

# 1998 Annual Report

For the Year Ending December 31, 1998





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

*On January 3, 1999, Sergeant Arthur L. Hershey  
was killed in the line of duty as a result of a  
traffic accident along the Pennsylvania Turnpike.*

*This report is dedicated in his memory  
and to his honor.*





# PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE CALL OF HONOR



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



## THE GOVERNOR

### GREETINGS:

On May 2, 1905, the Pennsylvania State Police became the first statewide uