Additionally, CLRT conducts lab awareness and safety training to police and fire departments, emergency medical services, government agencies, and private industry. During 2006, over 5,100 individuals were trained in 101 training sessions.

Administrative Section:

Marijuana Eradication Program: The Administrative Section manages the Department's Marijuana Eradication Program, which is funded by a grant from DEA. During 2006, the Department eradicated 12,888 plants, and seized revenues in excess of $1.7 million.

Financial Investigation/Asset Forfeiture Unit (FIAF): The FIAF Unit provides assistance in drug-related cases involving large sums of money, property, and vehicles. The FIAF Unit also is tasked with assisting the Gaming Enforcement Office and the Auto Theft Unit with the forfeiture of assets following successful completion and disposition of criminal cases. In 2006, the Unit purchased five money counting machines, which will track currency spent and seized by the Department in criminal investigations, for the purpose of establishing a nexus between the currency and illegal activities.
Training: The Training Officer serves as a liaison with the Pennsylvania National Guard, Northeast Counter Drug Training Center, at Ft. Indiantown Gap. In November, the Drug Law Enforcement Division, in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Attorney General’s Office, provided TOPGUN training to over 120 law enforcement officers and prosecutors from the Commonwealth.

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 provides aerial support to all law enforcement agencies within the Commonwealth, as well as assisting in other non-emergency situations, including major civic and sporting events. The Section also provides aerial platforms for other federal, state, and municipal agencies. The Department’s eight helicopters and seven airplanes are based at seven hangars, located throughout the Commonwealth. During 2006, Aviation Patrol Unit 7, based at the Altoona/Blair County Airport, was added to the Section. There are currently 30 pilots assigned to the Section, with four of those currently deployed full-time in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The Section also has three full-time Aviation Mechanics to ensure the fleet remains airborne by maintaining, inspecting, and repairing Department aircraft.

During the past year, the helicopter and airplane pilots logged over 4,000 hours of flight time conducting searches and rescues of all kinds, assisting in vehicle pursuits, aerial surveillance, assisting in marijuana eradication, attending public events promoting law enforcement efforts, and numerous other missions. Incidents of interest occurring this year include the immediate apprehension of a number of fugitives attempting to flee officers on the ground; locating a downed aircraft in a densely wooded area, with the occupants surviving; as well as locating dozens of lost citizens alive.

The Forward Looking Infra-Red system (FLIR) on Department helicopters was utilized by pilots during hundreds of missions this year. The thermal imaging and camera system can be used both day and night, and has proven to be an invaluable tool in search and rescue, locating numerous individuals and saving countless lives.

A specific area of enforcement, utilizing the airplane as an aerial platform, is the State Police Aerial Reconnaissance and Enforcement (S.P.A.R.E.) program. Troopers, trained as aerial observers, identify various traffic violations and communicate with ground units to apprehend the violators. During 2006, over 1,300 citations were issued by Troopers across the State as a result of S.P.A.R.E. operations.
Electronic Surveillance Section (ESS): ESS is responsible for the deployment, service, and maintenance of wiretap and other electronic surveillance equipment throughout the Commonwealth. During 2006, the 10 members of ESS responded to over 400 requests for technical assistance from various state, federal, and municipal law enforcement agencies. The assists included court-ordered wiretaps, video surveillance, global positioning monitoring systems, and technical surveillance countermeasures. Three ESS members were activated in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

ESS operates three regional wiretap centers located in the east, west, and central areas of the Commonwealth. The funding, specifically $890,000 for the actual wiretap networks, came from a portion of the Department’s 2004 and 2005 Homeland Security Grant.

During 2006, ESS provided wiretap training to a total of 189 state and municipal law enforcement officers. The officers received the wiretap training during one of nine, one-week certification classes for Class “A” Certification and one, three-week session for Class “B” Certification.

Tactical Operations Division

Special Emergency Response Team (SERT) Section: During 2006, SERT was activated for 142 tactical incidents. In previous years, barricaded gunman incidents accounted for the largest number of activations. Following a respite in 2005, this trend redeveloped in 2006. During 2006, SERT assisted in serving 56 high-risk warrants.
The majority of warrant service requests were for narcotics violations. SERT responded to two hostage situations in 2006. Both of these situations were domestic related.

SERT conducted four wooded terrain searches and nine surveillance and tactical cover operations during 2006. During the search for fugitive Ralph “Bucky” Phillips, both SERT West and SERT East were activated and participated in the search.

SERT members were activated 45 times to provide training, static displays, and community service requests. These included training for PCOs and State Police supervisory personnel, Troop Camp Cadet, Citizens’ Police Academy, and Family Day Programs. SERT negotiators continued to provide the Critical Incident Survival program to schools and businesses.

**Hazardous Device and Explosives Section (HDES):** The year 2006 was the second year of operations for HDES. There are six full-time and two part-time bomb technicians assigned to HDES. HDES added additional chemical and biological response capabilities with the purchase of several more sets of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus and Chem/Bio suits.

Security upgrades to our licensed explosive magazines at Hershey were completed this fiscal year in compliance with regulations issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. A second explosive magazine has been installed in the western part of the Commonwealth. This magazine will provide a resource for the storage of high explosive material in the western portion of the Commonwealth.

HDES was activated for 233 incidents during 2006. Of those incidents, 29 incidents involved actual improvised explosive devices, four involved hoax devices, and 38 involved suspicious packages. HDES assisted the United States military on 39 occasions with the disposal of military ordnance and on 35 incidents destroyed orphaned or abandoned commercial explosives, which included deteriorated dynamite. HDES assisted SERT twice by deploying its robot during a barricaded subject incident.

**Canine Section:** During 2006, Canine Teams were utilized on 2,142 occasions. Basic training classes for the year consisted of two new Explosive Detection Teams and two replacement drug detection canines for current Canine Section members.

Explosive Detection Teams were used 410 times during the year. This included 84 school searches, 107 security/dignitary details, 114 other searches, and 31 presentations.

Accelerant Detection Teams were employed 274 times during the year. The threeAccelerant Detection Teams assisted with 123 arson investigations and 11 investigations involving fatalities.

Drug Detection Teams were utilized 2,142 times and conducted 140 searches of schools across the Commonwealth during 2006.

Drug detection handlers participated in Operation SHIELD and Desert Snow training programs, as well as other outside training classes as part of the ongoing effort to support members performing interdiction in the field.
Drug Detection Team operations resulted in the following seizures during the 2006:

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Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement
Major Leonard H. McDonald, Director

The Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement (BLCE) Headquarters is located at 3655 Vartan Way, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The Bureau has nine District Offices located in Philadelphia, Wilkes-Barre, Harrisburg, Pittsburgh, Altoona, Williamsport, Punxsutawney, Erie, and Allentown.

University/College Underage Drinking Enforcement Program: BLCE participates with Troops in this joint effort to curtail the purchase and consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors. Raids are conducted at various gathering places for minors, such as fraternities, sporting events, and local licensed establishments. During 2006, BLCE conducted 109 raids resulting in 1,159 arrests, involving 1,001 minors.

Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws Program: BLCE concluded its seventh year of the "Combating Underage Drinking Campus/Community Partnership." The program is funded through a sub-grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), awarded via the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD).

Participants in this grant include BLCE, the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB), The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR), and the Pennsylvanians Against Underage Drinking (PAUD). PLCB, PCAR, and PAUD participate by offering funding, programming, training, and supplies throughout the grant year. Additionally, coalitions are developed using members from participating agencies and local communities.

The coalitions devise a plan to curb or eliminate problems associated with underage and excessive drinking in and around their areas through heightened enforcement, educational programs, and social norm events designed to provide alternative choices.
The BLCE targets establishments and events where underage drinking is suspected. All nine District Offices are active with enforcement initiatives at area schools and interaction with the coalitions.

This program also provides an opportunity to educate the public and other law enforcement agencies concerning the resources BLCE can provide.

During 2006, the program resulted in 610 arrests for underage drinking, 15 arrests for false identification, 137 arrests for furnishing alcohol to minors, and 58 other related arrests.

**1-888-UNDER21 HOTLINE:** 1-888-UNDER21 was established in 1998 by BLCE as a partnership with parents, students, community leaders, law enforcement officers, and university officials to combat underage and binge drinking across Pennsylvania.

Hotline calls are received directly by the PSP Consolidated Dispatch Center in Harrisburg. Police Communications Operators enter the information received into a Computer-Aided Dispatch system and immediately disseminate it to the appropriate agency.

Callers, who can remain anonymous, are encouraged to provide tips about planned events involving underage drinkers or about parties already underway. The PSP refer calls that require immediate attention directly to the proper agency for appropriate response. BLCE follows up with the responder with an after-action request form for the appropriate agency to report their activity, and PAUD collects and analyzes the statistics.

The hotline was the first statewide toll-free hotline, and is the first of its kind in the United States. Since its inception, several states have requested information and assistance in establishing a similar program in their states. PAUD is responsible for advertising the hotline and compiling statistics on hotline activities.

**14th and 15th Liquor Enforcement Officer Trainees Classes:** The 14th Liquor Enforcement Officer (LEO) Trainee class of 10 officers graduated on April 7, 2006. The 15th LEO class of 11 officers graduated on November 10, 2006. The graduates of both classes were assigned to the Philadelphia, Williamsport, and Allentown District Offices.

**Choices Program:** The Choices Program serves as an educational and public relations tool to address the problem of underage drinking by middle and high school age students, in both public and parochial schools. The Choices Program is presented at health fairs and during Camp Cadet, and consists of presentations by BLCE personnel emphasizing alternate recreation choices. The program is also presented to college and university age students at freshman orientations, using a version focusing on alternative alcohol-free recreational activities. The program not only tries to motivate the college/university age students to make good choices, but also provides an opportunity for BLCE representatives to explain the laws and consequences in the event incorrect choices are made. In 2006, there were 277 presentations to over 12,000 attendees.
**Nuisance Bar Program:** This program is a tool that provides an opportunity for BLCE to coordinate with other agencies in targeting “nuisance” or “problem” establishments. The program focuses on licensed establishments that have a negative impact on the quality of life in the surrounding community, and is further reinforced by BLCE’s goal to improve the working relationships with various Troops, municipal police departments, and other agencies.

During 2006, the Bureau received 34 nuisance bar-related complaints, initiated 25 nuisance bar-related investigations, issued 8 citations, and closed 19 nuisance bars.

**Illegal Gambling Initiative:** BLCE is responsible for enforcing illegal gambling and related activities occurring in establishments licensed by the PLCB. BLCE personnel are trained in recognition and enforcement procedures for illegal gambling machines and devices. The initiative consists of two levels of enforcement. The first level is directed at the individual licensed establishments. The second level focuses on the operations identified through criminal intelligence as corrupt organizations. During 2006, 1,061 investigations were conducted, resulting in 378 administrative citations, 55 criminal arrests and the seizure of 688 machines and over $813,000.

**Gaming Enforcement:** On November 14, 2006, Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs became the first establishment to introduce slot machine gaming in a PLCB licensed establishment in Pennsylvania.

All facilities licensed by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board will be issued liquor licenses. BLCE is charged with primary responsibility for enforcement of liquor laws at all gaming facilities in the Commonwealth.

**Border Patrols:** The Border Patrols are part of a joint initiative with area Troops that 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. During 2006, 45 details were conducted, resulting in 13 arrests.

**Intoxicating Source Database:** In 2004, in an effort to reduce injuries and deaths caused by alcohol-related crashes, the Department developed an Intoxicating Source (IS) Database to provide field personnel with an automated method to notify BLCE of licensed establishments suspected of serving alcohol to visibly intoxicated persons. These establishments are generally identified during DUI investigations. During 2006, BLCE modified the IS Database to include the entry of licensed establishments and other locations that are suspected of having furnished alcoholic beverages to minors. These establishments are identified during underage drinking investigations.

The IS Database is an important investigative tool for BLCE, and provides an automated means for BLCE to act on information obtained by Troopers in the field.
**Significant Activities:** Enforcement Officers from the Philadelphia District Office partnered with the Philadelphia Police Department’s Vice Unit, resulting in the closure of 28 “speakeasies” for sales without a license. The majority of these locations were in areas experiencing high crime rates, including firearms violence, illegal narcotics, and prostitution activity.

The Punxsutawney District Office partnered with Indiana Collective Action Against Underage Drinking (CAAUD). The organization is a coalition of law enforcement and community assets working to reduce the instances of underage drinking on and around the campus of Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP). Enforcement Officers attended monthly meetings and provided training to municipal law enforcement on the rules, regulations, and statutes relative to the operation of licensed premises. Enforcement Officers also participated in enforcement details with the coalition agencies. The enforcement details resulted in the issuance of 137 non-traffic citations for underage drinking, 17 for public drunkenness, and four for disorderly conduct. Additionally, six individuals were arrested for furnishing alcohol to minors. In the fall of 2006, IUP reported a significant reduction in the number of alcohol-related incidents involving students.
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Four Troop Commands
16 Stations providing service to 11 Counties,
and 8 Stations providing service to 531 miles
of the Pennsylvania Turnpike.
Troop H, Harrisburg
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Six Additional Stations:
Carlisle, Cumberland County
Chambersburg, Franklin County
Lykens, Dauphin County
Newport, Perry County
Gettysburg, Adams County
York, York County

406 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 2006: 90,579

Burglaries Cleared: On January 5, 2006, Troopers Jeffrey M. D’Alessandro
and Kenneth F. Tallman, Carlisle Station, responded to a burglar alarm at Monroe
Elementary School, Monroe Township, Cumberland County. Upon arrival, they
encountered two suspects, leaving the scene in a vehicle. The suspects drove down a
dead-end alley and fled on foot. One of the suspects doubled back and gained entry to
the patrol vehicle. Trooper Tallman attempted to extricate the subject from the vehicle.
The suspect put the patrol vehicle in reverse, at which time the suspect was shot. The
suspect was taken to Hershey Medical Center where he recovered from his wounds.
Two other suspects were arrested in this incident. School burglaries in Cumberland,
Franklin, and Huntingdon Counties were cleared with these arrests.

Station, was assigned to investigate an armed robbery which occurred at a business in
Straban Township, Adams County. Two males, ages 15 and 16, dressed in military
clothing and brandishing weapons, entered a pawn shop on York Road. During this
attempted robbery, the storekeeper was shot several times. The two males fled in a
vehicle. A pursuit followed, the suspects struck another vehicle and crashed. The
suspects were then taken into custody. The storekeeper was flown to York Hospital in
serious condition and survived. The two juveniles were charged as adults for Criminal
Attempt, Criminal Homicide, Robbery, Criminal Conspiracy to Commit Robbery,
Aggravated Assault, Possession of Firearms by a Minor, Recklessly Endangering
Another Person, Weapons of Mass Destruction, and Fleeing or Attempting to Elude
Police Officers.
**Guilty Plea to Murder III:** On May 22, 2006, a 21-year-old male pled guilty to Murder III, as the result of an ongoing investigation by Trooper Nicholas Bloschichak, Gettysburg Station. The incident occurred on October 18, 1999, when two 15-year-old males were at the residence of the suspect. The suspect was showing the victim his gun collection and after showing him a 12-gauge shotgun, shot the victim in the neck. The victim was pronounced dead at the York Hospital that evening. Following the preliminary interview, the death was thought to be accidental. However, Trooper Bloschichak continued the investigation and interviewed the suspect on several more occasions. During an interview, the suspect confessed that the shooting had not been accidental. He was then charged and placed in Adams County Adult Correctional Complex.

**Arson Arrests:** On June 2, 2006, a suspect was taken into custody in York City in regards to the investigation of over 25 arson fires. These fires occurred over a period of several months in the city of York. York Station Fire Marshal Trooper Patrick J. McKenna was requested to assist in the investigation after approximately 25 fires had occurred. Soon after joining the investigation, Trooper McKenna and the other investigators developed an individual as a suspect. It was learned that the suspect had traveled to the city of Harrisburg and during the same time, similar fires had occurred there as well. During interrogation, the suspect confessed to 28 fires occurring in both cities.

**Drug Arrests:** Trooper Christopher C. Keppel, York Station, Vice-Narcotic Unit, was involved in an undercover investigation where he was buying half-ounce quantities of cocaine from a suspect in York. Surveillance during the buys indicated the suspect would meet with the driver of a 1999 Ford Windstar van, which was parked nearby at the time of the buy. On July 12, 2006, Trooper Keppel arranged to buy an ounce of cocaine from the suspect. The suspect was taken into custody after the delivery. The van was present and it was stopped. It was also learned that the driver was the supplier of the suspect. On July 18, 2006, Trooper Keppel obtained a search warrant for the Ford Windstar. Behind the passenger side air bag, he located a hidden compartment which was electronically controlled. Upon opening the compartment, he located approximately 575 grams of crack cocaine, which was bagged in various quantities from grams to ounces.

**Drug Arrests:** As part of a continuing investigation, Trooper Christopher C. Keppel, York Station, Vice-Narcotic Unit, made arrangements for two suspects to bring a quantity of cocaine to York. This incident involved a confidential informant (who was a previous customer of one of the suspects). The confidential informant did not know where the suspect lived. The suspect would then tell the confidential informant he would be in York the next day or two. While en route to York, the suspect telephoned the informant informing him he was on the way. The informant and the suspect met at a restaurant in order to await the “stash car.” The “stash car” arrived and both suspects were taken into custody. A hidden compartment was located under the spare tire in the trunk of the “stash car,” a 2005 Nissan Maxima. In the compartment were three kilograms of cocaine and $18,000 cash.
Through information developed by the informant, it appears that both suspects were involved in a network where they traveled up and down the East Coast dropping off kilograms of cocaine to their customers.

**Drugs and Contraband Seized on Interstate 81:** On August 27, 2006, at approximately 0440 hours, Corporal Gregory J. Miller, Harrisburg Station, stopped a 2003 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 pickup truck, which was towing a dual-axle flatbed trailer, both bearing Ontario, Canada, registration, for speeding going 65 miles an hour in a posted 55-mile-an-hour zone. The traffic stop took place on I-81 northbound at mile marker 67.1 in Susquehanna Township, Dauphin County. Upon initial approach, Corporal Miller was struck by the extremely nervous behavior exhibited by the passenger in the vehicle. He also observed the trailer to be freshly painted with new wooden boards and new red-and-white PennDOT safety tape applied to the sides. He then observed fresh weld marks over the PennDOT tape and paint.

Numerous other indicators were observed, along with criminal history and PaCIC information. Corporal Miller then examined the area underneath the trailer and discovered that the entire undercarriage of the trailer was a welded steel box approximately 20- to 30-feet long, 7-feet wide, and 6-inches deep. The occupants were detained, and the vehicle was towed back to Harrisburg Headquarters, where tools were located in the back of the pickup truck, which allowed Troopers to access the hidden compartment. Inside the compartment were approximately 18 pounds of hydroponic marijuana, B.C. Bud; two Cobray automatic machine gun pistols; various clips and speed loaders for same; a silencer for the .45 caliber Cobray; ten barrels for semiautomatic rifles in .223 caliber; and $1,106,280 in United States currency. Both individuals were arrested and charged with Possession, Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance, Criminal Conspiracy, Possession of Instruments of Crime, and Firearms Not to be Carried Without a License. Both were arraigned by Magistrate District Judge Smith and committed to Dauphin County Prison in lieu of $15,000,000 bail each. The investigation involving State Police and Federal authorities continues.

**Abduction Arrests:** On August 15, 2006, Troopers from the Carlisle Station were made aware of the abduction of three children from the state of Ohio and that they may possibly be in the Shippensburg area, Franklin and Cumberland Counties. The sightings were based on the use of a food stamp card. Based on this information, flyers were presented to local businesses in the sighting area. On August 18, 2006, at approximately 1720 hours, contact was made at a local grocery store, and the children, ages 7, 9, and 10 years, were located and turned over to the Children Aid Society in Chambersburg. The biological mother and stepfather were arrested.

**Fugitive Arrest for Murder:** On September 13, 2006, the Carlisle Station received information from the Ocala Police Department in Florida that a possible homicide suspect may be in west Cumberland County. Troopers went to Penn Township, Cumberland County and took the homicide suspect into custody without incident. The suspect was found hiding in an abandon vehicle at the location.
An arrest warrant had been issued in Ocala, Florida, for the February 2006 beating death of the suspect’s five-year-old son. The Major Crime Section of the Ocala Police Department learned the suspect had a half-brother in the Cumberland County area. The half-brother was also arrested for Hindering Apprehension. The suspect was extradited to Florida.

Robbery Arrests: On September 28, 2006, a theft occurred at the Rutters Store located at the intersection of SR 234 and SR 94, Reading Township, Adams County. An employee of the store obtained the registration plate from the suspect vehicle and Trooper Michael L. Gayman, Gettysburg Station, heard the broadcast. He responded to the address of the suspect and observed him exit the car holding the money. Trooper Gayman was able to wrestle the actor to the ground and take him into custody after a brief struggle. The suspect was brought back to the Gettysburg Station, where he later confessed to Trooper Scott A. Weaver, Gettysburg Station, that he was involved in an earlier robbery of a Rite Aid Store in Gettysburg Borough, Adams County.

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Troop J, Lancaster
Facts and Highlights

Captain John W. Laufer III, Commanding Officer

Headquarters located in Lancaster County
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Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17602-3384
Phone: 717-299-7656

Three Additional Stations:
Avondale, Chester County
Embreeville, Chester County
Ephrata, Lancaster County

263 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 2006: 45,443

West Nickel Mines Amish School Shooting: On October 2, 2006, at approximately 1025 hours, milk truck driver Charles Carl Roberts IV arrived at the West Nickel Mines Amish School located at 4876 White Oak Road, Bart Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Roberts entered the schoolhouse with a metal object in his hand and asked the teacher, Emma Zook, and class if they had seen anything like it along the road. The teacher, Zook, replied no, but offered to help Roberts look for it. Roberts walked out of the school to his grandfather-in-law’s pickup truck that was parked with the rear of the pickup truck facing the front doors of the school. At the rear of the pickup truck, Roberts chambered a round into a 9-millimeter pistol and walked back into the school, ordering the 15 male students, 11 female students, teacher, and three female adult visitors to lie down on the floor near the blackboard. At this time the teacher, Zook, fled the schoolhouse through an east side door and ran to the King farm approximately one quarter mile north of the school. At the King farm, an Amish male, Amos Smoker, called Lancaster County 911 at 1035 hours and reported the incident to the PSP.

Roberts ordered one of the male students to get the teacher, Zook, and bring her back to the school or there would be shooting. The male student left to run after the teacher, but she was too far ahead and he decided to return to the school. Roberts ordered the male students to leave the school, at which time one of the female students fled. Roberts then ordered the visitors to leave. Ten female students ranging in ages from 6 to 13 remained inside the school. Roberts carried additional barricades, weapons, and over 600 rounds of ammunition into the school from the pickup truck he had parked outside the front doors. Roberts then bound the feet of the remaining students with plastic wire ties and barricaded the doors from the inside. The 15 male students, the three visitors, and one female student safely made it to the King farm.
Initial Response: In response to the 911 call, numerous members of the PSP, Lancaster Headquarters, Patrol Unit were dispatched to the school at 1038 hours - Troopers Gregory E. Kohr, Samuel J. Laureto, Jonathan A. Smith, and Michele L. Smith, and Corporal Leo P. Hegarty. Additionally, members of the Criminal Investigation Section responded to the incident - Sergeant Douglas J. Burig, Troopers Jason P. Pelotte, Mark A. Magyar, Linda E. Gerow and George B. Forsyth (Special Emergency Response Team [SERT] Negotiator). Patrol Unit members arrived at the school at 1045 hours and reported that all of the doors were locked and the shades were pulled, making it impossible to view the interior of the building. At approximately 1050 hours, Roberts calls his wife, Marie Roberts, and tells her that he wrote four suicide notes and told her the location of the notes in their residence. Roberts told his wife about molesting two relatives 20 years ago. Roberts added he was getting revenge and the police had arrived. At 1055 hours, Roberts utilized one of two cellular telephones he brought into the school to contact Lancaster County communications and demand that all PSP members leave the property “in two seconds.” By 1057 hours, 10 State Police members were present at the scene including a SERT Negotiator, Trooper George B. Forsyth. Sergeant Douglas J. Burig initiated Incident Command at 1100 hours. A perimeter was established and attempts to negotiate started through an unmarked police vehicle’s public address system and subsequently by calling Roberts’ cellular telephone without any response. A radio broadcast went out requesting all available officers from all Troop J Stations and surrounding municipal police departments.
In addition, the Department’s SERT was activated and responded. Aviation assets from the Department were requested, which included two helicopters and the Caravan surveillance aircraft.

At 1105 hours, members on the perimeter heard a rapid succession of gunshots as Roberts fired 10, 9-millimeter pistol rounds and three, 12-gauge shotgun rounds striking the victims that were lying on the floor of the school. Members immediately began to assault the school from numerous entry points. Roberts fired one shotgun blast through the front door at the Troopers assaulting the building as they forced their way through the heavily barricaded doors and locked windows. Roberts reloaded the 9-millimeter and then shot himself in the forehead with that weapon as Troopers made entry through the front door and windows of the school. Once inside members determined that all 10 victims had been shot, and that eight of the victims had been shot in the head. Troopers carried nine of the female students out of the school to a grassy area near White Oak Road. One of the female students was left inside the school, because of her fatal head wound. In addition, Roberts was left inside the school. Additional responding Troop J members (Sergeant John J. Rigney, Jr., Trooper Pascal I. DiJoseph, Trooper James E. DeWalt, and Trooper Brian J. Herr) provided first aid, comfort to the injured female students, and assisted EMS with medical evacuation. An immediate request for advanced emergency medical personnel and medical evacuation helicopters was made.

Funerals: On Wednesday, October 4, 2006, Troop J’s Command Staff was detailed with providing security for the Amish shooting victims’ funerals scheduled for Thursday, October 5 and Friday, October 6. To complicate the planning process for the funerals, the WBC announced their intentions to protest the funerals of Amish victims for alleged derogatory comments made by Governor Edward G. Rendell about the WBC.

The anticipated presence of the Westboro Baptist Church generated a flurry of Internet, media, and intelligence information that a significant number of counter-protestors were declaring their intentions to attend the funerals.

In preparation for the arrival of the demonstrators, the Troop J Command Staff consulted and collaborated with the Lancaster County District Attorney’s Office in establishing enforcement guidelines of a newly enacted law in the Pennsylvania Crime Code, Title 18, Section 7517-Commemorative Service Demonstration Activities. The offense is defined as “a person commits a misdemeanor of the third degree if the person engages in demonstration activities within 500 feet of any cemetery, mortuary, church, or other location being utilized for the purposes of a commemorative service within one hour prior to, during, and one hour following the commemorative service.” PSP members, including members of the Tactical Mounted Unit, provided funeral, processional, and cemetery security. In addition, two members of the Tactical Mounted Unit lead the Amish funeral processions to the cemetery.
U.S. Congressman Joseph Pitts’ Office was able to have the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) set up a temporary flight restriction (TFR), which encompassed a restricted airspace of a five-mile radius and a 5000-foot ceiling surrounding the funeral processions and cemetery. PSP aviation assets, consisting of the Caravan and one helicopter, provided aerial surveillance platforms for ground commanders and assisted in enforcing the TFR. One privately chartered helicopter with news media from the Washington Post had entered the TFR to obtain photographs and disrupted one of the funeral services on Thursday, October 5. The funeral processions and burials overall proceeded without incident. WBC members did not show and only one counterdemonstration group came. No arrests were made.

Several Troopers, including many of the first responders, Troopers who provided first aid and comfort to the victims, Command Staff, and investigators, accepted the invitation by the Amish families to attend the graveside services. It was a deeply emotional event for all involved.

Troop H, Troop L, Bureau of Training and Education, Bureau of Emergency and Special Operations, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Bureau of Patrol, and the Executive and Administrative Offices provided Troopers to assist Troop J with the Amish funerals.

Troop J members provided security for the funeral of the shooter, Charles Carl Roberts IV, on Saturday, October 7, 2006. Roberts was buried in a church cemetery in the village of Georgetown, Bart Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, only one and half miles from the West Nickel Mines Amish School. Over a hundred of the Nickel Mines Amish community including several of the victim’s families attended the graveside service.

The Troop, the Department, and the Commissioner received extensive praise from community members, the media, and citizens around the world for their actions. Hundreds of letters and emails poured into Troop J and Department Headquarters, thanking the State Police for their efforts and compassion in the incident.

“All of the enlisted and civilian employees of the Department performed in a professional manner during this horrific incident,” Colonel Jeffrey B. Miller said. “They upheld the high standards of the Pennsylvania State Police. I thank each and every one of them.”
Trooper Christopher M. Moyer and Corporal Kenneth R. Brown lead the West Nickel Mines Amish School Funeral Procession.

Lancaster County Trooper Saves Life of Infant: On October 4, 2006, Trooper Jesse G. Moyer, Lancaster Headquarters, was dispatched to 20 North New Holland Road, Leacock Township, Lancaster County, for a 7-day-old infant who was not breathing. Trooper Moyer responded and found the infant to be blue and not breathing. Trooper Moyer was able to unblock the infant’s airway and restore the infant’s breathing. Medical personnel arrived and stated that the infant would have died if not for the actions of Trooper Moyer.

Missing Person – Homicide Investigation: On January 25, 2005, the parents of victim Stacey Lynn Hazelton, age 22, reported her as a “missing person” to the PSP, Lancaster Headquarters. Trooper Derek A. Koch, Lancaster Headquarters, initiated the investigation which determined that Hazelton had been born and raised in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Hazelton had been living with her parents since 2003 due to financial and legal problems. In April 2004, Stacey Hazelton decided to move to Alligator, Mississippi, with her boyfriend, James Arthur Fannings, Jr. Stacey kept in contact daily with her parents while she was in Mississippi. Stacey returned home to Gap, Pennsylvania, on May 22, 2004, to collect some of her personal belongings and then returned to Mississippi. May 22, 2004, was the last day Stacey had any contact with her parents or any relative.

Stacey's family expressed concern for her safety due to the violent criminal history of her boyfriend. Trooper Koch, the initial primary investigator utilized various investigative techniques in an attempt to locate Stacey, including the Pennsylvania Criminal Intelligence Center (PaCIC) - which provides law enforcement throughout the Commonwealth with one central point of contact for their information needs.
Through the PaCIC, trained Intelligence Analysts provide officers with public source, investigative, and intelligence information from a variety of databases on a 24/7 basis; NCIC entries; search of financial records; interviews of family and friends; and contacting numerous police investigators who were familiar with Fannings and the victim. During the course of the investigation, Trooper Koch was promoted to Corporal and transferred to the York Station Patrol Unit.

In June 2005, Corporals Patrick Quigley and Thomas A. Waters were assigned to further the investigation into the disappearance of Stacey Hazelton. Corporal Quigley is assigned to Troop J Criminal Investigation Assessment Unit, who specializes in the behavioral analysis of violent crime and the assessment of criminal investigations. Corporal Waters is a Troop J Polygraph Examiner, who often assists Corporal Quigley with the investigation of unsolved or “cold” cases.

In June of 2005, Corporal Quigley interviewed Fannings in Lancaster County Prison where he was incarcerated on unrelated charges. During that interview, Fannings detailed his relationship with the victim and stated they had moved to Alligator, Mississippi. Fannings stated the victim left Mississippi in May 2004 to return to Pennsylvania and he had not spoken to her since. Fannings denied knowing the whereabouts of Hazelton and stated he did not injure her in any way.

In August 2005, Corporals Quigley and Waters traveled to Alligator, Mississippi, and spent one week furthering the investigation. While in Mississippi, they interviewed numerous witnesses who were familiar with Hazelton and Fannings during the time they resided in that state. Several witnesses detailed the physical and emotional abuse Hazelton received from Fannings. A witness who was interviewed stated that a friend of Stacey’s, Chavon Mack, said that Hazelton was dead, and gave a description of where her body was located. Quigley and Waters also spent substantial time searching large wooded areas and swamps for Stacey’s remains and evidence related to her death. Neither the victim nor any evidence was located at that time.

In September 2005, Corporal Quigley contacted the Coatesville Police Department in reference to an arrest of Fannings in the summer of 2004 for a theft investigation.

The records obtained indicated that when Fannings was arrested, he was operating Stacey Hazelton’s vehicle. This information contradicted the statement provided by Fannings in a previous interview in which he stated he did not know where Stacey was or her vehicle. Corporal Quigley located Stacey Hazelton’s vehicle at an impound facility in Chester County, Pennsylvania. During a search of that vehicle, numerous pieces of the victim’s clothing were located.

In June 2005, Corporals Quigley and Waters in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, interviewed Chavon Pierre Mack, 24 years old. Mack initially denied having knowledge or any involvement in the disappearance or death of Stacey. During further interrogation, Mack admitted that he was present when James Fannings killed Stacey Hazelton in Alligator, Mississippi. Mack related he witnessed Fannings shoot Hazelton in the head during the course of an argument. After the shooting, Mack helped remove the victim’s body from the residence and subsequently burn it in a remote area.

During the fall of 2005, Corporals Quigley and Waters conducted numerous interviews inside and outside Pennsylvania, which documented the relationship between Hazelton and Fannings.
The Bolivar County Mississippi Sheriff’s Department filed charges against James Fanning for the murder of Stacey Lynn Hazelton in January of 2006. The basis for the charges was the evidence gathered by Corporals Quigley and Waters during their extensive investigation. Fannings was taken into custody on January 18, 2006, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, based on the homicide warrant filed in Mississippi. Following the arrest, Corporals Quigley and Waters again questioned Fannings about Hazelton’s death. During that interview, Fannings made statements that were contradictory to the previous statement taken by Quigley and Waters. Fannings was extradited to Mississippi to stand trial.

In June 2006, Corporal Quigley again traveled to Mississippi to testify in the preliminary hearing of James Fannings. Based on the evidence and Quigley’s testimony; the Judge ruled there was enough evidence to bind the case over for trial. A local newspaper editorial in the Cleveland, Mississippi News Ledger lauded the professionalism of Corporal Quigley stating “. . . I’ve very rarely seen a county or municipal level officer as sharp and prepared overall as Cpl. Quigley . . . (while referring to his testimony at the preliminary hearing) Thank God for Pennsylvania.”

Corporals Quigley and Waters again traveled to Mississippi to prepare and testify in the trial of James Fannings in November of 2006. They spent a total of 11 days in Mississippi, including three days in trial. Both Corporals testified extensively in the trial and assisted with witness preparation. On November 30, 2006, the jury convicted James Arthur Fannings of the murder of Stacey Hazelton after deliberating for only 16 minutes. Fannings was sentenced to life in prison in the state of Mississippi.

Corporals Quigley and Waters spent nearly two years investigating the disappearance and murder of Stacey Hazelton. During that time, they traveled to Mississippi on three occasions to further the investigation. They also conducted numerous interviews throughout Pennsylvania.

They were able to gain investigative information from sources that Mississippi investigators were unable to uncover. Their tireless determination and superior investigative ability led to the successful conclusion of the investigation, and gave the Hazelton family the closure they deserve.

**Accused in 2005 Lancaster County Homicide Pleads Guilty:** On September 20, 2005, Steven Michael Musser entered Valverde’s Service Station, located on 1515 Reading Road, Brecknock Township, Lancaster County, while the victim was asleep in a chair. Musser bludgeoned the victim with a breaker bar, resulting in the victim’s death. Musser was not acquainted with the victim and robbery was the motive. After killing the victim, Musser stole the victim’s wallet and vehicle and fled the scene. The Troop J, Major Case team was activated for this investigation. Troop L, Reading contributed significantly in the investigation. Musser was apprehended and subsequently charged in the murder of the victim on September 28, 2005.

On October 2, 2006, Musser pled guilty in Lancaster County Court to First-Degree Murder and was sentenced to Life in Prison without the possibility of parole.
Troop J, Lancaster Headquarters Selected to Test Open Sky Radio: On May 18, 2006, Lancaster Headquarters began to test the Open Sky 800 MHz Radio System to determine the compatibility of the system with Department operations. Preliminary results were favorable, and the system has since been extended to include other Department Stations.

Lancaster Patrol Corporal Honored as County DUI Top Gun for 2005: Corporal James R. Lynam, Lancaster Headquarters, was honored at a banquet in 2006 by the Lancaster County DUI Council for his 2005 DUI enforcement efforts. Corporal Lynam was awarded Lancaster County’s Top Gun award as the police officer in Lancaster County with the highest number of DUI arrests for the 2005 calendar year.

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Troop L, Reading
Facts and Highlights

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Four Additional Stations:
Jonestown, Lebanon County                  Hamburg, Berks County
Frackville, Schuylkill County                  Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill County

224 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 2006: 47,901

Flooding: June 24, 2006, through June 28, 2006, brought a persistent torrential downpour to many areas of Pennsylvania; and Schuylkill County was particularly hard hit by the storm. By the time the precipitation ended, rainfall totals in Schuylkill County ranged from 10-20 inches. As a result, the Frackville and Schuylkill Haven Stations handled numerous requests for service related to flooding, roadway erosions, sinkholes, road closures, and evacuations.

During the storm, approximately two-thirds of Gilberton Borough was flooded, including the entire length of its main street where water exceeded first floor levels of the homes. Residents were left without food, clean water, or electricity. Until the water receded and residents could assume the security of their homes, Troopers from the Frackville Station paired with members of the Pennsylvania National Guard rode in 12-hour shifts to patrol for looters. One especially large sinkhole, measuring approximately 50-60 feet wide by 50-60 feet deep, created problems just north of Frackville Borough. Also during this event, three large propane tanks became dislodged in the area of Cressona Borough and were washed into the flood waters of the Schuylkill River, becoming trapped against other debris or bridges. Members of the Schuylkill Haven Station assisted a hazardous materials team in the recovery of the tanks.
Burglary Investigations: In June of 2006, the Hamburg Station investigated several residential burglaries in Tilden and Windsor Townships of Berks County. In the first incident, the actors entered an unoccupied residence and destroyed personal property, exceeding $5,000 in value. On a subsequent evening, the actors used force to gain entry into a second structure which was occupied.

The actors then went to the bedroom of the victim and began to strike the victim, a 45-year-old male, with wooden bats before fleeing the scene. On a subsequent day, the actors pried open a rear window of a third structure which was unoccupied. After gaining entry, the actors removed two handguns with holsters, valued at $800. The actors then fled the scene in the victim's Chevrolet Malibu, valued at $6,927. Several days later, the victim's vehicle was discovered burning at the Kernsville Dam in Tilden Township. The Fire Marshal, Reading Headquarters, responded to the scene and, during his investigation, discovered the driver's license of one of the actors and computer-generated MapQuest directions originating from a residence in Hamburg, Pennsylvania. As a result of a search warrant, one of the handguns was recovered at the address listed on the MapQuest directions. Further investigation identified three actors, including two adult males and one juvenile male. All three were subsequently arrested and pled guilty to charges of burglary, aggravated assault, criminal trespass, criminal mischief, and criminal conspiracy.

Fugitives Apprehended: On July 16, 2006, the Frackville Station received information that two suspects who had kidnapped a female victim at gunpoint in Prince William County, Virginia, may be traveling through Schuylkill County. In an effort to locate the suspects' vehicle, Trooper Chad M. Berstler, Frackville Station, decided to conduct roving patrol on Interstate 81. Upon observing a vehicle which matched the description of the suspects' vehicle, he initiated a felony traffic stop. His decisive actions resulted in two violent offenders being taken into custody and the victim being returned home unharmed.

Patrol Area Assumed: In June of 2006, the Hamburg Station assumed primary jurisdiction of Shoemakersville Borough when the Shoemakersville Borough Police Department disbanded as a result of the financial burden on the Borough. The Shoemakersville Borough Police Department provided approximately 50 hours of police services per week, with one full-time and several part-time officers. In order to provide police services to the citizens of Shoemakersville Borough, the Hamburg Station expanded their patrol zone coverage to include this area.

School Vandalism Investigation: In May of 2006, two students broke into the Minersville High School and embarked on an extensive vandalism spree. By the time they were finished, they had caused damage that would total over $150,000.
Within a week, members of the Patrol and Criminal Investigation Units of Frackville Station had conducted numerous interviews and followed up on numerous leads that resulted in the arrest of the two students. One of the students was charged as an adult and the other as a juvenile.

**Robbery/Suicide Investigation:** On June 26, 2006, a 56-year-old retired municipal police officer from Lebanon County entered the Wachovia Bank in Myerstown Borough brandishing a shotgun. He confronted the tellers and demanded $25,000. When they did not respond quickly enough, he fired a round from the shotgun and told them he did not want to hurt anyone, but he wanted the $25,000. He then fled the bank with over $29,000. A description of the subject and his vehicle was provided to neighboring counties via radio. Approximately two hours later, the vehicle was observed by municipal police officers in Berks County.

The vehicle was subsequently stopped by two police departments in Bern Township. After being stopped, the subject committed suicide by using the shotgun used in the bank robbery. Reading Headquarters assisted with the recovery of the money taken in the robbery and handled the suicide investigation.

**Snow Squall:** In the morning hours of February 26, 2006, a snow squall which lasted less than 30 minutes passed through the area of I-81 in Union Township of Lebanon County. Motorists were caught off guard, as all other locations in the county were clear with the sun shining. The sudden snow squall caused blizzard conditions with limited visibility and covered the roadway with a layer of ice and snow. In a matter of minutes, multiple crashes occurred and traffic came to a standstill. As many as 50 vehicles were involved in crashes, most of which were non-reportable. However, 27 vehicles were involved in 12 reportable crashes in the area. As a result of the crashes, the roadway was blocked for five hours. Although the roadway closure caused inconvenience for the public, no major injuries were reported.

**Recognition of Members:** Two members of the Jonestown Station were nominated for and ultimately selected to receive Police Officer of the Year awards in 2006. Trooper First Class Steven Werner was selected as Police Officer of the Year by the Travelers Protective Association in Lebanon County. The award was presented to him for his dedication to duty, his community involvement, and for having the most DUI arrests for Troop L for the last three consecutive years. Trooper First Class James A. Biever was selected as the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of ASIS International. He was selected for this prestigious award based on his volunteer work, community involvement, and his continuous dedication and effort as a criminal investigator. During the last 12 years as a criminal investigator, Trooper First Class Biever has investigated numerous elaborate and intensive investigations and has repeatedly declined promotional offers in order to ensure that the continuity of the investigations were not jeopardized.
**Child Safety Seat Inspections:** In 2005, Troop L was third in the Commonwealth for child safety seat installations with a total of 263. In 2006, the Troop anticipates that it will become number one in the state with a total of 495 child safety seat installations. This increase is due to a number of innovative proactive steps, such as the creation of an informational packet in both English and Spanish that provides fitting station information on locations, telephone numbers, and websites. Further, Troop L members provided for the dissemination of the packets to local hospital maternity wards; local daycare centers; preschools; county offices for Children and Youth, Women in Crisis, Protection From Abuse emergency shelters, American Automobile Association; and Babies-R-Us stores. Lastly, Troop L Child Passenger Safety Technicians expanded monthly fitting station hours and appeared on local television and radio stations to increase public awareness.

**Statue Dedication:** On June 20, 2006, a ceremony was held to dedicate the Troop L Memorial Statue which depicts murdered Trooper Philip C. Melley holding the hand of a little girl. This striking statue was donated to the Department in honor of the 12 Troop members killed in the line of duty and the Pennsylvania State Police’s 100th Anniversary, by the Troop’s 3-county area state legislators in cooperation with the Phillip C. Melley Memorial F.O.P. Lodge #65.
Troop L Enforcement Efforts

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Drug-Related Arrests: ............................................... 129
Fire Marshal Investigation: ......................................... 120
Child Safety Seat Inspections: ................................. 495

Troop T, Highspire
Facts and Highlights

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Eight Additional Stations:

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

240 enlisted and civilian personnel
Troop T covers the entire 531 miles of the Pennsylvania Turnpike system; including 57 fare collection facilities, 20 service plazas, 2 traveler information centers, 21 maintenance facilities, 5 tunnels, and numerous bridges.
Average traffic volume per day: 447,441 automobiles and 68,792 commercial vehicles.
188 million vehicles use the Pennsylvania Turnpike each year.
Total number of incidents handled by Troop T during 2006: 30,216
**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 remain top priorities for all Troop T personnel. Special enforcement programs include commercial vehicle inspections, radar details, aerial enforcement, civilian clothes patrols, Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission truck details, and the use of Turnpike-owned unconventional vehicles for traffic safety enforcement.

During 2006, the Pocono Station ran a number of Selective Traffic Enforcement Programs from a bridge on I-80 that overlooks I-476 (the Northeastern Extension of the Turnpike). These details were run in conjunction with special events, holidays, and at high traffic times with the Project 55 vehicle, Pennsylvania Turnpike vehicles, and unmarked patrol vehicles. In July, for the Pennsylvania 500 NASCAR race weekend, 333 Traffic Citations were issued. During the course of these details, 1,021 Traffic Citations and 25 written warnings were issued. One Protection From Abuse violation and two fugitives from justice arrests were made. There were no reported motor vehicle crashes in the vicinity of these details.

**Theft Investigation:** From February through June 2006, 12 separate theft incidents occurred at three Turnpike service plazas. Persons would break the window of a vehicle, take a purse or bag containing credit cards and/or cash, and proceed directly to local department stores off the interchanges and make purchases with the stolen cards. Corporal Harvey D. Johnson, Troopers Robert A. Watts, Pak-Keung B. Yuen, and Alonzo C. Belton from the King of Prussia Station observed a pattern to the thefts, and through surveillance and investigation, a suspect was identified. Through the persistence of the investigators, the suspect admitted his complicity in the thefts and implicated others.

**Child Passenger Safety:** On February 15, 2006, Corporal Daniel E. Kline, Gibsonia Station, and Corporal Michael T. Corna, Highspire Headquarters, stopped a vehicle in Allegheny County for speeding and for having an infant in the front seat that was being held. Upon making contact with the operator, Corporal Kline detected an odor of marijuana. A search was conducted, resulting in the discovery of nine grams of marijuana, ten grams of crack cocaine, and drug paraphernalia.

**Station Personnel Net Drugs During Traffic Stops:** During 2006, Troop T members continued to be actively engaged in drug interdiction. Some significant seizures were:

On February 22, 2006, Corporal Israel P. Rivera, Gibsonia Station, assisted a PSP drug detail by making a traffic stop near the Allegheny Valley Interchange. The drug detail had intelligence information that a large amount of cocaine was being transported. A traffic stop was conducted and a dog alerted to the vehicle. A subsequent search was conducted and six kilos of cocaine were discovered in a compartment under the hood of the actor’s Jeep. The actor spoke only Spanish, and Corporal Rivera, who is fluent in Spanish, translated for the Drug Unit members.
On March 9, 2006, Trooper Joseph D. Horton, Everett Station, stopped a vehicle for speeding. Trooper Horton requested consent to search the vehicle and the driver refused, saying “they told me not to allow a search.” Trooper Horton requested a Canine Unit to do an exterior scan of the vehicle and a Canine Unit from the Bedford County Sheriff’s Department was available and responded. The canine alerted on the driver’s side rear wheel well and trunk of the vehicle. A search warrant was obtained and 8.3 pounds of marijuana was found. Also seized in the search were a handgun, two cell phones, and $915 cash.

On September 26, 2006, Trooper Michael J. Volk, Somerset Station, observed a tractor trailer with no U.S. DOT number. Trooper Volk obtained consent to search and found a paper bag with vacuum-packed money in the sleeper berth. The operator told Trooper Volk the money belonged to friends and he was delivering it. The money was seized and the operator was detained. The vehicle’s sleeper berth tested positive for heroin, and the money tested positive for cocaine. The final count on the seized money was $267,400.

On November 2, 2006, the Somerset Station was requested by DEA Pittsburgh to look for a vehicle that might be traveling between Pittsburgh and New York. The vehicle was stopped in Somerset County for speeding by Trooper Westley R. Berkebile, Somerset Station. Consent to search was obtained and Sergeant Anthony F. DeLuca, Somerset Station and Trooper Berkebile searched the vehicle. In the rear cargo compartment were two cases of disposable diapers. Sergeant DeLuca discovered that there was a hollowed-out cavity in the diapers, and discovered 468 bricks of heroin (24,510 packets) with an estimated street value over $1,000,000.

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement: On June 6, 2006, the King of Prussia Station was conducting commercial vehicle inspections at the Delaware River Bridge Interchange. During one of the inspections, Troopers encountered a commercial vehicle operator who was wanted from the state of Texas for Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child.

On October 28, 2006, reports were received of a truck tractor-semitrailer westbound at milepost 312 weaving all over the highway and nearly striking several vehicles. The truck tractor-semitrailer was finally stopped with spike strips at milepost 246 by Corporal Manuel R. DeLeon, Bowmansville Station. It had caused damage to at least 11 other vehicles. Upon being stopped, the driver of the truck tractor fled on foot, but was later located by a Derry Township police canine. When located, the driver tried to strike the canine, and the dog bit him. It was determined that the driver was under the influence of alcohol and controlled substances.

Illegal Aliens: On March 5, 2006, Trooper Raphael Christopher, Newville Station, stopped a pick-up truck in York County for speeding. Trooper Christopher observed that there were eight males of Mexican descent in the bed of the pick-up truck. There were six more subjects of Mexican descent in the cab of the truck, as well as the driver. The subjects were transferred to the custody of Immigration agents.
**Counterfeit Merchandise Seizure:** On July 29, 2006, Trooper Westley R. Berkebile, Somerset Station, stopped a rental van in Somerset County for traveling in the middle of the roadway. As Trooper Berkebile approached the vehicle, he observed that it was packed with boxes usually used by counterfeiters. While speaking to the operator, Trooper Berkebile observed boxes of counterfeit movies and Nike shoe boxes. A consent search resulted in the discovery of approximately 280 pairs of Nike shoes, 700 newly-released movies, 300 music CDs, and 200 counterfeit jeans and polo-style shirts with an estimated value of $350,000.

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Area II Commander
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Captain Kenneth F. Hill
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Captain Robert Evanchick

Three Troop Commands
17 Stations providing service to 17 Counties
Troop F, Montoursville
Facts and Highlights

Captain Mark E. Lomax, Commanding Officer

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Seven Additional Stations:
Coudersport, Potter County
Emporium, Cameron County
Lamar, Clinton County
Mansfield, Tioga County
Milton, Northumberland County
Selinsgrove, Snyder County
Stonington, Northumberland County

296 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 2006: 36,450

Operation Billtown: During the months of April through June 2006, Montoursville Headquarters participated in an Anti-Gun Violence initiative in the city of Williamsport called “Operation Billtown.” This initiative was in response to increasing violence in Williamsport as a result of drugs and drug-gang members, many of whom originally come from large cities such as New York or Philadelphia. In March 2006, a young man was gunned down during daylight hours while playing basketball at a city park in the middle of Williamsport.

Because of this, city residents made a plea for extra, high-profile enforcement. PSP provided a special grant through the Bureau of Criminal Investigation for extra patrols in an attempt to suppress gun violence.

Operation Billtown was highly successful resulting in over 60 arrests; 132 Traffic Citations issued; 37 Warrants served; 11 DUI arrests; 3 vehicles seized; 1 stolen gun recovered; and various amounts of cocaine, marijuana, heroin and other drugs seized. Also, one individual was apprehended after kidnapping an elderly victim and forcing that victim to withdraw cash from an ATM. The cash was then immediately used to buy heroin, which was found on the suspect when he was apprehended.

Armed Robberies: In October of 2005, the Milton Station investigated two separate armed robberies in Montour County. The incidents occurred in Derry Township (F06-0877301) on October 10, 2005 and Valley Township (F06-0878982) on October 27, 2005. In the first robbery, a knife was used during the commission of the crime. In the second robbery, the actors used a pistol and knife.
After a thorough investigation, a total of six individuals were arrested. All six accused pled guilty and were sentenced in Montour County Court with the sentences ranging from 24 months probation to 21-60 months incarceration in a state correctional facility.

Three of the individuals arrested were also subsequently arrested for a burglary that occurred in Cooper Township, Montour County, on November 02 2005, wherein a pistol was stolen.

**Crash:** On July 12, 2006, at 0415 hours, Troopers Brian T. Ronk and Kirk A. Renn, Stonington Station, were flagged down on patrol by a passing motorist. The motorist, Rickie Ulrich of Selinsgrove, advised them that his son Matthew Ulrich 18 years old had not returned home from his girlfriend’s house in Trevorton. Matthew had left the house at 0130 hours and as of 0300 hours he had not arrived home. The Ulrich family had traced the probable path Matthew would have taken home several times, SR 890, SR 4018, and SR 147, but could not locate Matthew or his car. They also tried Matthew’s cell phone several times, but Matthew did not answer. Troopers Ronk and Renn went out and continued the search. At 0433 hours, they found a crash where unit one had hit a bridge parapet, rolled over and came to rest down an embankment on its roof along SR 4018. The crash they located involved Matthew Ulrich. Matthew was still in the car unresponsive. Trooper Ronk approached the car yelling Matthew’s name. Matthew responded by screaming in pain. EMS was summoned and Matthew was extricated from the vehicle and flown to the Geisinger Medical Center via Geisinger Life Flight. He had suffered major injuries, which included a fractured skull, two collapsed lungs, cracked ribs, a compound fracture to his lower left leg, and three fractures in his upper left leg.

**Fatal Crash:** On June 11 2006, a fatal crash occurred along SR 220 in Woodward Township, Lycoming County, at the intersection with Pine Run Road. A motorcycle being driven at an extreme rate of speed (estimated to be around 130 MPH) collided with a van full of people that was making a turn from SR 220 onto Pine Run Road. The motorcycle wedged into the van and the two exploded into a ball of fire. Mark Levan, 20-year-old, was the operator of the motorcycle. Levan and the four people in the van were all killed in the crash—burned beyond recognition. One of those killed in the van was an 11-year-old boy. NHTSA was involved in this investigation due to the number of fatalities.

This catastrophe helped the “Safety Corridor” to be born. The Safety Corridor now extends from just west of the city on SR 220 in Woodward Township, to just west of SR 287. All fines are doubled in this area in an effort to curb the endless violations.

**Burglary in Progress:** On September 8 2006, while working the midnight patrol, Troopers Robert W. English and James J. Pecori, Mansfield Station, checked the River Valley Golf Club in Westfield Township, and interrupted a burglary in progress. A foot pursuit ensued and the actors got into a waiting vehicle and sped away. The Troopers encountered the vehicle again a short time later and initiated a traffic stop and took three actors into custody.
After subsequent interrogation by the Crime Unit members, the subjects confessed to multiple Burglaries, Thefts, Criminal Mischief offenses, and Drug offenses. A total of 24 cases were cleared involving the subjects. They were responsible for over $13,000 in stolen cash and goods from commercial burglaries, over $18,000 in damaged property, and over $3,500.00 in other stolen goods. All three individuals were successfully prosecuted and are serving state prison sentences.

**Drug Trafficking:** In the summer of 2005, Troopers Nicholas J. Madigan and Robert D. Clegg, Jr., Montoursville Headquarters, began investigations into the reported trafficking of controlled substances and narcotics by several Mansfield University students. These Troopers started several different investigations, and it was determined that most of the drugs being purchased were coming from the same source group of Mansfield University students. Members of the Mansfield Station assisted Trooper Clegg, who made direct purchases of approximately a pound of cocaine, psilocybin mushrooms, and marijuana. Trooper Madigan, with the assistance of several members of the Troop “P” Vice and Narcotics Unit, made purchases of marijuana, cocaine, and oxycontin. With the assistance of the Attorney General’s Office, a statewide investigative grand jury was convened and these officers received indictments against nine Mansfield University students. In November 2006, members of the Mansfield Station assisted with the arrest of the nine students. Through these investigations, the Mansfield Station cleared an armed robbery incident and a $100,000 criminal mischief incident. This investigation is continuing with more indictments expected during the summer of 2007.

**Drug Trafficking and Controlled Substances:** During 2005, Troopers Nicholas J. Madigan and Robert D. Clegg, Jr., Montoursville Headquarters, began an investigation into a Tioga County Defense Attorney who was trading marijuana for services and using controlled substances with his clients, prior to and after appearing before the area courts. The Attorney General’s Office assisted these members by convening a statewide investigative grand jury. These officers received an indictment and subsequently arrested the attorney. In early 2007, the attorney pled guilty to several of the charges.

During 2006, these same officers conducted an investigation into a Tioga County family that was selling crack cocaine and marijuana to several Tioga County and New York State residents. These officers made direct purchases from several members of the family. In early 2007, SERT assisted these officers with the service of the arrest warrants for the father, the father’s girlfriend, two sons, and three other individuals that were selling crack cocaine for the family. Members of the Mansfield Station assisted with the search of the residence and the seizing of two travel trailers full of items that had been traded for crack cocaine. Items from several area thefts were recovered; this investigation is still ongoing and federal prosecution is being pursued by these officers.

During 2006, while working with the Attorney General’s Office, Bureau of Narcotics Investigation Agents conducted two raids on the same residence for manufacturing methamphetamine. A Statewide Investigative Grand Jury was convened and several of the occupants of the residence are being indicted for the manufacturing and possession of methamphetamine.
Troop F Enforcement Efforts

Traffic Citations: ................................................................. 28,857
DUI Arrests: .............................................................................. 859
MCSAP Inspections: ................................................................. 6,374
School Bus Inspections: ........................................................... 1,166
Criminal Arrests: ..................................................................... 5,322
Drug-Related Arrests: ............................................................. 304
Fire Marshal Investigations: ...................................................... 107
Child Safety Seat Inspections: .................................................. 47

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

Four Additional Stations:
LaPorte, Sullivan County Towanda, Bradford County
Shickshinny, Luzerne County Tunkhannock, Wyoming County

198 enlisted and civilian personnel
Total population of Troop area: approximately 409,861
Total area served by Troop: 2,600.4 square miles
Total number of incidents handled by Troop during 2006: 23,594

Wilkes-Barre Officer-Involved Shooting: On March 13, 2006, at approximately 0100 hours, members of the Wilkes-Barre City Municipal Police were involved in the shooting of an armed robbery suspect. The actor fled the scene in a vehicle following a several block foot pursuit. Shortly after the shooting, members of the Wyoming Headquarters located the suspect and his vehicle approximately five miles from the scene on I-81. The suspect later died from the injuries he sustained in the shooting.
The Wyoming Headquarters conducted the homicide investigation at the request of the Wilkes-Barre city police department due their officers’ involvement in the incident. The subsequent criminal investigation led to the determination that the city officers’ actions in the shooting were justified.

**Operation Nail Fraud:** In November 2006, the Troop P Vice/Narcotics Unit and the DEA began an investigation into a Vietnamese/American group who were part of a large-scale marijuana cultivation organization. The group utilized numerous residences in Northeastern Pennsylvania for an indoor grow and distribution operation of “high grade” marijuana. The group owned several nail salons through which they could obtain mortgages for their grow houses. A Federal court order was received to place "electric service" monitoring devices on several of the houses. Surveillance of the home determined that the suspected grow operation was being dismantled. The surveillance and security of ten separate locations, in four different counties, were quickly established.

Twenty-nine members from Troop P, in conjunction with personnel from Troops N and R, and BCI were utilized. Multiple vehicles were stopped and seized at various grow sites as they attempted to leave with marijuana and cultivation equipment. Ten conspirators were taken into custody. Over a five-day period, ten grow homes were discovered and dismantled. Thirteen people were apprehended and indicted.

Total seizures included five vehicles, $750,000 in cash, jewelry, and over 6,200 marijuana plants. It was determined that each plant would produce one pound of marijuana, making the total value of the marijuana seized from this operation $12,400,000.

**Homicide Trial of Dustin Briggs:** On March 31, 2004, Bradford County Sheriff’s Deputies Michael VanKuren and Christopher Burgert were murdered while attempting to serve a Bench Warrant on Dustin Briggs at Briggs’ residence in Wells Township, Bradford County. Dustin Briggs was arrested for the murder of the two deputies following a 36-hour manhunt involving the Pennsylvania and New York State Police, numerous local police departments, and agents from the FBI.

In March of 2006, the murder trial for Dustin Briggs was held in the Bradford County Court of Common Pleas. The trial lasted through three weeks of testimony and legal arguments. At the conclusion of the trial, the jury found the defendant guilty of two counts of First-Degree Murder for the deaths of the Sheriff’s Deputies. On March 15, 2006, in the Bradford County Court of Common Pleas, Dustin Briggs was sentenced to death for these murders.
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Troop R, Dunmore
Facts and Highlights

Captain Robert Evanchick, Commanding Officer

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

Three Additional Stations:
Honesdale, Wayne County
Gibson, Susquehanna County
Blooming Grove, Pike County

216 enlisted and civilian personnel
Total population of Troop area: approximately 351,777
Total area served by Troop: 2,557.8 square miles
Total number of incidents handled by Troop during 2006: 38,967

Trooper Receives
“Medal of Honor”: On July 14, 2006, Colonel Jeffrey B. Miller presented Trooper Scott D. Walck, Honesdale Station, with the State Police “Medal of Honor.” Trooper Walck was recognized for his heroism when he climbed a power line to prevent a suicidal man from killing himself. As a result of his quick actions and disregarding his own safety, Trooper Walck was successful in bringing this tense situation, without injury or loss of life, to a successful conclusion.
Conviction for 2004 Double Homicide—Life in Prison: On January 25, 2006, Gregory Alan Rowe was found guilty of two counts of First-Degree Murder and four other related charges. On May 4, 2004, Rowe committed a horrendous crime by strangling to death his 17-year-old girlfriend and drowning their 7-month-old daughter in a bathtub. The Pike County District Attorney’s Office praised the hard work and exceptional investigation conducted by the Blooming Grove Station and, in particular, Corporal Paul V. Cavallaro and Troopers William J. Castaldi, Mark H. Murray, and Sandra A. VanLuvender. As a result of the hard work of these members, Gregory Rowe was sentenced to Life in Prison without the possibility of parole.

President George W. Bush Speaks at Keystone College: On October 19, 2006, President George W. Bush visited the Troop R area to speak at the Keystone College, located in LaPlume, Lackawanna County. The U.S. Secret Service (USSS), in conjunction with the PSP, Troop R, provided security for this dignitary visit.

Troop R had numerous dignitary visits in the past; however, this one was unique due to the length of the motorcade route which was 28.7 miles long, in one direction. Approximately 167 members from Troops R, F, N, and P, along with numerous municipal police departments were utilized for this special event. The motorcade was led by the PSP Motorcycle Detail. The visit was a success and the demeanor and actions of the PSP were acknowledged by the USSS and other involved agencies, as being extremely professional.

Disaster Strikes Troop R Area—June 2006 Flood: Natural disaster struck the Troop R area, when all four counties were affected by severe flooding. The flooding was anticipated during the afternoon of June 27, 2006, due to the torrential rain and indication of continued significant rainfall.
A few of the Troop R members were also affected by the flooding and had their own personal concerns, but continued to perform their duties in helping people evacuate. The overall Flood Operation proved to be successful. All Troop R personnel who participated in this detail were commended for their dedication and professionalism.

**Outstanding Citizenship Award:** On October 19, 2006, Captain Robert Evanchick had the privilege to honor Ms. Melissa Scartelli with the “Outstanding Citizenship Award.” Ms. Scartelli was recognized for her heroic actions in saving the lives of three individuals from drowning. The incident was the result of a boating accident on Lake Wallenpaupack. Trooper Scott W. Haley, Honesdale Station, stated in his report that, “Ms. Scartelli should be commended for her bravery and willingness to place herself in harm’s way for another.”

**PROphecy Response Team:** Troop R established a PROphecy Response Team (PRT) in September 2005. This Team, consisting of one member from each Station and one Supervisor, continues to be very productive and successful in the Troop R area. The following statistics were reported by the PRT for calendar year 2006: 1,934 Traffic Citations, 73 DUI Arrests, 46 Non-Traffic Citations, 28 Underage Drinking Arrests, 73 Act 64 Arrests, 12 Fugitive Arrests, and 45 Other Criminal Arrests. Members participating in this detail are commended for their exceptional performance of duty.

**Top Troop R DUI Enforcers for 2006:**

Trooper Jennifer A. Kosakevitch.................Dunmore  
Trooper Christopher J. Cole.....................Honesdale  
Trooper George C. Murphy......................Blooming Grove  
Trooper John D. Szuch.........................Gibson

These members were commended for their outstanding commitment to DUI enforcement and highway safety. A job well done!
**Troop R Camp Cadet:** The 19th annual Troop R Camp Cadet Program was conducted at Marywood University, Lackawanna County, during the week of July 16-21, 2006. A total of 78 boys and girls, between the ages of 13 and 15, participated in this program, under the direction of Troopers Connie E. Devens and William E. Satkowski, Jr., Dunmore Headquarters, Community Services Unit.

Troop R, Camp Cadet, Green Squad presentation by Aviation Unit.

Troop R, Camp Cadet, Graduation Ceremony at Marywood University.

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Area III Commander
Major Frank H. Monaco

Troop A, Greensburg
Captain Harvey Cole, Jr.

Troop B, Washington
Captain Roger N. Waters

Troop G, Hollidaysburg
Captain Jeffrey S. Watson

AREA III

Three 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
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Four Additional Stations:
Ebensburg, Cambria County          Kiski Valley, Westmoreland County
Indiana, Indiana County           Somerset, Somerset County

343 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 2006: 51,997

Unusual False Reports Incident: On March 17, 2006, a 24-year-old female arrived at Greensburg Headquarters and reported that a PSP Trooper had just taken $10,000 from the front seat of her vehicle during a traffic stop, just outside of New Stanton Borough. She claimed to have withdrawn the cash from her bank earlier in the day.

An immediate investigation was conducted and some of the female complainant’s statements were disproved. Neither she nor her vehicle appeared on surveillance video from several convenience stores where she claimed to have been just prior to the alleged incident. Through intense investigation and interrogation, the complainant’s story was disproved. A confession was finally obtained on Saturday, March 18, 2006. She had created the far-fetched story in an effort to hide the fact from her husband that she had spent a considerable sum of money, and that the account that she claimed to have in the bank was much smaller than she had related. She was charged with False Reports.

Police Shooting – Justifiable Homicide: On December 31, 2005, at 1951 hours, William Lee Leister, 38-years-old, confronted Ashley Marie Bittinger, 21-years-old, and Candy Jo Rugg, 20-years-old, both of Confluence, Pennsylvania. Leister had previously bailed Bittinger out of the Somerset County Jail and was confronting her regarding terms of the bail. A passerby, Larry Glover, 46-years-old, of Confluence, Pennsylvania, stopped at the scene to see if he could assist in what appeared to be an automobile crash. He was confronted by Leister and shot four times. Bittinger and Rugg attempted to flee and Bittinger drove her car backwards into a pole.
Leister shot numerous rounds at the vehicle, striking it multiple times. Leister then forced Bittinger into his vehicle and drove her to his residence at 510 North Street, Berlin, Pennsylvania. Bittinger suffered a laceration to her head during the original altercation and upon the arrival of the PSP on scene, was permitted by her captor to leave. A perimeter was established and SERT arrived on scene. A standoff occurred, and after negotiations failed, tear gas was inserted. Leister then exited from a third floor doorway onto a rooftop where he fired numerous rounds from a semi automatic rifle, striking one SERT member and a civilian located in a house nearby. He was subsequently shot and killed by a SERT Sharpshooter.

**Creation of Unique Cambria County Homicide Investigation Task Force:** In the spring of 2006, Ebensburg Station approached the Cambria County District Attorney, Patrick Kiniry, with a proposal that the PSP would head up a county-wide Homicide Task Force. As a result, it was agreed that due to the high number of smaller municipal police departments in Cambria County, with limited manpower and resources, there was a definite need for such a team. All of the smaller police departments were contacted and many agreed to the proposal and signed a memorandum of understanding. In the event of an unknown offender homicide, the PSP supplies the necessary manpower and any additional resources needed, acting in the capacity of the primary investigating agency. Participating municipal departments work together with the PSP, and serve as a co-affiant should charges be brought. The District Attorney’s Office dedicates an assistant District Attorney to the case to oversee the investigative and prosecution process. The very first homicide investigated under this new program was quickly solved.

**Homicide Investigation and Conviction:** On February 28, 2006, at 1630 hours, personnel from Kiski Valley Station and Greensburg Headquarters investigated a homicide on Kapusta Drive, Salem Township, Westmoreland County. Information was developed that Jessica L. Aaron was murdered by her boyfriend, David Michael Shadle. After a lengthy and intensive night-long search, Shadle was apprehended with the assistance of citizens who had observed Shadle in a vehicle and followed it into Indiana County. Indiana Station members stopped the vehicle and apprehended the accused. Shadle eventually confessed to the murder. He was convicted of First-Degree Murder in 2007.

**Homicide Conviction:** Trooper Robert G. Depew II and Corporal David B. Kelsey, Kiski Valley Station, were the lead investigators in the prosecution of Kenneth Lorenzo Jones Jr., in the July 12, 2004 homicide of John Edward Mason II. In April of 2006, the Commonwealth called 23 witnesses during the trial. Jones was found guilty of Second-Degree Criminal Homicide and was sentenced to life in prison. Three other accused pled guilty to lesser charges and jail sentences, in lieu of their testimony.
Captive Wolves Attack and Kill Handler: In July 2006, Trooper Brian F. Gross, Kiski Valley Station, was assigned to investigate a report of a middle aged woman having been discovered deceased inside a pen holding wolves. The victim had been mauled and partially devoured by six hybrid wolves that she had cared for. The wolves were shot to facilitate access to the victim.

Armed Robberies Cleared: The Kiski Valley Station investigated two armed robberies in Salem Township in November and December 2006. Troopers Robert G. Depew II and Trooper Brian F. Gross, Kiski Valley Station, were assigned. They worked with Crime Unit members from Greensburg Headquarters, who developed information concerning the actors’ identities. Two actors were arrested. As a result, a car theft and another robbery were also cleared in the Greensburg Headquarters area.

Multiple Arsons Solved: Trooper Robert W. Valyo, Fire Marshal, and Trooper Timothy D. Frew, Assistant Deputy Fire Marshal, made several arrests in connection with a series of arsons that occurred during 2006. Four adult males and one juvenile female were charged with setting 4 fires. Two of the accused were volunteer firemen at two different fire departments.

Bank Robbery Quickly Solved, Resulting in Second Bank Robbery Solved: On March 20, 2006, Indiana First Bank, White Township, Indiana County, was robbed. A male entered the bank, demanded money, and fled on foot. A vehicle and person description was obtained and broadcasted; Trooper Gerhard M. Goodyear, Indiana Station, observed a vehicle matching the radio broadcast. Trooper Goodyear, assisted by Indiana Borough and responding PSP patrols, stopped the vehicle in Indiana Borough.

A 31-year-old male was taken into custody and later confessed to the robbery. The money was recovered and he was incarcerated. The same bank had been the victim of a robbery in October 2005, which had remained unsolved. This robbery was also cleared by the arrest of the same individual and an accomplice, based on witness identification of surveillance video and a confession.

Hit-and-Run Fatal Accident Solved: On July 15, 2005, a fatal crash occurred on SR 119, Burrell Township, Indiana County. A male, 29 years-of-age, was riding a bicycle at 0210 hours, northbound in the southbound lanes, through a construction zone, while intoxicated. He was struck multiple times by multiple vehicles. None of the vehicles involved stopped to render aid to the bicyclist. Corporal Michael G. Schmidt, Indiana Station, C.A.R.S., directed that interviews be conducted based on information learned from a tip line set up by the deceased family members. On August 23, 2006, charges of Vehicle Code, Section 3742, Accidents Involving Death or Injury, graded as a Felony 3, were filed. This investigation remains open due to the fact that there was at least one other vehicle which struck the victim, based on the physical evidence we collected.
**Largest Super Load in Pennsylvania History Escorted:** On April 17, 2006, the super load was escorted by Indiana Station members, with the assistance of other Troop A stations. The load consisted of a generator for the Homer City Power Plant that had been brought to Blairsville by way of river barge and railroad. The roadway portion of the transport called for the 344 foot long, 21 foot high, 21 foot wide, and 1,510,000 pound unit to be moved nearly 11 miles between rail heads. The move required coordination with various county agencies, PennDOT, PSP, and the moving company, MAMMOET, in order to ensure a safe and efficient move. The move took nearly eight hours, due in part to PennDOT requiring a bridge inspection immediately after the truck passed over each structure, overhead sign masts being removed along the route, utility lines being removed or lifted, and traffic signals being raised by bucket trucks when the load approached, etc.

**Multiple Burglaries Solved:** In 2006, 22 burglaries occurred in the Sewickley Township area within a 2-month period at the end of 2005. With the help of the citizens of the area, information was developed on two suspects. One suspect was interviewed and admitted to a majority of the burglaries, as well as implicating the second suspect. Eighteen cases were cleared, and six stolen vehicles were recovered.

**Multiple Construction Thefts Solved:** Ten arrest warrants were served on a man, in connection with thefts from construction sites. Approximately $15,000 of stolen property was recovered, including lumber and tools, and several guns. The property was returned to numerous owners.
Successful Trigger-Lock Details in New Kensington: During 2006, members from Greensburg Headquarters, Kiski Valley Station, Indiana Station, Canine Unit, Aviation Patrol Unit V – Latrobe, and the Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement participated in a total of 32 Trigger-Lock Details. These details resulted in the following:

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Seized property:

- 2 firearms
- 1 knife
- 2 recovered stolen vehicles, valued at $12,500
- $261 in U.S. Currency
- 45 grams of marijuana, valued at $900
- 12.5 grams of cocaine, valued at $1,250
- Various prescription pills

Operation SHIELD Activity: During the calendar year 2006, Trooper Daniel J. Zenisek, Indiana Station, was responsible for the following SHIELD activity. One-hundred twenty-five (125) new drug investigations were initiated. These investigations resulted in 115 drug-related misdemeanor and felony arrests and led to the apprehension of 31 wanted persons. In addition, he seized six guns, one vehicle, recovered one stolen vehicle, and seized approximately $5000 in cash.

Military Grave Marker Thefts Solved: On October 18, 2006, Trooper Timothy S. Lipniskis, Indiana Station, responded to a salvage yard in White Township, Indiana County. A concerned citizen contacted the PSP and reported that she had been at the scrap yard and observed grave markers. Investigation revealed that the salvage company had paid $170 for the markers to a known subject. One-hundred fourteen military markers were recovered. Various cemeteries were identified as being victims. The grave markers have been returned to the cemeteries, and 2 adult males have been arrested.

USA National Cycling Festival: On July 5-17, 2006, the USA Cycling National Festival was held at the Seven Springs Mountain Resort in Seven Springs Borough, Somerset County. Athletes in various age categories, ranging from 10-85 years old and over, competed for the title of National Champion in time trials, criteria, and road race disciplines. During the two weeks of racing between 1,900 and 2,000 cyclist from across the U.S. competed. The event drew more than 10,000 visitors.
Somerset Station members provided traffic control at major intersections and utilized “rolling enclosures” during the races in order to protect the participants, limit traffic delays, and maintain the flow of traffic.

Also assisting at the event were members of the Seven Springs Borough Municipal Police Department and Officers from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Corporal Joseph D. Ruggery, Greensburg Headquarters, raced in the event and placed sixth in the 2006 USA Cycling Masters’ National Championships for the Masters Road Race event age 35 to 39.

**Five Year United Flight 93 Commemorative Event and Presidential Visit:**
September 11, 2006, marked the five-year anniversary of the 911 attack on the U.S., and the crash of United Flight 93 near the Borough of Shanksville, in Somerset County. To commemorate the event, a memorial service was held near the crash site. After the completion of the memorial service, the President of the U.S., the First Lady, Chief of Staff, and Secretary of State arrived via helicopter and met with family members of the victims of Flight 93. Troop A members, along with the PSP SERT, PSP Equestrian Unit, and members of the PSP Canine Unit assisted the National Park Service and the U.S. Secret Service with traffic control and security during the event. Also assisting at the event were members of the Somerset County Sheriff’s Office and the Somerset Borough Police Department.

**Cash Seizure:** In September 2006, a traffic stop was conducted in conjunction with a sobriety checkpoint. After the PSP Canine Unit arrived on scene and consent to search was obtained, the drug dog alerted to $8,000 in U.S. currency, which was subsequently seized.

**“Purse Snatchings” Solved:** Eight purse snatchings occurred at a local Wal-Mart during a three week period. The method of operation was to steal the victims’ wallets and then go directly to a nearby Target store and purchase gift cards. On February 23, another purse theft occurred; Troopers were ready this time and proceeded directly to the Target store to await the actor’s arrival. With the help of store security, Troopers took the three actors into custody. A subsequent investigation resulted in a total of 21 criminal arrests.

**Troop A Awards and Recognition:** Five Troop A members were recognized for joining the “Fifty and Over Club” through their DUI enforcement efforts during 2006. Troopers Jeffrey C. Flowers, Somerset Station, 71 DUI arrests; Scott M. Smith, Indiana Station, 64 DUI arrests; Matthew D. Evans, Ebensburg Station, 54 DUI arrests; Paul J. Tononi, Somerset Station, 52 DUI arrests; and James F. Gregg, Greensburg Headquarters, 51 DUI arrests.
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**Troop A was awarded the AAA 2006 Platinum Traffic Safety Award for their success and dedication to traffic safety.**

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Troop B, Washington
Facts and Highlights

Captain Roger N. Waters, Commanding Officer

Headquarters located in Washington County
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Four Additional Stations:
Belle Vernon, Washington County
Uniontown, Fayette County
Washington County
Waynesburg, Greene County
Pittsburgh, Allegheny County

346 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 2006: 61,502

Patrol Crash/Injury Reduction Efforts: During 2006, Troop B was very proactive in efforts to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities. A myriad of initiatives were undertaken to increase enforcement action and increase visibility of marked patrol vehicle in locations identified by PROphecy as high-crash areas. The initiatives also focused on increasing public awareness through the Community Services Officers. This combined effort resulted in significant reductions, as compared to 2005, in total crashes (-13 percent), fatal crashes (-36 percent), injuries (-10 percent), and fatalities (-39 percent).

Critical School Incident Drill: On October 13, 2006, Washington Headquarters conducted a critical school incident drill at Chartiers – Houston High School, in Houston, Washington County. The mock scenario was modeled after the incident that occurred at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999. It consisted of multiple active shooters inside the school, as well as improvised explosive devices strategically placed at locations on the school grounds. Additionally, the details of the scenario were kept on a need-to-know basis, which allowed supervisors from each agency to evaluate their personnel's responses. Responders were not given the opportunity to review their respective response plans prior to the drill. Several Troop B Vice Unit members played the roles of the shooters and were equipped with noisemaking devices, starter pistols to simulate gunfire, and a fog machine to simulate a fire.
Teachers from other schools in the district, as well as school administrators played the roles of students. Members from all Troop B Stations participated in the drill. Additionally, municipal police officers from five different departments, the Washington County Sheriff’s Office, Washington County Department of Public Safety, local EMS, and local fire departments also participated in the event. An invitation was also extended to administrators from all Washington County Schools to observe the drill. Following the drill, Troop B members gave a PowerPoint presentation to everyone who participated in the event. The presentation highlighted law enforcement response to hostage/active shooter incidents in an effort to increase the understanding of the faculty of Chartiers – Houston School District, of school security issues, and of what to expect from law enforcement during a critical school incident. The presentation also focused on refreshing members of law enforcement in Rapid Deployment tactics.

Troop B, tactical response at the school drill, then incident review by supervision.
Major League All Star Baseball Game: The 2006 Major League Baseball (MLB) All-Star Game (ASG) was held on Tuesday, July 11, 2006, at PNC Park located in downtown Pittsburgh on the banks of the Allegheny River. With a PNC Park capacity of 38,496, the majority of ticket holders were from outside the Greater Pittsburgh Area. Its prime location along the shore of the Allegheny River and adjacent to Federal Street takes advantage of scenic vistas of the downtown skyline and riverfront, as well as pedestrian and riverboat access, creating an exciting and dramatic urban sports venue. The city projected an economic impact of $52.3 million in revenues from bringing the All-Star Game and its related events to Pittsburgh. There were 14,000 booked hotel rooms and more than 100,000 visitors and 2,000 media representatives participating in the event. Activities scheduled for July 10-11, 2006, included the Home Run Derby and the All-Star Game. Troop B was the host Troop for PSP operations which included traffic control, MCSAP operations, Special Emergency Response Team activities, the PSP Mounted Unit, Intelligence, Command Post Operations and Communications.

Cold Case Homicide Investigation/Conviction: On September 11, 1996, inmate Timothy Boris was found murdered in his cell at the State Correctional Institution of Pittsburgh. The homicide scene did not provide many investigative leads, and potential witnesses were limited to other inmates. The original investigation stalled and did not provide much hope for a successful outcome. In 2004, investigators from the Pittsburgh Station and the Troop B Cold Case Unit reviewed the investigation and began the arduous task of reinterviewing inmates as potential witnesses. The findings of the review were presented to the Allegheny County District Attorney which resulted in a recommendation for prosecution of Jeffrey Todd Deblase and Louis Michael Mann. A joint trial for Deblase and Mann began January 29, 2007, and continued until February 05, 2007. Both Deblase and Mann were found guilty of Third-Degree-Murder and Criminal Conspiracy. A number of obstacles were encountered throughout the investigation and trial to include, locating, interviewing, and transporting inmates who were present on D block in 1996.

The testimony of these inmates, many of whom were currently incarcerated, played a crucial role for the prosecution since there was no physical evidence to link the suspects with the crime.
**Homicide Conviction:** On January 4, 2005, a fire was reported at JJ’s Bar located in Lower Tyrone Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania. Firefighters discovered a charred body within the building. An initial autopsy was conducted and the pathologist attributed the cause of death as a heart attack. Trooper David L. Bell, Uniontown Station, continued the investigation and obtained a confession from a suspect that stated she had shot and stabbed the victim and set the bar on fire. Another autopsy was requested by PSP. During the second autopsy, five .38 caliber slugs were recovered from the deceased’s body. On May 5, 2006, Catherine Hamborsky was found guilty of Criminal Homicide and Arson.

**Awards and Recognition:** Troop B personnel are always performing in an exemplary manner and many deserve recognition for their efforts. The following are examples of Troop personnel’s awards or nominations:

Trooper James A. Pierce, Uniontown Station, was nominated for Trooper of the Year. Trooper Pierce was nominated for the award for his dedicated and consistent work ethic in the Criminal Investigation Unit. Trooper Pierce is credited in large part for a significant reduction in burglaries and thefts in the Fayette County area. His tireless efforts and initiatives have broken several sophisticated and organized burglary and theft rings. Over the last two years, he has made 148 criminal arrests.

Trooper Robert L. Copechal, Washington Station, was nominated for and received the Commendation Medal. On November 07, 2006 at 2130 hours, Trooper Copechal was off duty and on his way to his residence. He observed a 31-year-old civilian, Shawn Haley, standing on an I-70 overpass preparing to jump from the overpass down onto I-70. Trooper Copechal immediately called 911 and requested assistance at the scene.

He approached Haley and engaged him in conversation. Haley stated that he did not want to live anymore and expressed his intention to jump off the overpass and onto the interstate to end his life. On two occasions during this conversation, Haley began to climb over the barrier to jump. During these times, Trooper Copechal was able to distract him and stop him from jumping by talking to him about his 9-year-old son. Throughout the negotiations, Trooper Copechal would take every opportunity to step closer to the distraught subject. Trooper Copechal continued negotiations with Haley until the South Strabane Township Police arrived. When Haley observed the marked police vehicle arrive, he became irate, stated he had enough, and began to climb the barrier to jump off the overpass. Trooper Copechal reacted quickly and rushed Haley, physically grabbing him and struggling with him, pulling Haley off of the barrier and preventing him from jumping. South Strabane Officers approached and took custody of Haley. Later, Haley stated his intent was to jump and thanked Trooper Copechal for saving his life.

**Hotel/Motel Drug Interdiction Program:** In 2006, members of the Uniontown Crime Unit and Troop Vice members initiated a drug interdiction program in the Uniontown area. In 2006 over $50,000 in cash was seized, 15 individuals arrested, and sizable amounts of various illicit drugs seized.
## Troop B Enforcement Efforts

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Troop G, Hollidaysburg
Facts and Highlights

Captain Jeffrey S. Watson, Commanding Officer

Headquarters located in Blair County
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Phone: 814-696-6100

Six Additional Stations:
Bedford, Bedford County                                      McConnellsburg, Fulton County
Huntingdon, Huntingdon County                               Rockview, Centre County
Lewistown, Mifflin County                                    Philipsburg, Centre County

293 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 2006: 42,627

Criminal Homicide Conviction: On May 25, 2006, Trooper Timothy J. Cummings and Trooper Kenneth J. Butler, Huntingdon Station, received a request from the Ebensburg Station to locate and interview Nathan Fortson, 28-year-old, Mount Union, Pennsylvania. Fortson was a suspect in the disappearance of Velda Malloy, 74-year-old, Ebensburg, Pennsylvania, who was missing from her home since May 24, 2006. Ebensburg Station had information that Fortson had been riding around in Malloy’s Ford Focus with her bound and gagged in the trunk. Trooper Cummings, Trooper Butler, and, Corporal Brian A. Lewis, Huntington Station, proceeded to Fortson’s mother’s residence in Huntingdon County. Upon arrival, Trooper Butler walked around the right side of the trailer and heard the back door slam and a person running through the heavily wooded area. Behind the residence, Malloy’s Ford Focus was located. A subsequent search of the vehicle revealed blood, a bifocal lens, and various receipts were located in the trunk and passenger compartment.

On May 29, 2006, the Huntingdon Station received a call from a landowner that a red pickup truck had been abandoned on his property. The landowner indicated that he felt there was blood in the bed of the truck and that the truck had been concealed. Trooper Cummings and Trooper Butler responded to Hogan Road and observed the truck which was registered to a Dale Zunich, Altoona, Pennsylvania. The truck was concealed and also appeared to have blood in the bed. Trooper Cummings stayed with the vehicle awaiting Forensic Services, while Corporal Lewis and Trooper Butler searched the area.
The search revealed fresh vehicle tracks in the dirt road, approximately one mile away. The tracks appeared as if someone had backed up to the edge of the woods.

Trooper Butler then noted crushed vegetation and followed the crushed vegetation into the woods where he found the brush-covered body of Dale Zunich who was bound, strangled, and had his throat cut. Due to the similarities in the disappearance of Velda Malloy and Dale Zunich, the investigators felt the two crimes were related.

Personnel from Huntingdon Station and Ebensburg Station then proceeded to Fortson’s mother’s residence and located him hiding beneath her mobile home. Fortson subsequently confessed to the murder of Zunich and Malloy and described the location of Malloy’s body which was also bound, strangled, and her throat cut. Numerous items of DNA evidence linking Fortson to the crime scenes were also discovered. On December 21, 2006, Fortson pled guilty to murder in the first degree in both Cambria and Huntingdon Counties. He received consecutive life sentences.

**Criminal Homicide/Homicide by Vehicle Conviction:** Trooper Kevin J. Garhart, Hollidaysburg Station, investigated a Criminal Homicide/Homicide by Vehicle that occurred on August 27, 2005, at 0120 hours. The incident occurred as the victim, Theresa Walk, 44-year-old, and her paramour Dennis Jay Miller, 42-year-old; both from Tyrone, Pennsylvania, became involved in a domestic argument while driving home from a local bar along SR4033, Snyder Township, Blair County. Miller was driving the vehicle and slammed the brakes on after an argument ensued. Walk exited the vehicle and began walking along the roadway when Miller revved the engine and placed the vehicle into reverse and backed up in a circular motion. The vehicle then struck Walk and she was thrown to the ground and died as a result of blunt trauma to her head. As a result of a previous statement Miller made regarding he would kill Walk and his actions in this incident, the incident was investigated as a Criminal Homicide. The defendant entered a “No Contest” Plea to Homicide by Vehicle while DUI, DUI, and Recklessly Endangering Another Person. The defendant Miller was sentenced 3-6 years in state prison.

**SCI Huntingdon Escapee Apprehended on Train:** On April 10, 2006, Ronald Wayne Baney, 56-year-old, an inmate at SCI Huntingdon (incarcerated on drug-related charges) escaped from the prison by climbing a chain link fence in a medium security area. He swam across the Juniata River and jumped onto a Norfolk Southern Train that was traveling eastbound. He eventually was seen by the engineer, who locked the doors on the engine and contacted the authorities who were aware of the escape. Arrangements were made between the Lewistown Station members responding and the train crew to stop the train in Mifflin Borough. As the train arrived, Baney was spotted and attempted to flee. After a brief chase, he was apprehended and taken into custody. Baney pled guilty to the charge of Escape on March 2, 2007, and was sentenced to an additional 1-3 years in the state correctional system.
Multiple Sex Offender Conviction: In August 2004, Trooper Joseph R. Kovel, Bedford Station, investigated the sexual assault of a 19-year-old female victim who reported that she had been sexually assaulted multiple times, from 1992-1997, by her mother’s live-in boyfriend, Richard Crawford, 35-year-old. The assaults started when the victim was just seven years old. Trooper Kovel also discovered during the course of the investigation that Crawford had assaulted the victim’s sister who was one year younger. In March 2007, Crawford was found guilty and sentenced to 25-50 years on 98 counts of Involuntary Deviate Sexual Intercourse, 95 counts of Statutory Rape, 98 counts of Aggravated Indecent Assault, and 97 counts of Indecent Assault.

Attempted Kidnapping/Rape of Coworker: On May 10, 2006 at 0700 hrs, Brandon Morris, 19-year-old, Everett, Pennsylvania, laid in wait at a local business where he had been recently hired a week earlier. Morris was waiting for his intended victim, a 30-year-old female that he had only met one time a few days before. Morris had devised a plan to kidnap and rape the woman. He had in his possession a knife, shoe string, and a condom. When the victim arrived at work, he approached her from behind and put the knife to her throat. The victim struggled and broke free and began screaming; Morris then left the scene in his vehicle. Trooper Terry L. Summers, Bedford Station, began the investigation and developed good information concerning Morris. Morris was subsequently apprehended a few hours later in his vehicle and still had the knife and other items with him. Morris was charged with Attempted Kidnapping, Aggravated Assault, and Rape. On March 7, 2007, he pled guilty and was sentenced to 8-20 years.

Methamphetamine Lab: On April 18, 2006, Trooper Dustin S. Sosak, Bedford Station Vice Unit, investigated a report of a methamphetamine lab being operated in the Schellsburg area of Bedford County. Through the use of confidential informants and good investigative skills, Trooper Sosak was able to quickly locate the lab and identify the person running the operation. The actor, Robert Hulgan, 35-year-old, Schellsburg, Pennsylvania, had moved to the area from the state of Georgia. During the investigation it was learned that Hulgan was responsible for teaching local Bedford County residents the methods of cooking methamphetamine. An arrest and search warrant was executed at his residence. Hulgan was taken into custody along with seven grams of methamphetamine, $1,600 in cash, and a handgun. On February 12, 2007, Hulgan was sentenced to 4-10 years in prison.

2006 Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts Detail: On Friday, July 14, and Saturday, July 15, 2006, 91 members of the Hollidaysburg Station, along with members from the Special Emergency Response Team, Liquor Control Enforcement, the Mounted Unit, and Aviation Patrol Unit IV, assisted the State College Police Department and the Pennsylvania State University Police in maintaining order during the 2006 Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts in State College, Pennsylvania. The detail had a previous history of students acting out in riotous behavior. Due to PSP’s proactive patrol presence, the detail was a success.
Only 20 incidents related to the Festival were reported. Enforcement activity included:

1 DUI arrest,
3 Traffic Citations,
57 Written Warnings,
28 Non-Traffic Citations,
2 Sales of Alcohol to Minors.

**Operation Salute Detail:** On September 10, 2006, 51 members of Troop G, Hollidaysburg, assisted the Pennsylvania State University Police with security for “Operation Salute” at the Bryce Jordan Center, State College, Pennsylvania. The event was sponsored by the Office of Administration to honor all members of the Pennsylvania National Guard. Guard members and their families were provided meals and entertainment by the Beach Boys.

Governor Rendell was present to address the Troops. Aviation, Special Emergency Response Team, Mounted Unit, and BESO Bomb Technicians were also on hand to ensure the Guard members and their families could relax in a secure environment.

**Security During Penn State Football Home Games:** During the 2006 Penn State football season, Troop G provided 12 members for stadium security and traffic control for each home game in State College, Pennsylvania. There are typically 108,000 fans with tickets at each home game and many more that come to tailgate and party during the weekend. During the first three home games, 12 additional Troop G members were assigned to work with State College Borough Police on Friday and Saturday nights. The members were paired up with State College Officers to bolster their police force. The details were a success as no unusual incidents were reported.

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Area IV Commander
Major Terry L. Seilhamer
Troop C, Punxsutawney
Captain David W. Neal
Troop D, Butler
Captain Robert L. Lizik
Troop E, Erie
Captain Kevan J. Dugan

Three Troop Commands
18 Stations providing service to 17 Counties
Troop C, Punxsutawney
Facts and Highlights

Captain David W. Neal, Commanding Officer

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Six Additional Stations:
Clarion, Clarion County
Clearfield, Clearfield County
DuBois, Clearfield County
Kane, McKean County
Ridgway, Elk County
Tionesta, Forest County

252 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 2006: 39,171

Corporate Theft Arrests: Members of the Dubois Station conducted an 11-month investigation into the theft of over $400,000 from the Dubois, Falls Creek, Sandy Township Joint Transportation Authority (DuFAST) by two employees. The thefts, which occurred over a two year span, were uncovered during a routine audit in 2005. A second independent audit conducted by a Forensic Accountant confirmed that two employees, Lauri Ferraro and Elaine Kost, had stolen the money through a series of unauthorized bonuses, reimbursements, and expenditures. Ferraro and Kost were charged with over 100 Theft-related counts and subsequently pled guilty to all counts.

Arrest and Conviction in Arson/Homicide: In January 2006, the Clearfield Station was advised of a fatal fire which occurred at a private residence in Morris Township, Clearfield County. The victim was 74-year-old Emery Buryl Rhinehart. Trooper Charles E. Gross III, Punxsutawney Headquarters, investigated the fire, and Trooper Svin P. Donaldson, Clearfield Station, conducted the death investigation. Other members of the Clearfield Station and the Troop C Major Case Team also participated in the investigation. During the investigation, it was discovered that several of the victim’s vehicles had been moved and the victim’s pick-up truck was missing. Through further investigation, it was discovered that Jeffrey Lemeul Stiner had committed this crime. The investigation revealed that Stiner went to the victim’s residence and killed Rhinehart with a rifle, then returned later that day and used the victim’s truck to remove most of his belongings. Stiner then returned the next morning and set the home on fire. Stiner pled guilty to Criminal Homicide and other offenses. On July 5, 2006, Stiner was sentenced to Life in Prison.
2006 Troop C SHIELD Successes: On January 11, 2006, Trooper Reed L. Grenci, Clarion Station, stopped a minivan on I-80 for traffic violations. While speaking with the operator, Trooper Grenci smelled a strong odor of raw marijuana. He obtained and served a search warrant for the vehicle, resulting in the seizure of 376 pounds of processed marijuana and the arrest of the operator for Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance.

On May 31, 2006, Corporal Douglas J. Clark, Clearfield Station, stopped to assist the operator of a disabled motor home on I-80. During the course of the assist, Corporal Clark received consent to search the motor home. The search resulted in the seizure of 127.8 pounds of marijuana, the motor home, a semiautomatic pistol, and the arrest of the operator.

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2006 Trooper/Employee of the Month Awards: January: Trooper Reed L. Grenci, Clarion Station, drug interdiction seizure of over 376 pounds of marijuana; February: Trooper Svin P. Donaldson, Clearfield Station, Homicide investigation and arrest; March: Trooper John P. Young, Punxsutawney Headquarters, child sexual abuse investigation and arrest; April: Trooper Shawn P. Fischer, Punxsutawney Headquarters, assisted the FBI in the arrest of a suspect in an ATM case; May: Corporal Douglas J. Clark, Clearfield Station, drug interdiction seizure of 127.8 pounds of marijuana and a motor home; June: Troopers Mark W. McGinnis and Robert J. Straw, Clearfield Station, Burglary in progress response and arrests; July: Trooper Gregory J. Raybuck, Ridgway Station, Armed Robbery and Theft investigations and arrests; August: Trooper Douglas C. Morgan, Ridgway Station, off-duty response to a neighborhood fire preventing extensive damage to property; September: Trooper Mark A. Schrecengost, Dubois Station, rescued victim pinned in wreckage at fatal crash site with threat of fire; October: Trooper Patrick S. Berggren, Clarion Station, drug and cash seizure and arrest during a traffic stop.
November: Troopers Carol L. Ponce, Greg A. Agosti, Louis V. Davis, William M. Mostyn, Mark D. Rorabaugh, David R. Sprankle, and John P. Young, Troop C Major Case Team members, double Homicide investigation and arrest; December: Trooper Robert J. Ferdarko, Clearfield Station, seizures of counterfeit goods, drugs, and cash, and apprehension of illegal aliens.

**Patrol Accomplishments:** During 2006, Troop C personnel participated in a variety of traffic enforcement initiatives aimed at making the highways safer. Troop C members aggressively patrolled I-80, issuing 11,323 Traffic Citations, 7,809 Written Warnings, and assisting 1327 motorists. STEP enforcement details were conducted on both a regular time and overtime basis; targeting specific areas to reduce speeding and aggressive driving, and to increase traffic safety. There were 2,444 speeding citations and 1,950 other Traffic Citations issued during the 2006 holiday enforcement efforts. In addition, 71 DUI arrests, 766 restraint system citations, and 958 restraint system Written Warnings were issued during these programs. The Troop also conducted monthly speed enforcement programs in school zones. Troopers issued 73 speeding Traffic Citations and 161 Written Warnings during these programs. During 2006, Troopers participated in 60 Trooper School Lunch Programs on the days that the school zone programs were conducted. The Weigh Station along I-80 in Clarion County is an integral part of the Troop’s enforcement program. Approximately 14,122 commercial vehicles were weighed, utilizing portable and platform scales; 115 Traffic Citations and 242 Written Warnings were issued for overweight or oversize vehicle violations. The weigh-in-motion scale was inoperable during 2006.

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Criminal Attempt – Murder: On October 12, 2005, Kittanning Station members responded to a remote area of Wayne Township, Armstrong County, arising from the report of an individual in a wooded area that was bleeding and lying on the ground. The victim had been discovered by a teenager, Adam Silvis, who had been riding his ATV in the area. The accused told Silvis that everything was fine. However, Silvis realized that there was some type of problem and returned home to notify his father who then contacted the PSP. It was relayed to responding officers that the victim was in a semiconscious state and the accused, Peggy Jo Conners, 38-year-old, had been discovered kneeling over the victim.

The victim was found to have what appeared to be an incision to the abdomen that had apparently occurred at the remote location where she had been discovered by Silvis. Following investigation into this incident, evidence indicated that the accused had assaulted and kidnapped the victim in an attempt to remove the victim's baby and keep the baby as her own. The victim was transported to Allegheny General Hospital where she underwent an emergency Caesarian section to deliver a baby.

On February 15, 2007, the accused entered a guilty plea to all charges filed including Criminal Attempt – Murder (First-Degree), and is currently awaiting sentencing. Investigating Officer: Trooper Joseph P. Murphy, Kittanning Station.
Homicide Conviction: On August 6, 2005, at approximately 1805 hours, a physical altercation occurred within a residence at 148 Ridge Road, Trailer 21, Hanover Township, Beaver County. Apparently, the accused property owner, Dennis James English, and the victim, Richard Osmonde Ashcraft, Jr., had been involved in an earlier altercation. At some point, the accused retrieved a .22 caliber semiautomatic firearm and fired two shots at the victim on the front porch, striking him once in the chest. The victim fled to the rear bedroom where he was pursued by the accused and cornered. The accused fired one final round striking the victim in the chest which proved to be the fatal shot.

A jury trial was held from September 5, 2006 – October 5, 2006, after which the accused was found guilty of Murder 3. On December 13, 2006, the accused was sentenced by the Honorable John Dohanich to 12–25 years in prison and ordered to pay $23,144.98 in fines, restitution, and court costs.

Counterfeit/Trademark Seizures: On May 19, 2005, at 1328 hours, Trooper Timothy M. Callahan, Mercer Station, stopped a 1994 Toyota van displaying Illinois registration on I-80, Findley Township, Mercer County, for a traffic violation. The vehicle had been traveling 60 mph in a 45 mph construction zone. The vehicle was occupied by two Chinese nationals. The driver, He Dejin, 39-year-old male, produced a Michigan operator’s license.
The passenger, Xia Q. Liang, 37-year-old female, produced an Illinois operator’s license. Trooper Callahan observed a “Louis Vuitton” handbag lying upon a large stack of covered material. Trooper Eric R. Miller, Mercer Station, responded to the scene and was able to determine that the handbag was counterfeit. A search warrant was obtained and executed on the vehicle. The search revealed a large amount of suspected counterfeit items; 998 items were seized. The items included purses, wallets, and wrist watches. The items had an estimated retail value of $681,297. The items were believed to have been purchased in New York City. Both Dejin and Liang were charged with Crimes Code Section 4119, Trademark Counterfeiting, and placed in the Mercer County Jail. Due to the value of the seized items, the offense is a Second Degree Felony. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Pittsburgh, adopted the investigation and filed federal Felony Counterfeit/Trademark charges against both Dejin and Liang. On February 7, 2006, both were indicted by a federal grand jury. They face imprisonment of up to ten years and fines up to $2 million.

**Money Seizure:** On April 18, 2006, Trooper Joshua K. Thomas, Beaver Station, responded to the Beaver Valley Nuclear Power Plant at the request of plant security. A truck tractor and semitrailer registered out of Texas arrived at the plant along with its two occupants to pick up a shipment of tool containers. Prior to entering the grounds, the vehicle was searched for security reasons. Plant security personnel discovered a large locked duffel bag.

As per site policy, the lock was removed and revealed a large amount of bundled U.S. currency within. The occupants informed security personnel that the money belonged to their “boss” who was planning to use the money for purchasing a new truck.

Security attempted to stall the drivers who were now becoming suspicious and advised they were going to depart and have another truck and driver pick up the shipment. Trooper Thomas arrived at the scene and summoned the Troop D, Vice Unit members and a PSP K-9.

Corporal Kevin P. Jaszemski, BESO K-9, responded with his dog and performed an exterior sniff of the vehicle. State Police canine Shadow indicated on the exterior of the vehicle. Utilizing a search warrant, Trooper Gregory A. Walton, Troop D, Vice Unit, and Corporal Jaszemski conducted a search of the vehicle and recovered the duffel bag with ten bundles of wrapped money. Upon further examination, the bundles were found to total $504,230. The investigation was turned over to Troop D Vice Unit member, Trooper Alan L. Collins.
Trooper Joshua K. Thomas with money seized from an incident at Beaver Valley Nuclear Power Plant ($504,230).

**Aggravated Assault:** On September 23, 2006, Trooper Eric D. Maurer and Trooper Ronald D. Vetovich, Jr., Kittanning Station, observed a vehicle driving on the wrong side of the roadway. Car numbers 7, 15, and 17 were damaged by a subject who would not stop for Troopers Maurer and Vetovich. The fleeing driver, from the Rural Valley area, ran through the Kittanning Station’s sobriety checkpoint on SR85 at a high rate of speed. He avoided the spike strips and fled westbound on SR85. He stopped and then deliberately reversed direction, ramming vehicle numbers 7 and 15. Trooper Terrence C. Laykish, Kittanning Station, in vehicle number 17, then intervened by striking the truck and disabling it by pushing it from the roadway. There was an oncoming vehicle that was probably saved from a head-on collision by Trooper Laykish’s actions. He surely would have fled after ramming the two state vehicles had he not been disabled. Once under arrest, the accused was extremely combative and kicked the back windows out of vehicle number 7, even though he had been restrained with tie-ropes.
**Weapons Seizures:** On February 21, 2006, Corporal William L. Peterson, Mercer Station, Polygraph Unit, and Trooper Steven P. Driscoll, Mercer Station, interviewed a homicide suspect’s former girlfriend. The ex-girlfriend indicated that the suspect was hiding a crate full of weapons in a storage locker in Houston, Pennsylvania. Corporal Peterson verified that the suspect was currently renting a locker at the facility. Trooper Timothy E. Motte (ATF Task Force—Pittsburgh) was contacted and a federal search warrant was obtained and executed on the storage locker; Approximately 30 firearms were seized. Two weapons were confirmed by ATF to have been converted to be fully automatic. Two silencers and a sawed-off shotgun were among items seized. The suspect had a domestic violence conviction and was prohibited from owning firearms. The suspect is facing a mandatory ten-year sentence for each prohibited weapon possessed. ATF indicated that additional weapons seized may also have been converted to fully automatic.

**Illegal Alien Detentions:** The Mercer Station has taken an aggressive stance on traffic enforcement and other criminal offenses encountered on I-80. I-80 is a major east/west corridor through Pennsylvania and the U.S. Mercer Station Patrol Unit members have seized large amounts of illegal drugs, apprehended numerous fugitives, detained many illegal aliens, seized large sums of currency, and made numerous other criminal arrests. During 2006, the Mercer Station Patrol Unit members initiated approximately 30 traffic stops which led to the detention of approximately 130 illegal aliens. Troopers have exhibited the initiative to look beyond the simple traffic violation which has routinely resulted in criminal arrests and seizures.

**Illegal Aliens/Human Smuggling:** On March 10, 2006, at 1309 hours, Trooper Eric R. Miller, Mercer Station, stopped a passenger van displaying California registration for speeding on I-80, Wolf Creek Township, Mercer County. The vehicle was occupied by 15 Hispanic males and females. All were found to be illegal aliens. Countries of origin included: Mexico, Guatemala, and El Salvador. The subjects indicated they were traveling from California to New York City. ICE responded and placed federal detainers on all. They were placed in the Lawrence County Jail. One subject was found to have provided false documentation. Felony Human Smuggling charges were filed against the driver and a passenger. The 2003 passenger van was seized.

**Untaxed Cigarette Seizure:** On June 20, 2006, at 1150 hours, Trooper Timothy M. Callahan, Mercer Station, conducted a traffic stop for speeding on I-80, Findley Township, Mercer County. Consent to search was obtained and the search yielded 13 cases, each containing 60 cartons of untaxed cigarettes valued at $30,000. Eighteen thousand dollars in cash and a Chevrolet van were also seized. The owner of the vehicle had a prior 2005 federal conviction for possessing untaxed cigarettes and is currently on federal probation. The subject was traveling from New York City to Chicago, Illinois.
**Operation Triggerlock:** The Mercer Station participated in Operation Triggerlock in the Sharon/Farrell communities. The cities of Sharon and Farrell, in Mercer County, are approved sites in the Governor’s Weed and Seed program. Throughout 2006, Mercer Station and Troop D, Vice Unit members conducted undercover investigations and saturation patrols in the targeted area:

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**Operation Triggerlock:** The Beaver Station participated in Operation Triggerlock in the Aliquippa community. The city of Aliquippa, in Beaver County, is an approved site in the Governor’s Weed and Seed program. Throughout 2006, Beaver Station members conducted saturation patrols in the targeted area:

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**Sobriety Checkpoint:** On June 23-24, 2006, members from Butler Headquarters and Kittanning Station teamed up with the Allegheny Valley DUI Task Force and conducted a sobriety checkpoint on SR28, Harmar Township, Allegheny County. Eleven individuals were arrested for DUI, along with five for drug possession. This was the first sobriety checkpoint conducted on the DUI-crash-prone highway.
Saturation Patrols: The New Castle Station participated in nine saturation patrols in conjunction with the New Castle Municipal Police Department from July through October of 2006, with the following results:

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Camp Cadet Program: The 37th Annual Troop D, Camp Cadet Program, which was the first camp of its type in the Commonwealth, was conducted between August 13–18, 2006, at Camp Lutherlyn, Prospect Borough, Butler County. A total of 40 cadets, age 12-15, including 31 boys and 9 girls, participated in the camp.

The youths received various training and physical activities from 13 counselors, of which seven were Troopers and six were municipal officers. The program was conducted under the direction of Trooper Jonathan D. Bayer and Trooper Leah K. Conners, Butler Headquarters, Community Services Officers. 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 Captain John E. Kemper (retired) United States Navy, were the keynote speakers at graduation. Captain Kemper had made a very generous contribution to Camp Cadet in his father’s name. Years ago, his father owned and operated a leather shop in Butler that did all the leather work for Troopers. He had worked on holsters and all the gear for their horses, as well.

Citizens’ Police Academy: Between February 9 and May 11, 2006, a Civilian Police Academy was conducted at Butler Headquarters under the direction of Trooper Jonathan D. Bayer, Troop D, Community Services Unit. Various speakers conducted classes for the 19 participants over a 13-week period.


Law Appreciation Award: Trooper James R. Willochell, Butler Headquarters, was named the Butler Lion’s Club Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.
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Troop E, Erie  
Facts and Highlights

Captain Kevan J. Dugan, Commanding Officer

Headquarters located in Erie County  
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Five Additional Stations:
Corry, Erie County  
Franklin, Venango County  
Girard, Erie County  
Meadville, Crawford County  
Warren, Warren County

285 enlisted and civilians 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 2006: 51,400

Warren Station: Several hundred members from three Troops, the New York State Police, as well as several local and federal agencies participated in a massive manhunt for an escapee, turned “cop-killer.” The New York prison escapee, Ralph “Bucky” Phillips was captured in northern Warren County in September 8, 2006. He escaped prison in April 2006, and later shot and wounded three New York State Troopers, one fatally—Trooper Joseph Longobardo. After months of sightings and his successful maneuvers to evade being captured in both New York and Pennsylvania, he was finally surrounded in a heavily wooded area outside of Akeley in northern Warren County, less than two miles south of the New York line. After a 20-hour manhunt, he was taken into custody by Trooper Scott M. Callahan, Erie Station, and Trooper Richard A. Neiswnger, Corry Station. Phillips was brought to justice, pled guilty, and was sentenced to life in prison without parole for the shooting of the New York State Police Trooper.
Erie Station: In an effort to provide financial support for Trooper Donald Baker and the family of Trooper Joseph Longobardo, Trooper Gary S. Knott, assisted by Trooper Christopher T. O'Neill and members of the FOP Swanson Memorial Lodge, arranged a benefit dinner to raise money and to bring the friends and families of the New York State Police and PSP together. Local news media heard of their efforts and assisted by organizing a telethon in conjunction with the dinner.

The telethon aired in Erie, PA; Buffalo, NY; and Albany NY. The telethon also raised awareness in the New York State Police Patrolman’s Benevolent Association website. The dinner, telethon, and website raised $29,000.

On April 23, 2006, Trooper Jay D. McKee filed a Criminal Complaint charging Thomas Eugene Guisti, 37, with one count of Criminal Homicide, one count of Aggravated Assault, and related charges in connection with the death of Stacy Maria Watral, a 35 year-old Green Township resident. Watral’s body was discovered on April 21, 2007, shortly after 1900 hours in a wooded area behind AIM National Lease Company, located along Wattsburg Road in Greene Township. An arrest warrant for Guisti was issued. He was apprehended on April 24, 2006. On February 27, 2007, he pled guilty of Murder of the Third-Degree and was sentenced to 20–40 years.
**Meadville Station:** On May 5, 2006, Donald C. Delancey, Jr. of Meadville, Crawford County, pled guilty to Murder in the Third Degree for the sledge hammer bludgeoning death of his father-in-law. The crime occurred on May 27, 2005. Delancey Jr. was sentenced to imprisonment in a state correctional facility for a minimum of 18 years and a maximum of 40 years for this crime.

Delancey’s defense was that he had accidentally struck his father-in-law in the head with a four pound sledge hammer, while swinging it at a bat which was flying in the garage. An autopsy conducted revealed that the father-in-law had in fact been struck in the head as many as six times. Erie Regional Laboratory technicians conducted a blood stain pattern analysis at the scene that corroborated the findings of the autopsy. A confession from Delancey was then obtained by lead investigator Trooper Brian P. Mason and Corporal Scott A. Shipton, Meadville Station.

**Corry Station:** On May 17, 2006, a Crawford County Jury took only three hours to return a guilty verdict against the accused Angela Waldron for the September 2005 shooting homicide of Garold Davis, of Titusville, PA. The jury returned a guilty verdict of First-Degree Murder and Carrying a Firearm without a License. Waldron faces a mandatory life sentence. The family of the victim publicly thanked all the involved officers - Corporal David M. Gluth, Erie Headquarters, Criminal Investigation Assessment Unit; Trooper Mark F. Russo, Erie Headquarters, Polygraph Examiner; and Trooper Richard A. Neiswonger, Corry Station.

During the week of January 16, 2006, through January 21, 2006, numerous burglaries were investigated in the Canadohtha Lake area, Crawford County. The burglaries were first reported when a local resident was walking in the area and observed several cottages with damaged doors. Throughout the week, 19 burglaries and three criminal mischief incidents were reported. While Troopers were conducting area interviews, they were approached by a subject who had information on where suspected stolen property was being stored. With that information, Troopers eventually seized a vehicle and developed five suspects. A search warrant was served on the vehicle, 23 stolen items were recovered, and the suspects were arrested and pled guilty to the burglaries.

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Area V Commander
Major John G. Rice

Troop K, Philadelphia  Troop M, Bethlehem  Troop N, Hazleton
Captain Tedescung L. Bandy  Captain Scott R. Snyder  Captain James W. Murtin

Three Troop Commands
13 Stations providing service to 10 Counties
Troop K, Philadelphia
Facts and Highlights

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Two Additional Stations:
Media, Delaware County        Skippack, Montgomery County

226 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 2006: 60,753

Operation Bankshot: The PSP, Philadelphia Headquarters, Vice/Narcotic Unit, assisted by other organizational segments of the Department, conducted the longest and most complex undercover nonconsensual interception in the history of the PSP. During the operation, termed “Operation Bankshot,” 25 Troopers were assigned full-time to this undercover operation. The operation lasted 382 days, from November 2005 until December 2006.

Using a confidential informant developed out of a previous undercover investigation, the Vice/Narcotic Unit continued their investigation into drug dealing in and around Chester City, Delaware County.

Troopers progressed into the hierarchy of a drug organization operating between Chester, Philadelphia, New Jersey, New York, and Delaware. Eventually, Troopers developed information that the dealers were being supplied by the number one target of the Philadelphia/Camden High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area.

During Operation Bankshot, Troopers interdicted or seized:

19 Kilograms of Cocaine.
Approximately $200,000 in U.S. Currency.
1 Handgun, 1 Shotgun, 2 Ballistic Vests, and 1 Stolen Vehicle.

During Operation Bankshot, Troopers interrupted a homicide attempt and engaged in a shoot-out with the suspects that resulted in three arrests for attempted murder and made another arrest for attempted murder in a separate shooting based on information uncovered during the investigation.

At the conclusion of the operational phase of Operation Bankshot, Troopers arrested the number one target of the Philadelphia/Camden High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area during a delivery of one kilogram of cocaine.
2002 Double Homicide Solved: The execution-style double murder of an elderly Chadds Ford Township couple was solved in 2006 after Troopers acted on information uncovered during an unrelated attempted murder trial in Chester County. Corporal Michael B. Tinneny, Philadelphia Headquarters, and Trooper Joseph R. McCunney, Media Station, tirelessly worked the investigation to gather enough evidence to charge a man who was performing handiwork for the elderly couple with two counts of First-Degree Murder. The handyman believed the couple was trying to kill him by putting poison in his coffee.

2006 Homicide of NY Police Officer: On February 27, 2006, a Robbery occurred at the Lennon’s Jewelry Store on Commercial Drive, New Hartford, New York. The robbery netted $1.5 million worth of loose cut diamonds and Rolex watches. During the attempted apprehension of the suspects, a Town of New Hartford Police Officer Joseph Corr was shot and killed by suspect Walter Richardson. A second suspect, John T. Healy, was apprehended and was held on Robbery and Murder charges. Richardson was shot and killed by law enforcement officers on February 28, 2006, in Chester City, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, while attempting to be apprehended. A third suspect was apprehended on March 1, 2006, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on a Federal warrant relating to a similar robbery in Freehold, New Jersey. A fourth suspect in this Robbery/Homicide investigation was captured in South Philadelphia on May 20, 2006, by members of the FBI and the US Marshal Service Fugitive Task Force. Suspect #4 was wanted on a federal warrant for the same robbery in Freehold, New Jersey, with Suspect #3.

Commencing on March 6, 2006, a multiagency Task Force was established in Pennsylvania to further investigate the Homicide/Robbery that occurred in New York State and to identify and apprehend the additional suspects involved in the crime. The Task Force based its operation at Media Station. The Task Force consisted of members of the New York State Police, the Oneida County Sheriff’s Office, the New Hartford Police Department, the Delaware County Criminal Investigation Division, Haverford Township Police Department, Paxton Township Police Department (Dauphin County), and Media Station Criminal Investigation Section. The Task Force pursued numerous leads and conducted many interviews. The Task Force suspended operations in Pennsylvania on March 31, 2006, but returned the week of April 17, May 2, and May 23, 2006, for continued investigation. Members of PSP continued to assist the Task Force by gathering documents and other related materials and forwarding it to New York. On July 7, 2006, Suspect #4 was served with an arrest warrant for the murder of Officer Joseph Corr and the robbery of the jewelry store. The three living defendants, John Healy, Suspect #3 and Suspect #4, remained incarcerated pending their trials. The trial for suspect John Healy in the murder of New Hartford Police Officer Joseph Corr and the robbery of Lennon’s Jewelry Store began with jury selection on January 8, 2007. The trial concluded on January 23, 2007, with Healy being convicted on all counts. Trials for the remaining defendants are still pending.
Skippack Station: Effective December 18, 2006, the Administrative Call Center (ACC) pilot program involving Philadelphia Headquarters, Skippack Station and the Norristown Consolidated Dispatch Center (CDC) went into effect. The Skippack Station will utilize a Clerk to answer phones, greet walk-ins, and handle any administrative requests, Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.. Calls and walk-in traffic occurring outside the aforementioned business hours will be transferred to Philadelphia Headquarters or the Norristown CDC for appropriate action. In order to ensure the security of the Station, the building was upgraded with an intrusion detection system (IDS), closed circuit television (CCTV), security fencing, fire alarm system, and a safe room that can be controlled from both the CDC and the ACC.

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Troop M, Bethlehem
Facts and Highlights

Captain Scott R. Snyder, Commanding Officer

Headquarters located in Lehigh County
2930 Airport Road
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18017-2149
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Four Additional Stations:
Dublin, Bucks County                   Fogelsville, Lehigh County
Trevose, Bucks County                   Belfast, Northampton County

263 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 2006: 59,788

Homicide: On July 24, 2007, Bethlehem Headquarters investigated a homicide that occurred at 4471 Lehigh Drive in Lehigh Township, Northampton County. Two Lehigh Township Police Officers responded to a disturbance call and encountered a male, Colin (NMN) Rutter, armed with a baseball bat. The male was belligerent and was swinging his bat at the officers. The officers used less than lethal force on the male, mace and bean bag rounds, but the male did not stop. One officer discharged his service weapon striking the male in the chest. The male died as a result of his injuries. The State Police were requested to conduct this investigation and the Northampton County District Attorney’s Office ruled the shooting a Justifiable Homicide. Trooper Robert V. Egan was the primary investigator.

Homicide - On August 2, 2006, Bethlehem Headquarters investigated a police-involved shooting on Catasauqua Road in the vicinity of the SR0378 overpass, in the city of Bethlehem, Lehigh County. Officers were investigating a robbery where the victim was shot in the head. When they encountered the suspects, shots were fired by one suspect. One Bethlehem officer was shot twice. The suspect who fired, Christopher Eric Johnson, was shot and killed by other on-scene Bethlehem City Police Officers. The Bethlehem officer survived his wounds. The Lehigh County District Attorney’s Office ruled the shooting a Justifiable Homicide. Trooper Andrew E. Canepa was the primary investigator.
Assist Other Police: At 0806 hours on May 25, 2006, Bethlehem Headquarters assisted the Northampton Municipal Police Department at Northampton Area High School relative a student who brought a .22 caliber rifle to school and barricaded himself inside a stairwell, with the assistant principal attempting to negotiate with the suspect. The suspect also threatened to burn the school. Captain Scott R. Snyder and Lieutenant Dirk F. Yahraes assumed command with the following Troop M members responding: Lieutenant William A. Teper Jr., Sergeant Brian J. Cawley, Sergeant Harry Reed, Corporal Ronald E. Garza, Corporal David J. Nosal, and Troopers Eric D. Dimler, Judith Frankelli, Louis P. Gober, Nicholas A. Nederostek, Robert P. Romanaska, and Gregory G. Rossi. PSP Special Emergency Response Team (SERT) members were activated, as well as the PSP Hazardous Device and Explosives. The high school was evacuated. The assistant principal subsequently exited the school unhurt. The suspect eventually gave up and was taken into custody with no injuries or loss of life.

Camp Cadet: Troop M Camp Cadet 2007 was held from July 30, 2006 to August 5, 2006, at Lehigh University, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. This was the first Camp Cadet program held at the university and was the reinstitution of the camp after a one year hiatus. The 70 graduates included 35 boys and 35 girls. The four enlisted and eight municipal police counselors conducted a rigorous and comprehensive program of police service education, physical fitness, and sportsmanship. The graduation ceremonies were highlighted by guest speaker, U.S. Representative Michael G. Fitzpatrick.

Homicide – Arrest: On May 25, 2006, at 11:20 p.m., Belfast Station received information from a family member that a relative may have been involved in a Homicide. The relative advised police that the actor may have had the body of the victim in his vehicle. A be on look out (BOLO) message was put out to area law enforcement.

Exeter Township Municipal Police Department, Berks County, located a vehicle matching the description of the actor’s vehicle in a wooded area near French Creek State Park in Union Township, Berks County. They began surveillance on the vehicle and a Belfast Station Trooper called the subject’s cell phone and the subject hung up on the Trooper. Soon after, the vehicle began to travel north on SR0345, and Exeter Township Municipal Police Department initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle. Exeter Township Municipal Police Department secured the vehicle and the operator. They notified the PSP at Reading Headquarters which provides primary police coverage for Union Township. Troopers from Reading Headquarters responded and subsequently interviewed the operator.
Troopers from Belfast Station responded to the residence of the victim at 535 Institute Road, Upper Mount Bethel Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Once there, Troopers observed evidence which indicated that there was a struggle inside the garage area of the residence. Additional evidence was obtained that the body of the victim was dismembered in an adjacent field/wood lot.

Through the investigation, it was determined that the actor was a 26-year-old male. The actor is the brother of the decedent, and argued with his brother inside the garage. There the victim was assaulted with a crow bar and further strangled by the actor. The actor then placed his brother in the back of his Jeep and drove the body to a secluded area on the property approximately 200-300 yards from the residence. Investigators believe this is where the actor dismembered the victim with a bow saw and a hatchet. Investigators believe the actor drove the body of the decedent to varied locations in Berks County and buried several body parts. The location where the body parts were recovered was in French Creek State Park and off of Schlegel Road in Maxatawny Township. In addition, Troopers recovered victim’s head and hands inside the actor’s vehicle. Actor was arrested and charged with Criminal Homicide.

**Statutory Sexual Assault by a Police Officer:** Belfast Station arrested a Northampton County, Plainfield Township Municipal Police Officer, Patrolman Christopher Young for crimes related to the unlawful sexual contact with a minor from May 2005 to August 2005. The female was 14 and 15 years old at the time the incidents took place. Young has been charged with the following offenses: Statutory Sexual Assault, Involuntary Deviate Sexual Intercourse, Aggravated Indecent Assault, Indecent Assault, Corruption of Minors, Unlawful Contact with Minor, and Criminal Use of Communication Facility. He voluntarily appeared on Station and was processed and arraigned.

During the course of the investigation, it was brought to our attention that Young may not have been properly certified as a police officer in New Jersey. He had applied for and received a waiver by MPOETC in January 2002 in order to become a police officer in Pennsylvania. Documents pertaining to his training were then obtained from New Jersey law enforcement agencies he initially listed on his employment application with Plainfield Township.

In cooperation with MPOETC, it was determined that he falsified his employment status and training in New Jersey in order to ask for a Pennsylvania waiver. As a result and with consultation of the Northampton County District Attorney’s Office, it was determined Young would be charged with the following: Unsworn Falsification to Authorities, Tampering with or Fabricating Physical Evidence, and Tampering with Public Records or Information.

Young entered a negotiated plea for the sexual assault and was sentenced on April 27, 2007, to serve 10-36 months state time with a sexual offender status. He pled no contest to the Unsworn Falsification to Authorities charge and received an additional one year probation.
Animal Cruelty: Widespread media attention was received as a result of this investigation that occurred during the overnight hours of April 11-12, 2006. Two adult 18-year-old males drove their vehicles to the property along Kressman Road in Williams Township, Northampton County, and parked. The adults and their juvenile occupants exited the vehicles and entered the fenced-in area. The actors entered the fenced-in area of the victim’s property with intent to harass llamas in the pasture.

The area was dark and subjects could not catch the llamas. Everyone, except a 16-year-old, exited the pasture. The 16-year-old juvenile remained in the field and picked up a wooden handle and struck the baby goats several times. All of the injured goats later died.

The 16-year-old juvenile was charged with killing the goats, a Misdemeanor of the Second Degree, and Criminal Trespass. Four other subjects were charged with Criminal Trespass, a Summary violation.

Armed Bank Robberies: On May 24, 2006, a subject was sentenced in Bucks County Court, to serve two consecutive sentences of 5-10 years in a state prison for a series of six bank robberies committed between August of 2004 and June of 2006 in Bucks, Lehigh, and Adams Counties. Two robberies, and one attempted robbery were committed in Bucks County, where all charges were brought. Trooper Gregory J. Stumpo, Dublin Station, investigated the robberies in conjunction with Special Agent Ken Vincent of the FBI. The robberies were unique in that the defendant was a college student who committed them to finance a lavish lifestyle. In one robbery, the defendant used a car cover, with the windshield portion cut out, to disguise his vehicle. In another, he fled the scene on a bicycle. The case was broken when the defendant, after drinking at a party, bragged about committing the robberies.

Delaware River Flooding: Troopers at the Dublin Station, assisted by members of Bethlehem Headquarters and Belfast Station, were assigned various tasks during the flooding that occurred June 28-July 1, 2006, along the banks of the Delaware River in Nockamixon Township, Bridgeton Township, and Riegelsville Borough. The tasks included assisting with resident evacuation, traffic control, scene security, and coordination of efforts with local fire companies, emergency management personnel, and the PA National Guard. No fatalities occurred and several people were rescued from vehicles trapped in flooded areas.

Multiple Thefts Links to Two Men: On October 27, 2006, a subject drove a truck tractor into the fenced-in area of a docking yard at CFC Logistics in Milford Township, Bucks County. Once in, he hooked the tractor to an unattended trailer and fled the scene with the trailer, which contained 5,040 cases of Swanson’s Breakfast entrees worth $55,000. The act was caught on surveillance. On November 20, 2006, an employee of CFC was at a gas station on SR663 in Milford Township and recognized the tractor from the day of the theft.
Trooper Peter B. Benn, Dublin Station, responded to the gas station and conducted a field interview on two males. They denied any involvement in the theft. Trooper Benn convinced the subjects to voluntarily go to the Dublin Station for further questioning.

Once there it was discovered that one of the suspects was wanted in North Carolina for the theft of a refrigerated trailer containing chicken. Further interviews resulted in a confession from the suspect for the Milford Township theft and the one in North Carolina. The suspect was further interrogated and provided information regarding similar thefts to Trooper Anthony W. Rhodunda III, Dublin Station. Trooper Rhodunda immediately provided the details he received from the suspect to the PSP Auto Theft Unit. As a result of the information, the Central Auto Theft Unit recovered three stolen trailers in Altoona, Pennsylvania, one of which contained $100,000 in tobacco leaves.

**Fatal Crash Investigation:** On February 16, 2006, Fogelsville Station investigated a three vehicle crash on I-78, Upper Saucon Township, Lehigh County. The 3-year-old daughter of the 22-year-old female operator (#1) was killed. Investigation revealed that the child was not properly restrained and the operator/mother was in possession of drug paraphernalia at the time of the crash, which was 0359 hours. Charges were filed on August 9, 2006, for Homicide by Vehicle, Involuntary Manslaughter, DUI, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Endangering the Welfare of Children, Recklessly Endangering, and several summary offenses against Chenoa K. O’Brien from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. O’Brien rear-ended one vehicle, lost control, traveled through the grass median, crashed into another oncoming vehicle, then struck an embankment and rolled over. O’Brien’s passenger, her 3-year-old daughter died of injuries sustained in the crash, primarily due to not being properly restrained. In exchange for a guilty plea, O’Brien was sentenced to 16 months to six years in prison, four years probation for the Involuntary Manslaughter charge. She received 72 hours to six months for the DUI charge.

**Burglary Suspects Apprehended:** On March 7, 2006, at 0530 hours, Trooper Chad M. Labour, Fogelsville Station, and his midnight partner, Trooper Joseph A. Campbell, heard Lehigh County Radio dispatch the Berks-Lehigh Regional Police Department to the Top Star Mobil, Hamilton Boulevard, Upper Macungie Township, for the report of a burglary in progress. The Troopers responded immediately due to their location. Upon arrival, two suspects fled the business. Trooper Campbell chased one of the suspects but lost sight of him. Trooper Labour chased the other suspect and eventually caught up with him. The suspect was taken to the ground and a struggle ensued. The suspect struggled with Trooper Labour when he was attempting to handcuff the suspect, and he fled again on foot and Trooper Labour pursued the suspect into a nearby apartment complex.

As additional backup units arrived in the area, Trooper Labour observed the suspect enter a vehicle which was backed up into a parking space. Troopers converged on the vehicle and ordered the suspect out of the vehicle.
The suspect failed to comply, and Trooper Labour smashed out the front passenger-side window after learning the vehicle was locked. Trooper Labour reached inside the vehicle and attempted to extract the suspect while providing verbal commands to stop the vehicle. During the struggle, the suspect received a laceration near his right eye. As the suspect’s vehicle sped out of the parking lot, Trooper Labour continued to hold on to the suspect’s jacket as he ran along side the vehicle. As the vehicle made a right turn, Trooper Labour lost his grip on the suspect’s jacket and the right rear tire ran over Trooper Labour’s right foot. The vehicle fled the scene but was located later in the day. Evidence obtained at the scene and in the vehicle led to the swift arrest of Arthur John Seitz III and Isaac Lloyd Mayberry. Seitz pled guilty to four counts of burglary on September 26, 2006. On November 8, 2006, he was sentenced to 11.5 to 23 months imprisonment, followed by 24 months of probation for each burglary. On November 15, 2006, Mayberry pled guilty to four burglaries and one count of aggravated assault. On January 3, 2007, he was sentenced to 11.5 to 23 months imprisonment, followed by five years probation for each count to be served concurrently.

**Delaware River Flooding:** Due to heavy rains and flooding conditions along the Delaware River and local creeks in Bucks County, residents of Yardley Borough, Lower Makefield Township and Upper Makefield Township had to be evacuated. Under the orders of Governor Rendell, and at the request of local government agencies, Trevose Station assisted in traffic control and provided security to restricted areas of travel. Yardley Borough was the most affected area which required State Police assistance. Security was provided on a 24-hour basis from June 28, 2006 through July 3, 2006.
Troop M Enforcement Efforts

Traffic Citations: ..........................................................23,962
DUI Arrests: .....................................................................705
MCSAP Inspections: ........................................................2,971
School Bus Inspections: ....................................................1,343
Criminal Arrests: ..............................................................2,417
Drug-Related Arrests: .......................................................158
Fire Marshal Investigations: .................................................77
Child Safety Seat Inspections: .............................................362

Troop N, Hazleton

Facts and Highlights

Captain James W. Murtin, Commanding Officer

Headquarters located in Luzerne County
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West Hazleton, Pennsylvania 18202
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Four Additional Stations:
Bloomsburg, Columbia County   Fern Ridge, Monroe County
Lehighton, Carbon County       Swiftwater, Monroe County

236 enlisted and civilian personnel
Total population of Troop area: approximately 600,000
Total area served by Troop: 1,766.4 square miles
Total number of incidents handled by Troop during 2006: 48,214

Troop N Troop Commanders Letters of Commendation/Recognition:
Trooper Richard E. Facyson and Trooper Karri L. Dodson, both from Fern Ridge Station: On November 6, 2006, Trooper Facyson and Trooper Dodson responded to the Gilbert Mini-Mart for an armed robbery. There was a chain of crimes that day in the Brodheadsville area, which included four armed robberies and the burglary of a firearm’s store. Following a detailed investigation, Trooper Facyson located the accused, Dennis Cangiarella. After a brief chase on foot, he was able to recover Cangiarella’s weapon and aid in his arrest.
Trooper Facyson’s efforts helped keep the suspect from terrorizing more businesses, delaying his arrest, and a possible escape.

Patricia Ebbert, PCO, Lehighton Station: On June 27, 2005, Thomas George Heiney, Jr., violated a Protection from Abuse order after placing threatening telephone calls to his spouse’s residence. Heiney had a known history of anger problems and was prone to violence. Subsequently, Heiney proceeded to set fire to his spouse’s residence, vandalize her vehicle, and damage her property. During this incident, PCO Ebbert received a telephone call at Lehighton Station from the spouse’s family stating Heiney had a gun to his own head. As a result of PCO Ebbert’s persistence in contacting Heiney and talking with him, she ultimately prevented a possible suicide and played a large role in the successful conclusion of this incident by convincing him to surrender to members of the Lehighton Station that arrived on scene.

Troopers Mark S. Holtsmaster and Robert K. Sebastianelli, Swiftwater Station: In September 1982, the owner of the Hill Motor Lodge in Mt. Pocono was murdered. Two suspects were initially developed. One was arrested, stood trial, and was acquitted of the homicide while being convicted of burglary. The other left the state of Pennsylvania.

The efforts Troopers Holtsmaster and Sebastianelli put forth in locating and apprehending the second suspect were above and beyond what could have been expected and provides an outstanding testament to their personal character and professionalism. In January 2005, over 22 years after the crime, Troopers Holtsmaster’s and Sebastianelli’s perseverance prevailed.

Frederick John Davis was arrested for the Murder of Gladys Steffenhagen. On November 7, 2006, Davis was convicted of First-Degree Murder, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, and Burglary in the death of Mrs. Steffenhagen. (Additional information, see clearance of unsolved Homicides).

Trooper David L. Peters, Trooper Victor Ortalano, Trooper Robert J. Lombardo, Trooper Girard M. Hughes, all from Swiftwater Station: During the early morning hours of March 20, 2005, the above Troopers assisted the Wilkes-Barre City Municipal Police Department in a pursuit that stemmed from an aggravated assault incident. The armed suspect fled the scene along with four children. As a result of his dedication to duty, he was able to defuse a potentially dangerous situation after initiating a felony traffic stop on the vehicle. Without regard for Trooper Peter’s own safety, and keeping the safety of the children, other police officers, and the suspect in mind, Trooper Peters and fellow members were able to arrest the suspect without incident.

Trooper Jamison E. Sgarlat, Fern Ridge Station: While traveling home from the firearms range on June 20, 2005, in Plains Township, Trooper Sgarlat observed red flashing lights from a vehicle owned by Edwardsville Fire Chief Frank Slymock. Fire Chief Slymock was attempting to talk with a subject, an individual who intended to jump off the Susquehanna River Bridge and end his life. After assessing the situation, Trooper Sgarlat immediately contacted the Troop P, Wyoming Headquarters, and was advised Troopers were on their way to the scene. Meanwhile, Trooper Sgarlat approached Fox and identified himself.
When the opportunity presented itself, and while Mr. Slymock was speaking with him, Trooper Sgarlat subdued the subject and prevented him from jumping off the bridge. His actions prevented a tragic situation from occurring and ultimately saved his life.

Trooper Michael R. Reffeor, Bloomsburg Station: From the fall of 2005 until July of 2006, a large number of burglaries occurred in Columbia, Luzerne, and Lycoming Counties totaling more than $23,000. Trooper Reffeor was assigned the investigation and worked side-by-side with Trooper Christopher M. King, Shickshinny Station. The investigation initially seemed to move slowly, but Trooper Reffeor persevered and worked countless hours investigating this crime. By collecting a vast amount of information on the accused, James Merrion, and utilizing every resource available, Trooper Reffeor was eventually able to predict that Merrion was ready to strike once again and he prepared for that occasion. On July 26, 2006, Trooper Reffeor apprehended Merrion during what would turn out to be his last attempt to burglarize an establishment for the next 30 years.

Trooper Daniel Zaykowski, Fern Ridge Station: During the evening hours of December 21, 2005, Trooper Zaykowski responded to a report of a 16-year-old boy, threatening to commit suicide. His mother, who was present during the incident, advised Trooper Zaykowski that the youth was visually impaired and was armed with a large caliber handgun. As a result of his patience, dedication, and exceptional verbal skills, Trooper Zaykowski convinced the subject to surrender and seek medical attention. His actions prevented a tragic situation from occurring and ultimately saved his life.

Trooper David B. Klitsch, Hazleton Headquarters: Trooper David B. Klitsch was driving past the scene of an intentionally set church fire at 189 Church Road, Penn Forest Township, Carbon County, which he investigated on November 4, 2006, when he observed a vehicle parked nearby. Trooper Klitsch stopped to check on it and heard glass breaking. He discovered two individuals at that location and immediately took one into custody and called for assistance. A search of the church revealed a gasoline can lying on the floor. The other actor fled the scene; he was subsequently found hiding in the woods nearby.

Upon interviewing the actors, one confessed to their involvement in that fire and then going back to destroy any evidence they may have left behind. The other actor refused to cooperate. Both individuals were charged with Arson and are in the Carbon County Correctional facility.

**Benton Area Serial Burglary Investigation:** In January 2006, a trend began to develop in the Northern Columbia County Borough of Benton. Both PROphecy and AIMS data began to suggest commercial burglaries were occurring at a frequency much higher than would be expected in the area. Trooper Michael R. Reffeor, Bloomsburg Station, was assigned to lead the effort to identify the perpetrator. Commercial retail establishments were being targeted, including restaurants, mini-markets, and similar businesses.
In conjunction with the Shickshinny Station, a suspect was developed. James Merrion, a career burglar was known to have moved from Luzerne County to Columbia County, and it appeared the majority of the burglaries had moved in similar fashion. PROphecy was utilized to track burglaries and monitor any trends regarding time of day or day of week. Initially, burglaries were occurring early in the week, most often Monday through Wednesday. The Bureau of Emergency and Special Operations (BESO) was contacted and provided pole cameras and eventually tracking devices to track the movements of suspect James Merrion. Trooper Reffeor, along with Trooper Christopher M. King, Shickshinny Station, spent untold hours reviewing tapes and performing surveillance activities to develop a feel for the habits of Merrion. Trooper Reffeor tracked crimes, independently of PROphecy, to establish time lines and coordinate surveillance details when he felt they would be most productive. In conjunction with tracking data, Reffeor built a strong circumstantial case against James Merrion, but continued undaunted in an effort to apprehend him in the act. When Trooper Reffeor was satisfied he could predict the habits of Merrion with reasonable certainty, he assisted in mustering an extensive surveillance detail for a period of three nights.

Twelve men and a PSP fixed-wing aircraft monitored Merrion’s every move, but with no success. On the third night, Merrion left his residence, but Reffeor indicated he was not dressed to commit a burglary. Rather than risk Merrion detecting the surveillance he was not followed at that time.

He returned home and shortly thereafter, Merrion left his residence again. Merrion was followed and after traveling into a rural area of Luzerne County, Merrion parked in a secluded, wooded area, near a video arcade and go-kart racetrack. Merrion was allowed time to enter the business and the detail converged, surrounding the facility. Shortly thereafter, Merrion emerged and after a brief foot chase, he was captured carrying a bag of burglary implements. Subsequent interview gleaned admissions to 29 burglaries. Merrion’s frenzy was fueled by a drug habit, and his actions rattled the collective psyche of the rural community of Benton. Trooper Reffeor assumed “ownership” of this case, and his doggedness and aggressiveness took a career criminal off the streets before his fervor resulted in injury to anyone.

**Drug Seizures:** The Vice/Narcotics Unit, Hazleton Headquarters, assisted by members of Bloomsburg Station, served a search warrant in Benton Borough. The probable cause was based on receipt of information regarding local burglaries, and the suspected trading of stolen money and items for heroin from the target location. Additional information was also obtained from sources of information from the Vice/Narcotics Unit and the Columbia County Drug Task Force that heroin was being sold by the targets. The search resulted in the seizure of over two bricks of heroin, approximately 112 bags, over 60 empty bags, U.S. currency and numerous items of paraphernalia. Also located were stolen jewelry and an Xbox 360 that the targets admitted were traded for heroin.

During the search, three other targets arrived at the location, and two were found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia. Four arrests were made following the search.
Clearance of Unsolved Homicides: On September 9, 1982, the body of Gladys Steffenhagen, 60-year-old, was discovered inside a room at the Hill Motor Lodge, Mount Pocono, Monroe County. The victim and her husband were owner/operator of the establishment. It was apparent that a burglary had taken place, and the victim was killed by strangulation using an extension cord or similar instrument. Investigation identified two suspects, Mark Faler and Frederick Davis. In 1982, Faler was charged with Criminal Homicide, Aggravated Assault, and Burglary. At the trial, he was convicted of Aggravated Assault and Burglary, but found not guilty of the Murder. During testimony, Faler indicated that Davis committed the murder. Davis was never charged; however, he was later convicted of an attempted Homicide that occurred in New York which was similar in circumstances to the Steffenhagen murder. Upon release from New York State Prison, Davis subsequently moved to Las Vegas, Nevada. The case then went cold for over 20 years. In 2004, continued investigation by Swiftwater Station led to hair samples being obtained from Davis which resulted in a DNA match.

In 2005, Davis was taken into custody and charged with the victim’s murder. In 2006, Davis was convicted of First-Degree Murder and will spend the rest of his life in prison.

Homicide: On February 12, 2004, Lyndell Schock, a 49-year-old female, was found inside her Carbon County residence. The victim suffered multiple stab wounds, and her throat had been cut several times. An intensive investigation resulted in the arrest of the victim’s 18-year-old son, Derek Schock, and his two roommates, Brad Ondrovic, 23-year-old, and William Bender, 19-year-old. Derek Schock planned the murder as he was upset that his mother did not provide him with money he felt he was entitled to. In 2006, all three participants pled guilty. Ondrovic and Schock were sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. Bender pled guilty to Third Degree Murder and was sentenced to 10-20 years in state prison. Troop N Major Case Team investigated.

Double Homicide: On February 13, 2004, within hours of the Troop N Major Case Team commencing investigation into the Schock homicide, the team became involved in a second murder case. A Monroe County 911 call reported that a male suffering from a gunshot wound was seeking help. Responding officers found 19-year-old Jose Joubert, who suffered injuries that required he be airlifted to a hospital. Joubert provided information that other individuals had been shot inside a nearby residence. It was there that Troopers located the bodies of Jennifer Cullinan, 41-year-old, and Jason Gray, 19-year-old. Both had been killed by gunshots. Investigation found that the murders centered on drug and criminal activity, including burglaries and ATV thefts.

Within hours, two individuals, James Daniels, 26-year-old, and Jason Koehler, 20-year-old, were in custody and charged with murder. Both pled guilty in 2006. Koehler received a sentence of 40-80 years, while Daniels was sentenced to a term of 7-18 years.
**Double Homicide:** On February 25, 2004, a Monroe County residential fire claimed the life of a 3-year-old girl and her 2-year-old brother. An investigation found that the fire was intentionally set by the victim’s mother, Samantha Hirt, 28-year-old. Samantha Hirt was charged with two counts of Homicide and related charges and the case was resolved in 2006. Hirt, who had a history of mental problems, was allowed to enter a plea to Third-Degree Murder.

Hirt will spend 12 to 30 years undergoing psychiatric treatment in a state correctional facility. Troopers David P. Cusatis and David B. Klitsch of Hazleton Headquarters, Fire Marshal Unit, were instrumental in clearing the case.

**Homicide:** On December 9, 2005, a structure fire in Polk Township, Monroe County, killed an 11-year-old child. Children & Youth Services had been at the residence just hours before the fire. The victim’s 12-year-old sibling had a history of starting fires and subsequently admitted to having started this fire. The accused was charged as an adult, which gained national attention due to his age. The case was later transferred to the juvenile system, where the accused was adjudicated delinquent. The accused will remain at a juvenile facility until he is 21 years of age.

Troopers David P. Cusatis and David B. Klitsch of Hazleton Headquarters, Fire Marshal Unit, as well as Corporal Gregg P. Mrachko, Hazleton Headquarters, Polygraph Operator, were instrumental in clearing the case.

**Police Shooting/Justifiable Homicide:** As a result of a drive-by shooting occurring on Stockton Road, Luzerne County, one of the rounds struck a 9-year-old in the knee. The investigation revealed that George Deeb III, 18-year-old, was responsible, mistaking the victim for a member of a group of older males he expected to meet and fight. The driver of the vehicle was a 17-year-old male who was placed into juvenile detention after providing investigators false information regarding his participation and knowledge of the incident. A warrant was obtained for Deeb, but he was killed by Hazleton City Police on November 29, 2006, in a justified shooting incident. The Troop N Major Case Team investigated the shooting of George Thomas Deeb III. The investigation revealed that Deeb made a phone call to the Hazleton Police Department, but did not identify himself and directed officers to his location. Upon their arrival, he opened fire on them. The first two responding officers were struck by gunfire and returned fire. A third officer arrived to assist. Deeb was eventually shot and killed. One city police officer sustained a serious arm injury and was taken to Lehigh Valley Hospital, and the second officer received a grazing wound to the head and was treated and released from Hazleton Hospital. Deeb fired a total 25 rounds, reloading his .40 semiautomatic pistol at least twice.

Police fired at least 74 rounds from their .40 caliber service pistols and 34 rounds from an issued .223 assault rifle. Deeb was struck at least 17 times. The shooting has been ruled as justified by Luzerne County District Attorney David Lupas.
Traffic Citations: ............................................................. 27,518
DUI Arrests: ................................................................. 718
MCSAP Inspections: ....................................................... 3,789
School Bus Inspections: .................................................. 972
Criminal Arrests: ........................................................... 3,214
Drug-Related Arrests: .................................................... 235
Fire Marshal Investigations: .............................................. 155
Child Safety Seat Inspections: ......................................... 233

2005 Personnel of the Year

Trooper Jeremy T. Bowser named Pennsylvania State Police “Trooper of Year”

State Police Commissioner Jeffrey B. Miller presented the award to Trooper Jeremy T. Bowser, Troop D, Kittanning Station, during ceremonies at the PSP Academy. “Trooper Bowser has proven himself to be a highly self-motivated and goal-oriented member of the Department,” Miller said. “He is a leader among his peers, demonstrating by example his willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty in conducting traffic stops and investigations.”

In March 2005, Bowser received specialized Operation SHIELD training, which is designed to help Troopers identify and interdict drugs, weapons, fugitives, and terrorist movements on state highways. SHIELD is an acronym for Safe Highways Initiative through Effective Law Enforcement and Detection.

Following his training, Bowser conducted more than 150 self-initiated investigations that resulted in 210 arrests for felony or misdemeanor offenses related to illegal drug activities.

“As a direct result of his initiative, he apprehended several wanted individuals, including a homicide suspect from Iowa,” Miller said. “During 2005, he also arrested 22 individuals for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Bowser has been instrumental in creating a strong interest in combating drug-related activities throughout the Troop D area. He possesses an outstanding work ethic and has been a mentor to many other members of the Department,” Miller said. Bowser enlisted in the State Police in 2002. He lives in West Kittanning with his wife, Dexie, and their 2-year-old daughter.
Joseph C. Micolucci named Pennsylvania State Police “Enforcement Officer of the Year”

A State Police Motor Carrier Enforcement Officer assigned to the Blooming Grove Station of Troop R was honored today as the State Police “Enforcement Officer of the Year” for 2005. State Police Commissioner Jeffrey B. Miller presented the award to MCEO 2 Joseph C. Micolucci, 49, of the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit at Blooming Grove during ceremonies at the State Police Academy.

Motor Carrier Enforcement Officers are part of the State Police Bureau of Patrol and work with State Troopers to check commercial vehicles and their drivers to determine compliance with transportation laws. The officers previously were assigned to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, but fell under State Police jurisdiction following a consolidation of the state’s motor carrier safety and enforcement operations in January 2005.

“Officer Micolucci, who is a 29-year veteran of state service, is known for tenaciousness in conducting commercial vehicle inspections,” Miller said. Micolucci last year conducted 433 Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program inspections, which resulted in the issuance of 880 citations and the placing of 289 vehicles out of service due to significant violations.

“His outstanding work ethic is recognized across the state and he is highly respected by his peers,” Miller said. “He serves as a team leader and sets the pace for other members of his team.”

Micolucci lives in the Beach Lake area with his wife, Jean.

Jeffrey G. Felsing named Pennsylvania State Police “Police Communications Operator of the Year”

Jeffrey G. Felsing of Prospect, Butler County, today was honored as the State Police “Police Communications Operator of the Year.” State Police Commissioner Jeffrey B. Miller presented the award to Felsing during a ceremony at the State Police Academy.

“PCO Felsing is an outstanding member of the Department who routinely goes above and beyond the call of duty to complete a wide range of projects and tasks,” Miller said. “He shares his expertise in the fields of radio and computer technology with his coworkers on a regular basis.” Assigned to communications desk at Troop D, Butler, Felsing recently received the Telecommunicator of the Year Award from the Pennsylvania Chapter of the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials International.
Felsing is a department PCO instructor who for two years commuted between his home and Hershey to serve on the training staff for the first State Police Consolidated Dispatch Center, which opened near Harrisburg in June 2004.

“PCO Felsing recently was one of only two PCOs statewide trained to be an instructor for the Department's mobile office project,” Miller said. “He is both the primary personal computer coordinator and the computer-based training coordinator for Troop D.” Felsing is active in his community through involvement with the Butler County Amateur Radio Association, Butler County Radio Emergency Services Association, Masonic Lodge and his church. Felsing has 12 years of service with State Police. He and his wife, Dawn, have two sons.

**Julie A. Farling named Pennsylvania State Police “Civilian Employee of the Year”**

A Dauphin County woman who played a key role in the development of the expanded State Police Megan’s Law website today was honored as the State Police “Civilian Employee of the Year” for 2005. State Police Commissioner Jeffrey B. Miller presented the award to Julie A. Farling, 47, of Dauphin, during a ceremony at the State Police Academy. Farling is an Applications Developer Supervisor in the Strategic Development Division of the State Police Bureau of Technology Services in Harrisburg.

“Julie Farling is a dedicated State Police employee who does an outstanding job managing projects and personnel,” Miller said. “She joined the Department as a Clerk Typist in 1979, and moved her way up into a key technology position through hard work and study.” Miller noted that Farling was a member of a State Police team that worked under a tight deadline to expand the Megan’s Law website in early 2005, after Governor Edward G. Rendell signed legislation authorizing State Police to add photographs and other information about all registered sexual offenders in Pennsylvania on the website.

Miller said Farling is a peer contact for the State Police Member Assistance Program; served as a volunteer for the State Police Centennial Celebration Committee; worked with the State Police Office of Domestic Security to develop the Department’s continuity of government plan, and was among State Police personnel who responded to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency’s Emergency Operations Center activation during Hurricane Katrina. “This award recognizes Julie Farling’s loyalty, reliability and devotion to the Pennsylvania State Police,” Miller said. Farling and her husband, Bob, live in Dauphin. They have twin daughters, Randi and Jessi.
Deputy Commissioner of Staff

Lt. Colonel Coleman J. McDonough was appointed as Deputy Commissioner of Staff on April 22, 2006. He is responsible for the administration, coordination, and supervision of the Bureau of Research and Development, the Bureau of Forensic Services, the Bureau of Staff Services, the Bureau of Technology Services, and the Bureau of Records and Identification.

Bureau of Research and Development
Major Richard A. Stein, Director

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

Planning Division

Electronic Immobilization Devices: During 2006, the Planning Division completed a feasibility study for Electronic Immobilization Devices. This study included the development of an interim policy and regular project management reviews to ensure the success of a pilot program. A pilot program was initiated to evaluate holsters and Taser brand stun guns. In February 2006, training was provided by Taser International for 18 members and Taser brand Electronic Immobilization Devices were placed into service. During the pilot program, Tasers were deployed 30 times and proved to be an effective tool for the Patrol Trooper. As a result of the pilot program, the Department will purchase a Taser for each Patrol Trooper and Patrol Supervisor.

Patrol Rifles: During 2006, the Planning Division was directed by the Commissioner to provide additional patrol rifles to each Station. The goal was to provide every Station with enough rifles that each Trooper will have a rifle available for every shift. An additional 400 Colt rifles were received and distributed to the field. Currently, members who are qualified with the patrol rifle may carry a Department owned rifle or an approved personally owned rifle while on patrol.

Suggestion Program: The Grants Acquisition and Administrative Section received and processed 179 suggestions during 2006. Several suggestions were adopted for implementation, including a suggestion to provide extra keys for patrol vehicles for increased Trooper safety, and for the Executive staff to present awards during Station visits when time permits. The Suggestion Program provides a unique opportunity for Department personnel to present ideas and participate in the decision-making process. Suggestions are submitted electronically through the PSPiNet.
**2006-2010 Department Strategic Plan:** 2006 was the first year for the Department’s Strategic Plan, Extraordinary Service in our Second Century. The plan provides direction to the Department through 2010, with clearly articulated goals and individual action plans to achieve each goal. After analyzing data from the first year of the plan, it is evident that the Strategic Plan is working in helping the Department achieve its goals.

**Grant Acquisition Program:** The Pennsylvania State Police continues to serve as the chief administrator for all State agencies requesting funds from the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program. Sergeant Jeremy M. Richard and Trooper Chad M. Berstler coordinated the acquisition and distribution of these funds for 15 state agencies including the Department. In 2006, the Department received $109,809.05 from the program. The Department also received over $4.8 million in federal grant money.

**Internal Survey:** In November 2006, the Department conducted an internal survey of all Department personnel. Sergeant Jeremy M. Richard collected and compiled all of the survey data. The survey was conducted on the PSPiNet with great success. The responses received were from 43 percent of the 6,374 personnel serving the Department. Feedback from the internal survey will be used to identify opportunities to improve the work environment and the quality of life of Department personnel.

**Programming Division**

**Accreditation Section:** The Accreditation Section continued to prepare for the 2007 CALEA reaccreditation process.

**eLibrary Section:** Mrs. Pamela J. Yandrich participated in monthly committee meetings with representatives from the State Records Center in order to establish the guidelines that all State agencies will follow when creating/revising Records Retention Schedules.

**MI/UCR Section:** A change in legislation mandated the submission of uniform crime reporting by all applicable departments. The members of the UCR unit sent out mailings to all applicable recipients and outlined the penalties for non-compliance.
Bureau of Forensic Services
Major Nancy B. Kovel, Director

The Bureau of Forensic Services, headquartered in Department Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania is comprised of the Investigation and Operational Support Division (IOSD), Scientific Services Division (SSD), and the Quality Management Division (QMD). The Bureau is responsible for the operation of seven regional laboratories located in Bethlehem, Erie, Greensburg, Harrisburg, Lima, and Wyoming. Forensic services are available in disciplines of AFIS/Latent Prints, Ballistics, Multimedia, Questioned Documents, Beverage Alcohol/Drug Identification, Serology, DNA, and Trace Evidence to all state, municipal, and federal law enforcement agencies. The Bureau of Forensic Services received over 49,500 cases in 2006.

Investigation and Operational Support Division

Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS)/Latent Print Section: The AFIS/Latent Print Section continues to move forward technologically and have contributed to the successful resolution of many criminal cases in Commonwealth and federal courts. In 2006, AFIS/Latent Print Section members continued to lend their expertise in Impression Evidence to the Commonwealth through the numerous training courses they instructed.

The AFIS/Latent Print Section received new software enabling members to search crime scene palm prints through an offender palm print database. All members in the AFIS/Latent Print Section received training on the new software. Within the first weeks of use, Corporal William D. Wagner, Erie Regional Crime Laboratory, obtained the first positive hit through the use of the database, which led to the clearance of multiple burglaries in the Erie area.

Members of the AFIS/Latent Print Section assisted in numerous training courses. Training was conducted in Basic and Advanced Fingerprint Identification, Basic Crime Scene, Shoe and Tire Impression Evidence, as well as Impression Evidence training for the 120th, 121st, and 122nd Pennsylvania State Police Cadet classes.

Training was also conducted at the Allentown Police Academy for their cadets and at the Northwest Training Center for a Criminal Investigator’s course.

Ballistics Section: The Ballistics Section was involved in numerous regional high-profile cases during 2006. Many of these cases have been successfully adjudicated due to the efforts of the complex examinations and court testimonies of the Section members. The Ballistics Section received 612 homicides, 334 aggravated assaults, and 451 robbery cases statewide in 2006.

Sergeant Eric E. Wolfgang was involved in the examination and court testimonies involving the evidence submitted in the shooting deaths of two Bradford County Sheriff’s Deputies.
Deputy Michael VanKuren and Deputy Christopher Burgert were shot and killed while attempting to serve warrants in Bradford County. According to the Pennsylvania Attorney General’s Office, ballistics testimony was instrumental in finding the defendant guilty and subsequently sentencing him to death.

Trooper Elwood F. Spencer, Wyoming Regional Laboratory, assisted with the extrication of a truck driver from his overturned cab at a crash scene on I-81. Trooper Spencer received a Bureau Director’s Letter of Commendation for his actions.

**Photographic and Multimedia Sections:** During 2006, the Photographic Section received and completed 6,435 requests for photographic processing services. Additionally, the Photographic Section received and completed 402 subpoena requests to reproduce photographs for court.

During 2006, the Multimedia Section received and completed 138 multimedia evidence submissions. In October 2006, the Multimedia Section underwent an inspection to become accredited by ASCLD/LAB. The Section successfully passed the inspection and will become accredited in 2007.

**Questioned Documents Section:** During March 2006, Sergeant Gerhard W. Wendt assisted the New York State Police Crime Laboratory in Albany with their accreditation process. Also, two Questioned Documents Section trainees completed training conducted by the FBI in October 2006. The Questioned Documents Section was awarded a Paul Coverdell Federal Grant for new equipment, and is in the process of replacing a Video Spectral Comparator used in the process of ink analysis, alteration examination, and document authentication.
Training and Technical Support Section: During 2006, the Training and Technical Support Section provided over 35 forensic-related courses throughout the Commonwealth, instructing nearly 600 individuals from over 140 law enforcement agencies. In addition to the core forensic-related courses taught by the Department, instructors from other agencies provided training in courses relating to Basic Mass Spectroscopy, Forensic Alternate Light Sources, and Facial Composite Software. The Training and Technical Support Section assisted the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Fire Marshal Unit, in training all full-time and alternate Fire Marshals in the utilization of their new digital cameras. Approximately 3,500 forensic services investigative reports were reviewed for training and technical proficiencies and/or deficiencies.

New Facial Composite software and Forensic Alternate Light Sources were purchased for the Troop Forensic Services Units. The new Facial Composite software will aid the investigator by providing a photo-like composite of a victim, a suspect for investigative purposes, and to assist the media when required. The new Alternate Light Sources will assist the Troop Forensic Services Unit in analyzing, photographing, and collecting serological evidence and trace evidence at a crime scene.

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.

SLIMS continues to provide the Bureau of Forensic Services laboratories with a state-of-the-art automated Forensic Case Management System that evolves to meet their needs and improves the efficiency of laboratory operations. The increased efficiency not only provides improved service internally, but to investigators and the law enforcement community in general. The system is, and will continue to be an integral part in the on-going ASCLD/LAB Accreditation of the Pennsylvania State Police crime laboratories.

Several projects initiated in 2006 should come to fruition in 2007. These projects include the addition of server storage space for the integration of the newly acquired Mideo imaging workstations, a sole source contract to upgrade the reporting modules of the BEAST application for all disciplines, implementation of signature pads for electronic capture of signatures, update of barcode equipment, and upgrading of the BEAST to version 5.7. In addition, the Bureau of Forensic Services has begun to research the acquisition and implementation of a web server that will allow for expeditious entry of case information, automate report distribution, and reduce paperwork throughout the crime laboratory system.
Bureau of Records and Identification
Major Joseph A. Holmberg, Director

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

Operational Records Division

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 2006, the Crash Reports Unit processed 49,587 reports and 44,419 requests for report copies. The Criminal Investigative Records Unit processes all original documents associated with State Police generated criminal incident reports. During 2006, the Criminal Investigative Records Unit processed 245,147 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 2006, the Expungement Unit processed 31,132 requests for expungements. The Subpoena Processing Unit processes all subpoenas and Right-to-Know requests for the Department. During 2006, the Subpoena Processing Unit dealt with 2,195 requests.

Megan’s Law Section: Megan’s Law continues to grow and evolve at a rapid rate due in part to legislative changes and Department compliance initiatives. A Department Task Force was established to identify and register previously unregistered offenders. Over 780 cases were investigated with approximately 500 identified as needing to be registered. Approximately 300 previously noncompliant offenders were registered and nearly 200 were located, but not registered due to various reasons such as being deported, deceased, or living in another state. The public website continues to be very popular and has now been changed to post the full residential and school addresses of all registered offenders. There are presently 11,051 registered sex offenders with 9,054 currently in an active status. More than 1,514 offenders were registered in 2006. There are currently 165 registered sexually violent predators; a 50 percent increase in the amount from all previous years combined.

Firearms Division

Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS): During 2006, 165,260 handguns and 249,815 long guns were transferred, and 102,473 license-to-carry permits were issued. PICS processed 539,735 background check calls, which resulted in 9,535 denials. Additionally, 2,846 background checks were conducted for the return of seized or confiscated firearms or for third party safekeeping of firearms.

In 2006, 119 wanted persons were identified and apprehended while trying to acquire a firearm, bringing the total to 901. There were 285 firearm investigations sent to Troops and eight referred to ATF for prohibited persons attempting to purchase a firearm by providing false information. There were 194 arrests and 173 convictions reported providing false information. These resulted in 153 arrests and 143 convictions.
Criminal Records and Identification Division

The Criminal Records and Identification Division is responsible for maintaining and updating all Pennsylvania Criminal History Records. Responses are also made to criminal Justice and non-criminal justice agencies who request criminal history information. The Division is also responsible for receiving and processing all criminal and applicant fingerprints.

Pennsylvania Access to Criminal History (PATCH): During 2006, the Division processed 1,200,030 requests for criminal history, an increase of 6 percent from 2005. Of these requests, 944,978 were made via the PATCH system, an 11 percent increase from 2005. During 2006, 32,342 FBI applicant fingerprint submissions were received and processed; this reflects a 9 percent increase from 2005.

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.

Harrisburg Consolidated Dispatch Center
Computer Operations Division

Commonwealth Law Enforcement Assistance Network (CLEAN) Administrative Section: In 2006, the Bureau of Technology Services continued its information gathering efforts to initiate an upgrade or wholesale replacement of our CLEAN System. The CLEAN System Project would transform CLEAN from its current “green screen” environment to a graphical user interface that would provide photos and other enhancements. A revised CLEAN System would also provide security enhancements that would comply with the FBI’s Criminal Justice Information Services standards. A consultant from the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS) was contracted to help formulate business requirements, a project plan and proposal documents that would be published to the vendor community. Project team members have amassed a wealth of data and have visited other states that have recently upgraded or replaced their state message switch. It is hoped that approval to proceed and funding for the project will be granted in mid-2007.

Bureau of Technology Services personnel have been working with the Pennsylvania Justice Network (JNET) and the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) to implement an automated warrants project. The initiative is to automatically have warrants entered into CLEAN and NCIC upon a criminal complaint being filed at a Magisterial District Judge. This would provide instant warrant information to members of the criminal justice community and ensure that a much higher volume of issued warrants are entered into CLEAN and NCIC. As the system is currently configured, the arresting officer has to obtain the warrant and then manually enter the warrant into CLEAN/NCIC. A pilot of the Automated Warrant Project will take place during the first quarter of 2007.

In 2006, Bureau of Technology Services personnel, the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts, and other entities rolled out the Protection From Abuse Database (PFAD) in 63 of Pennsylvania’s 67 counties. PFAD allows entry of Protection From Abuse (PFA) orders at the Clerk of Courts level. The PFA records are then scanned for accuracy and completeness by PSP personnel and then transferred from the PFAD system into CLEAN/NCIC.

During 2006, the Bureau of Technology Services/CLEAN Administrative Section investigated 24 instances of misuse of the CLEAN System across the Commonwealth. In the majority of cases, information was improperly disseminated. The CLEAN Administrative Section sanctions agencies and/or officers for violation of CLEAN or FBI CJIS policies based on the severity of the violation.

Enterprise Network Section: In 2006, the PSP Enterprise Network Infrastructure Refresh Project, which encompassed the replacement and upgrade of 3,356 desktop computers and 391 servers across 140 locations throughout the Commonwealth, was completed on time and under budget. The Enterprise Network desktop and server infrastructure provides the foundation and support for the entire Agency's Information Technology (IT) systems architecture, application areas, and business units across the Commonwealth.
The Enterprise Network Infrastructure Refresh Project also consisted of other key enhancements such as: bandwidth upgrades to remote sites, leveraging newer technology advancements that allowed for a reduction in the number of servers deployed from 391 to 181, implementation of a new Storage Area Network that allowed for additional storage space for CCHRI Imaging and Palmprints, and implementation of a centralized backup solution which improved Disaster Recovery capabilities and eliminated the need for remote personnel (typically enlisted personnel) to perform technical activities. The next phase of the project will encompass implementation of an agency network printer replacement that is scheduled to be completed in 2007.

**Implementation and Support/Mobile Office Section:** On December 18, 2006, the Bureau of Technology Services established an Administrative Call Center (ACC) Pilot Project at Troop K, Philadelphia. The pilot project involves Troop K, Headquarters and the Skippack Station. The ACC Pilot Project was established to provide a safe, reliable, and effective alternative means of providing police service to the public after normal business hours from an unmanned Station.

During normal business hours, Monday through Friday, the Skippack Station is staffed by a Public Service Clerk who is assigned to the Desk/Communications Unit and tasked with answering the phone and assisting walk-in traffic. After normal business hours and on weekends, all administrative calls and walk-in requests for assistance are routed to the ACC, located at Troop K, Headquarters. An individual who enters the lobby of the Skippack Station after hours will make contact with an ACC employee by using a telephone mounted in the Station lobby or by speaking directly with the ACC employee via a two-way intercom system installed in the lobby. The lobby of the Station is equipped with a closed-circuit video camera, which allows the ACC employee the ability to see anyone who has entered the lobby. Security enhancements to the station include the installation of fire and intrusion alarms, as well as video cameras in and around the Skippack Station. The alarms and cameras are monitored by the ACC. Security fencing has been erected around the parking lot of the Skippack Station to ensure the protection of Department and personal vehicles. Access to the Station is controlled by individual electronic pass cards or remotely by the ACC.

**Network Security Section:** At the end of 2006, the Network Security Section contracted with Verizon to upgrade the Department’s 11 firewalls and implement intrusion detection software that will better secure our internal network. The Firewall Upgrade Project will be completed during the first half of 2007.
Strategic Development Division

Criminal Justice Application Section: House Bill 1717 – Protection from Abuse Act. The legislation became effective May 9, 2006. To meet the requirements of this law, the Strategic Development Division (SDD) implemented enhancements to the PSP and Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV) Protection Order Registry to collect additional data elements and increase the file retention date from 18 to 36 months. Additionally, SDD developed and implemented a Firearms License database that is used for validation, statistical, and dissemination liability purposes.

NASCIO’s 2006 Recognition Awards for Outstanding Achievement: Ms. Randi Lorah was part of the Commonwealth workgroup that presented its work at the GJXDM Policy Academy in Denver, Colorado, on April 18, 2006. Their work, the Pennsylvania Global XML 3.0 Document Creation Process, was recognized as the winner of NASCIO’s 2006 Recognition Awards for Outstanding Achievement on October 15-18, 2006.

Identity Theft: In October 2006, identity theft logic for name, date of birth, and Social Security Number was incorporated into the Computerized Criminal History Record Information (CCHRI) and the Pennsylvania Access To Criminal History (PATCH) systems.

CLEAN Statewide Warrant Registry: Programming was developed and implemented to include Philadelphia Police Department warrants and absconder records in the CLEAN Statewide Warrant Registry.


Gaming Prints: SDD implemented a CCHRI enhancement in August 2006, to retain Gaming applicant fingerprint data and provide automatic notification to the Gaming Enforcement Office, upon arrest of a Gaming employee.

Horse Racing and Harness Racing Prints: In November 2006, SDD implemented a CCHRI enhancement to retain Horse Racing and Harness Racing prints.

DNA Prints: Effective March 13, 2007, SDD began providing the Greensburg DNA Lab with a file containing the SID, NAME, DOB, and SOC from newly-created DNA fingerprint card submissions. This assisted the lab in keeping their database current and eliminated a large volume of unnecessary DNA sample analysis, due to duplication of effort.

Automatic License Plate Recognition Extracts: On July 24, 2006, an Automatic License Plate Recognition data extract of the NCIC and PSP merged vehicle license plate and make. The file was made available to local police departments per every eight hour shift, via a web application.

Technical and Operational Updates: On July 24, 2006, a web application was implemented to make FBI Technical and Operational Updates (TOU) to the NCIC manual available to the CLEAN users.
MATRIX – FACTS Distributed System: In August 2006, SDD provided complete sets of Sexual Offender, Criminal History, Driver’s License, Motor Vehicle, Department of Correction, and Commonwealth Photo Image Network (CPIN) data, and Sexual Offender and CPIN images for the initial data load to the Distributed MATRIX System located at Department Headquarters.

PICS: PICS and PA law required Social Security Number (SSN) as a mandatory element. Due to a ruling by US District Courts, an individual can no longer be denied a license to carry, based solely on the grounds that they did not disclose their SSN. In March of 2006, several programming changes were made to the PICS Legacy background check process, firearm records functions, and VIKING data entry system to make this field optional.

Enterprise Applications Section: The Department Discipline System, for tracking member discipline, was rewritten and placed into service in 2006 for the Department Discipline Office (DDO). This new system includes many enhancements required by the Department to meet the stipulations and needs assessed by the Kroll Report. The system provides statistical and historical information at the touch of a button via automated reports.

Incident Information Management System (IIMS) Program: Vendor contracts with OA and DGS assistance, PSP executed contracts for direct vendor support for the Harrisburg and Norristown CDCs on August 1, 2006, upon Lockheed Martin’s departure. PSP officially notified Lockheed Martin of contract default and termination on April 20, 2007, for failure to transfer software licenses, as required by the Contract.

Mobile Office: A change order with Motorola was executed to deploy 33 additional, new Generation 3 Mobile Office units in support of the Philadelphia Highway initiative.

PSP developed and presented a proposed economically and operationally viable transition plan for the Generation 4 Mobile Office hardware platform to the Secretary of Administration.

As a cost savings alternative to contractually extending the expiring G3 Mobile Office leases, PSP purchased 189 units when the leases expired and returned 35 training units no longer needed.

SDD developed and implemented a Mobile Office Environment (MOE) IP Configuration management application.

SDD developed and implemented an MOE Event Log consolidation and reporting application.

CDR X-press: A new version of the CDR X-press client was developed and tested in 2006, and incorporated as part of the MOE Gold Image.

Office of IT Plans and Controls: A professional development course in project management principles, endorsed by the Academy, was developed and delivered to provide a foundation of knowledge and necessary training hours to meet the Project Management Institute’s training requirements for pursuing certification as a Project Management Professional (PMP).
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 of Staff Services prepares the annual Department budget requests and monitors expenditures for compliance; processes requisitions for supplies, services, and equipment; prepares leases and identifies facility requirements; 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.

Deputy Commissioner of Administration

Lt. Colonel Sidney A. Simon was appointed as Deputy Commissioner of Administration on July 30, 2005. He is responsible for coordinating and supervising the Member Assistance Office, the Bureau of Training and Education, the Bureau of Human Resources, and the Recruitment and Special Services Office.

Member Assistance Program
Corporal Govan A. Martin III, Manager

The PSP Member Assistance Program (MAP) marks its 20th anniversary of operation in 2006. The mission of MAP is to provide confidential assistance to Department personnel and their families who are experiencing personal, emotional, psychological, or related medical problems. MAP advocates for the mental and emotional health of our PSP family, so they can lead healthier, more productive lives. MAP accomplishes this mission by having a dedicated group of full-time and field Peer Contacts who give their time, commitment, and dedication to helping others.

MAP Main Office and Regional Peer Coordinators: Corporal Margaret D. Dropinski was selected as the new Northeast Regional Peer Coordinator in December 2006.

MAP full-time personnel attended training in advanced Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) and Suicide Prevention/Postvention training sponsored by the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF) in Pittsburgh. This four day training provided extensive techniques and strategies for use during Critical Incidents and suicides. Additional training taken by one or several of the MAP full-time staff included attendance at: National Returning Veterans Conference in Washington, D.C.; Employee Assistance Professionals Association (EAPA) Annual Conference; and Psychological First Aid.
Part-Time Peers: The MAP added 12 new Peer Contacts in 2006. Adding these new Peer Contacts enhances our services and accessibility to aid Department personnel and their families. The new field Peers completed their basic week of Peer Contact Training in June. Currently there are 83 field Peer Contacts.

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. This program continues to be a valuable and additional resource to augment MAP.

In November 2006, MAP conducted a two day training conference for PSP Chaplains. The conference consisted of an overview of the Department rules and regulations, group discussions, goals and expectations, and a review of AR 4-33 (Chaplaincy Program). Additionally, Chaplains participated in a tabletop exercise sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Health regarding their role in the event a pandemic flu was to affect the Commonwealth. This conference was paid by grant monies obtained by MAP from the Department of Health.

Data/Statistics/MAP: The below statistics continue to show the impact on how MAP aids Department personnel and their families.

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MAP personnel dedicated 2,809 hours of their personal time conducting Peer Contacts. Overtime hours, which were dedicated only to responding to Critical Incidents, totaled 259 hours.

Notable 2006 Critical Incident—Amish school shooting.

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 Chaplain Activity in 2006.
Chaplains were requested to respond to four Critical Incidents (fatal accident involving a family member of a Trooper, line-of-duty injury to a local police officer (Allentown), New York State Trooper who was shot and transported to Erie, and the Amish School Shooting).

Chaplain interactions with all Department personnel and their families totaled 3,198 who sought assistance through the Chaplaincy Program (657 enlisted, 545 civilians, and 996 other agencies).

Chaplains dedicated 1,369 hours to assisting Department personnel and their families.

Chaplains assisted with 24 Departmental ceremonies/special events and conducted 307 Troop/Bureau/Office and Station visits.

**Map Website:** The MAP website, [www.pspcares.state.pa.us](http://www.pspcares.state.pa.us) is in its first full year of operation, and continues to grow with the addition of a new section entitled, “Articles of Interest.”

This section will provide information pertaining to stress, stress management, mental/emotional well-being, and other related articles. Additional links were also added to provide the best possible resources for personnel and their families.

The website provides additional information concerning the mental health/substance abuse benefits that are provided to PSP personnel and their families, the PSP Chaplaincy Program, resource links, etc. Funding for the continued growth of this website was provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Health from federal grant monies.

**Mid-Atlantic Law Enforcement Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Conference:** MAP hosted the first Mid-Atlantic Law Enforcement Employee Assistance Program Conference in April 2006. The goal of this conference was to foster and engender ideas on how to improve each program for State Police personnel and their families. Employee Assistance Program Representatives from the states that border our Commonwealth (New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia) and the FBI provided an overview of their role and responsibilities within their agency. This conference also provided the opportunity to discuss how each agency handles the many unique situations that are common among Law Enforcement Employee Assistance Programs.

**Grant Money:** MAP obtained a $68,000 grant from the Department of Health. Grant monies paid for the MAP Annual In-Service Training for all Peer Contacts and the PSP Chaplains Conference, which included lodging, food, and speakers for both conferences. Grant monies were also used to attend advanced Critical Incident and Suicide Awareness training conducted by the ICISF (International Critical Incident Stress Foundation). Grant Monies will be used to distribute an informational mailer to the residence of all employees in the PSP. This mailer contains brochures outlining MAP, the State Employees Assistance Program (SEAP), and the PSP Chaplaincy Program. This mailer should be sent out in mid to late January 2007. Grant money was also used to improve the PSP MAP website [www.pspcares.state.pa.us](http://www.pspcares.state.pa.us).
**New York State Police Survivor Weekend:** In October, personnel from MAP attended the New York State Police Survivor Weekend in Albany. This three day event provides families of New York State Troopers who were killed in the line of duty counseling and forums on how to cope with the loss of their loved ones. MAP, along with the Department, is exploring the idea to have a similar event in Pennsylvania.

**Assisting Other Agencies:** MAP has continued to see an increase of requests from local and municipal law enforcement agencies. The majority of these requests are due to serious critical incidents that have occurred in their agencies (e.g., New York State Police, Harrisburg, Hazleton, Selinsgrove, Shamokin Dam, Whitehall and Warminster Townships, Canonsburg, Lancaster Sheriffs, and Cambria County Department of Corrections).

**Committees/Organizations:** MAP is a member of the Employee Assistance Professional Association (EAPA). EAPA is a network of certified professionals within the field of employee assistance which provides numerous resources (treatment centers, mental health/substance abuse specialists, etc.) that can aid personnel in the workplace.

**Training and Instruction:** MAP developed a PowerPoint presentation for the Bureau of Training and Education on Critical Incident Stress Management for Mandatory In-Service Training (MIST). This presentation provided a general overview of critical incidents, its signs, symptoms, and the role of MAP during a critical incident.

MAP provided instruction to the 122nd and 123rd Cadet Classes at the PSP Academy. Topics included: *Police Stress, Police Family Relationships, Post-Traumatic Stress, Substance Abuse*, and *Death Notification*. MAP continues to update all lesson plans as new information arises concerning the above topics.

MAP provides instruction for all new civilian employees of the Department. A general overview is presented concerning MAP and the SEAP.

Basic Supervision instruction was provided to all newly promoted first time Supervisors in the Department (enlisted and civilian).

MAP also provided training to the newly promoted Lieutenants during the mandatory executive command training, and for members of the Act 120 class at the Northwest Training Center.

The mandatory SEAP refresher training was conducted this year for all civilian employees in the Department. This training was completed via a web-based PowerPoint presentation and provided a review of the role and responsibilities of SEAP and the benefits they provide. This refresher training also provided information on the Pennsylvania Substance Abuse and Drug Free Workplace Act.
The Bureau of Training and Education is headquartered in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Major Mark E. Lomax assumed command of the Bureau of Training and Education effective November 18, 2006, upon the retirement of Major Robert R. Einsel. The Bureau is responsible for operations at the Academy in Hershey, and Regional Training Centers located at Schwenksville, Greensburg, Forty Fort, and Meadville.

**Cadet Training at the Academy:** 2006 resulted in 235 new Troopers reporting to the field. The 120th Cadet Class graduated 43 members on April 21, 2006. The 121st Cadet Class graduated 79 members on June 16, 2006, and the 122nd Cadet Class graduated 113 members on December 22, 2006. The 123rd Cadet Class began training on September 18, 2006, with 58 members, and graduated with 43 members on March 30, 2007.

The four Regional Training Centers were utilized by agencies both from within the state administration, as well as outside of the state such as: The Internal Revenue Service; the Drug Enforcement Agency; Gaming Enforcement; and the U.S. Attorney General’s Office. The Southeast Training Center staff coordinated/conducted an Advanced Collision Training Conference that has had participants from ten states and four separate Departments from out of the country. This is approximately the sixth year that the Bureau has been involved with the coordination of this seminar.
The Department’s 14th Liquor Control Enforcement Class graduated ten trainees from the Southwest Training Center on April 6, 2006, and the 15th Liquor Control Enforcement Class graduated 15 trainees from the Southwest Training Center on November 10, 2006. Also graduating from the Southwest Training Center was the 1st Motor Carrier Enforcement Officer Class on May 5, 2006. That class yielded 12 graduates.

The 59th Act 120 Class graduated eight trainees from the Southeast Training Center on June 23, 2006, and the 44th Act 120 Class graduated 12 trainees from the Northwest Training Center on December 20, 2006.

Training was developed by members of the In-Service Programming Unit for an online Legal Updates Course. The course was provided via the PSPiNet, allowing members to take the training at their assigned work location. In addition to the above, 2006 Mandatory Training developed and conducted by the Bureau included Use of Force, Critical Incident Stress Management (C.I.S.M.), Less-Lethal Weapons Retention, Ground Weapons Retention, and an Officer Safety Review Program.

The Unit developed and presented to members of the Gaming Enforcement Office a training program entitled, “Arrest and Control Techniques For the Gaming Enforcement Officer.” Unit members also provided training to Troop Education Officers (TEOs) on the newly acquired radar system. The TEOs then presented this training to their respective Troops.

The Bureau purchased five Professional Range Instruction Simulators (PRISim), which will allow for an interactive response to various use of force scenarios, and allow members and enforcement officers to receive immediate feedback to their response.

Biannual Department Training Calendars were coordinated and developed in 2006, featuring classes in Collision Investigation, Criminal Investigation, Officer Safety Tools, and Computer Applications.

The In-Service Unit assumed the lead training role for Operation Safe Highway Initiative through Effective Law Enforcement and Detection (S.H.I.E.L.D.).

The Staff of the Employee Training Section: With the assistance of six PCO Instructors from the field, conducted five, five-week CDC Basic Training Classes for PCOs assigned to the Harrisburg and Norristown CDCs. A PCO Basic Training Class for the newly hired Station PCOs that has not yet migrated to the CDCs was also conducted, as well as mandatory PCO Update Training, JNet, Packet Cluster, and Securing the Homeland classes. PCO Role in School and Gang and Domestic Violence was presented for 20 classes. The Employee Training Section trained all the PCOs at the CDCs for the 800 MHz Radio Pilot, as well as assisting in the Cadet Scenario Training and TTY Training. Stress Awareness/Management Class (All Stressed Up and Nowhere to Go) was offered to the PCOs.

The Employee Training Section has also developed and offered training for Department support personnel in areas such as New Employee Orientation, Stress Management, Written Communication, Time Management, and Supervisory Development.
In 2006, the Bureau’s Video Unit produced a West Nickel Mines PowerPoint with assistance from Major Jon D. Kurtz; Captain John W. Laufer; Trooper Joseph P. Nolte; the investigative team from Troop J, Lancaster; and the PIO. The PowerPoint of the West Nickel Mines incident includes photos, video clips, and audio portions.

This PowerPoint was under the direction of Colonel Jeffrey B. Miller, and will be used to present to law enforcement audiences. In addition to the West Nickel Mines PowerPoint, the Video Unit produced the following videos: S.P.A.R.E. Operations; Cadet Applicant Physical Fitness Testing; Do You Have What it Takes; 2006 Legal Update Training; MIST 2006 Use of Force; PSP Prisoner Restraint Systems; and Drug Interdiction.

In keeping with his desire to provide executive-level training for Commanders, on Thursday, December 21, 2006, the Commissioner made a presentation regarding the details of the PSP response to the tragic West Nickel Mines School Shooting Incident to Area/Troop Commanders, Bureau/Division Directors, and Station/Section Commanders.

Sergeant Pedro A. Rivera, Troop L, Reading, attended the ten week training program administered by the faculty of the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety (formerly Northwestern University Traffic Institute [NUTI]), School of Police Staff and Command, hosted by the Tennessee Department of Safety at the Tennessee Department of Safety Training Center in Nashville, Tennessee, from September 11 through November 17, 2006. The program provides the knowledge and skills necessary for assuming increased responsibilities in administrative, staff, or line command positions. Selected members receive a rigorous schedule with the 350-hour course curriculum focused on four major topics: Understanding Management; Law Enforcement Management and Its Environment; Human Resource Management; and Management Skills for Planning and Analysis.


**The Ceremonial Unit:** Consists of one full-time member assigned to the Academy and 50 members throughout the state. Ancillary members include buglers, singers, and a drummer. The Ceremonial Unit participated in 67 details throughout the year including 24 funerals. Most funerals were for retired Department members; however, other funeral details included a regular honor funeral for Trooper Chad Geiger; and killed in the line of duty funerals for officers in Pennsylvania and New York. Other details included the National Police Memorial in Washington, D.C.; the Emmaus Police Department station dedication; and various other Department events.
Members of the Ceremonial Unit participating in the Veterans’ Memorial Monument Dedication Ceremony at the Academy on November 10, 2006.

**Members of the Mounted Unit:** Consisting of four members assigned full-time to the Academy, and 25 tactical field riders were assigned to 21 security details in 2006, encompassing 45 days, including events such as the Super Bowl festivities in Pittsburgh, Major League Baseball’s All-Star Game, numerous Presidential Visits, the 2006 Farm Show, the Little League World Series, Hershey Park concerts, college football games and homecoming events, and an anti-war protest. In addition to the tactical details, the Mounted Unit participated in 35 other events including the National Police Memorial in Washington, D.C., Departmental memorials, various police memorials throughout the State and numerous Department presentations.

**The Community Services Unit:** Comprised of two full-time members assigned to the Academy, as well as 36 full-time members and 54 part-time members assigned throughout the Commonwealth. The Community Services Unit has worked through the year to keep the public informed on the most current of topics. School Safety and Security, and Internet Safety/On-line Predators are some of the more current programs being developed. Personal Safety, Seat Belt Safety, Drug Awareness and Alcohol/DUI Prevention/Safe Driving programs have been the most requested topics of presentations. More than 500 programs in each of these areas were presented around the Commonwealth. Statewide, more than 2,400 programs in Crime Prevention-related issues were presented to over 140,700 individuals. Also, approximately 3,000 Traffic Safety and Specialty programs were presented to more than 212,000 individuals.

The 36th Annual American Legion Trooper Youth Week, 24 Camp Cadet programs, and the 8th Commissioner’s Honor Camp were also conducted. Participation in the Risk Watch Program, a joint effort with the Office of the State Fire Commissioner, Department of Health, and Department of Education continues. School Lunch and Safe Schools programs continue. All of these programs are designed toward making the youth of the Commonwealth and its schools safer.
In 2006, Community Services Officers were also assigned a leadership role in enhancing school security. They work with school officials to assess security features and policies within schools. They also ensure the Department has quality emergency response plans in place; and they coordinate the conduct of school emergency response exercises involving Department members, school personnel, and other emergency services.

To further enhance school safety, the Bureau implemented the PSP School Resource Officer program statewide. The program places enlisted members in participating schools during all normal hours of operation on school funded overtime. The presence of a School Resource Officer (SRO), armed and normally in uniform, ensures a timely response to any criminal behavior or possibly deters the behavior from taking place. Students and faculty are better protected from violence and can pursue their educational activities in a secure and orderly environment.

SROs also provide law enforcement-related educational programs, counseling, and guidance. They are in a position to gain information that can help prevent or solve crimes in the school and the community, and to assist other police officers with investigations involving youthful offenders and victims.

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, the Human Resource Benefits Division, and the Human Resource Management Division.

Employment Services and Systems Division

The Department’s authorized enlisted complement was increased during 2006 by 232 positions. These positions were distributed throughout the Department to include the staffing of the Gaming Enforcement Office. The authorized complement now stands at 4,660. The Employment Services and Systems Division processed 1,602 Cadet applicants in order to appoint 406 Cadets during 2006 and January 2007. The Division has also begun processing applicants in order to staff two Cadet Classes which will be held in June and October of 2007.

There are 13 Liquor Enforcement Officer Trainee applicants who are fully processed and awaiting appointment. We have processed everyone on the 2004 Eligibility List for this position, and no new test has been given since that time.

The civilian complement also increased by 31 positions, with these distributed between 20 different Troops, Bureaus, and Offices. The civilian authorized complement was at 1,742 at the end of 2006. There were 134 civilian new hires for calendar year 2006, 61 civilian transfers from other agencies, 96 civilian transfers within the Department, and 30 reclassification actions processed.

The Employment Services and Systems Division processed one reorganization request relative to the consolidation of the Equal Employment Opportunity and the Heritage Affairs Offices.
New and revised job specifications were developed for the Motor Carrier Enforcement and Forensic Photography and Multimedia bodies of work.

The Position/Personnel Action Request (PAR) process was implemented for Troops/Bureaus/Offices to electronically request various HR-related services and transactions from the Bureau of Human Resources.

The Division coordinated a week-long Staff Administrative Conference for Troop/Bureau/Office administrative personnel, and continued to provide training for new background investigators, review panel members (both polygraphs and background investigation reports), shift planners and timekeepers.

**Human Resource Benefits Division**

**Developed and Issued Policy Authorizations and Restrictions for Members Assigned to Limited Duty:** Policy and procedures were developed and implemented authorizing and restricting members assigned to limited duty to the wearing of uniforms, maintaining badges, and qualifying and carrying weapons. Separate processes were established for members assigned to: temporary limited duty, permanent limited duty, and limited duty assignments resulting from psychological or psychiatric conditions. Medical Review Panels, forms, and monitoring systems were established.

**Coordinated and Provided Influenza Vaccines for Department Personnel:** Established processes and procedures for providing information, authorizations, and administering of influenza vaccines for Department personnel. Efforts were coordinated by the Division’s Flu Shot Coordinator by coordinating efforts with the Office of Administration, the Department of Health, and PSP Troops/Bureaus. There were 1,600 PSP personnel initially signed up for the vaccine, and 452 PSP personnel received vaccines under the program for 2006.

**Implemented Processes and Developed Department Directives for a New Benefits Program:** Commuter Benefits Program - Program encourages the use of mass transit for personnel to and from work and provides a tax savings for the mass transit expenses. The initial open enrollment period for this benefit program was also conducted.

**The 2nd Annual Benefits Open Enrollment for Enlisted Members:** Second year option given to members through an Open Enrollment process, affording enrollment in a managed care medical plan, Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) PPOBlue, or an indemnity plan, ClassicBlue. A total of 136 changes were made by members during the second Open Enrollment. The Human Resource Benefits Division assisted the Office of Administration in developing the documents and forms to be issued to members, conducted informational training to Field Administrative Staff, conducted informational sessions for members assigned to Department Headquarters, and processed and entered the mass enrollments in the SAP system.

**2006 Medical Benefits for Civilians:** Conducted the annual benefits open enrollment for civilian employees. Also conducted informational sessions for Department Headquarters personnel and monitored and assisted in communications with PSP employees on the Pennsylvania Employees Benefit Trust Fund “Get Healthy Program.”

**Implementation of New Heart and Lung Procedures:** Implemented new procedures for appealed denials of Heart and Lung Act benefits eligibility, whereby the Arbitrator, as opposed to the Agency Head, acted as the Adjudicator.
Training: Conducted various training sessions for newly promoted Corporals, Lieutenants, Civilian Supervisors, and newly hired PCO Supervisors.

Conducted training for Command Staff on the Fitness for Duty and Limited Duty program areas and for Troop Administrative Managers/Bureau Administration Personnel in various program areas such as Time and Attendance Policies, Workers' Compensation, and Limited Duty and Fitness for Duty Programs.

Grievance Arbitrations: Assisted in the research, preparation, and in providing testimony in various grievance arbitration hearings on fitness for duty and benefits issues in dispute.

Human Resource Management Division

The first administration of the Cadet entrance examination was conducted January 6-14, 2006, at eight in-state and two out-of-state locations. Of the 4,444 candidates eligible to participate in the written portion of the examination, 2,460 reported. The top 1,904 candidates were invited to participate in the oral portion of the examination at three testing sites on March 20-31, 2006. Of those eligible to participate in the oral exam, 1,607 candidates reported.

The second administration of the Cadet Entrance examination was conducted August 10-19, 2006, at eight in-state and three out-of-state locations. Of the 5,091 candidates eligible to participate in the written portion of the examination, 2,383 reported. The top 1,947 candidates were invited to participate in the oral portion of the examination at four testing sites on October 2-6, 2006. Of those eligible to participate in the oral exam, 1,658 candidates reported.

Written examinations for promotion to the ranks of Corporal and Sergeant were administered to 2,166 Troopers and 633 Corporals on April 4-5, 2006. Of those, 1,383 Troopers and 404 Corporals participated in oral examinations on May 15-26, 2006.

Planning began in fall 2006 for Lieutenant and Captain promotion examinations, which are scheduled to be conducted during April and May 2007.

Labor relations, employee discipline, employee performance review, workplace safety, and preventing workplace violence training sessions were conducted during two administrations of the new civilian supervisor and new Corporal training programs.
Recruitment and Special Services Office
Captain William E. Conway, Director

Recruitment and Special Services Office, located at Departmental Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, is responsible for administering the Department’s recruitment program throughout the Commonwealth. There are seven full-time Recruitment Coordinators and 15 part-time Recruiters. The Recruiters operate from five permanent locations across the state. Department recruiters conducted recruitment activities at 194 colleges/universities in Pennsylvania, and 52 colleges/universities out-of-state.

They also attended 158 job/career fairs in addition to an assortment of other related recruitment functions. The Office is also responsible for the administration of the Department’s Random Drug Testing and Awards programs.
Deputy Commissioner of Professional Responsibility

Lt. Colonel John R. Brown was appointed as Deputy Commissioner of Professional Responsibility on March 13, 2004. He oversees the Bureau of Integrity and Professional Standards, the Department Discipline Office, the Equal Employment Opportunity Office, and the Early Intervention Program Office.

The Deputy Commissioner of Professional Responsibility focuses on all segments that are logically related in scope pertaining to the prevention, investigation, and accountability measures employed by the Department with regard to police misconduct. Additionally, the Deputy Commissioner of Professional Responsibility focuses on risk management issues across the full spectrum of potential liability affecting Department operations. This is important in recognizing potential trends Department-wide in the areas of misconduct, sexual harassment, use of force, and early intervention.

Department Discipline Office
Captain Lisa S. Christie, Director

The Department Discipline Office (DDO) informs the Commissioner, on a continual basis, as to 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. All applicable reports submitted are carefully reviewed to ensure adequate facts are contained to justify any intended disciplinary action.

A considerable reduction in the backlog of pending disciplinary cases was achieved during the 2006 calendar year. Additionally, the DDO implemented electronic dissemination of disciplinary correspondence. As a result, the process of tracking and archiving correspondence has been streamlined. The Bureau of Technology Services provided the DDO with a new electronic database to assist in tracking and reporting Office workflow. The DDO continues to work with the Bureau of Technology Services to ensure the database’s reporting functionality is accurate and meets the current needs of the Office.

Equal Employment Opportunity Office
Lieutenant Martin L. Henry III, Director


The EEO Office is responsible for investigating complaints of discrimination or harassment based on race, color, religious creed, ancestry, union membership, age, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, AIDS or HIV status, disability, GED, and retaliation.
The Office is also tasked with ensuring the Department remains proactive in support of the Commonwealth’s zero tolerance policy relating to sexual impropriety. During 2006, the Commonwealth’s protected classes were revised to include persons who obtain a GED instead of a high school diploma and retaliation. Additionally, the EEO Office revised the Department’s Cultural Diversity training which is now provided to all new employees. Also during 2006, the Department’s Sexual Harassment Policy was revised and is now entitled Harassment Policy. This change was necessary to ensure the Department’s policy appropriately reflected all protected classes identified by Commonwealth directive.

**Early Intervention Program Office**  
Lieutenant Brenda M. Bernt, Director

The Early Intervention Program Office is located in Department Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The primary responsibility of the Early Intervention Program (EIP) Office is the management of the Department’s Early Intervention Program.

In 2001, two events occurred that prompted a significant number of police departments in the U.S. to implement early intervention programs: the Department of Justice recommended in its 2001 report that all police departments develop an early intervention program, and the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) adopted a standard in 2001 that mandated that all large agencies have an EIP. As a result, the majority of police departments in the U.S. currently have some type of EIP in operation.

The goal of the Department’s EIP is to identify members or enforcement officers who may be experiencing stress or are exhibiting a pattern of conduct which may be of concern. Subsequently, the program endeavors to provide the resources that may be needed to prevent minor professional or personal issues from becoming a larger concern. The EIP is a diversionary program designed to divert individuals away from the disciplinary system and, therefore, does not fall under the Bureau of Integrity and Professional Standards. It is a separate Office that reports directly to the Deputy Commissioner of Professional Responsibility.

There are two avenues of inclusion into the EIP – Supervisory nomination and Database nomination.

Supervisory nomination is initiated at the Troop, Bureau, or Office level and must be reviewed and endorsed by the Troop Commander, Bureau or Office Director, and EIP Director before the candidate can be included into the EIP.

Database nominations are initiated at the EIP Office and are based upon statistical information, as well as historical information regarding the candidate. However, prior to inclusion, the Troop Commander, Bureau or Office Director of the member or enforcement officer also reviews the information concerning the database nomination and concurs that there is a need for intervention to assist the member or enforcement officer.
Based on the positive feedback and recommendations received from past participants in the Department’s EIP, the program is continuing to expand and improve. Plans are currently underway to further develop member/enforcement officer specific training courses in Advanced Communication Skills, Report Writing, Time Management and Stress Management, to assist our members/enforcement officers in handling the difficult situations that are frequently encountered. Additionally, the Department continues to interact with the Early Intervention Programs of other agencies to ensure the highest quality of our program.

Bureau of Integrity and Professional Standards
Major Charles J. Skurkis, Director

The Bureau of Integrity and Professional Standards (BIPS) 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 in Fogelsville, Pittsburgh, and Hollidaysburg.

Internal Affairs Division

The Internal Affairs Division (IAD) is tasked with the reception and documentation of all allegations of misconduct by Department personnel. IAD must also initiate, conduct, control, and coordinate the assignment and completion of investigations of allegations of misconduct. During 2006, IAD managed/conducted 609 investigations.

Systems and Process Review Division

Systems and Process Review Division Revises Line Inspection Process: The Systems and Process Review Division (SPRD) revised Operations Manual 7-4, which governs the Department’s internal inspection processes. A significant change affected the frequency of line inspections, which are now conducted annually rather than twice a year as previously required.

Department Reviews: During 2006, four SPRD teams assigned to different geographical sections of the Commonwealth conducted 74 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 reporting/record-keeping functions. Results of the reviews were consolidated into reports identifying specific levels of compliance/noncompliance with Department regulations. These reports were presented to affiliate Commanders for recognition and appropriate corrective action. Additionally, a total of 20 Action Recommendations to evaluate or revise current policies, regulations, or procedures were submitted by SPRD 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.

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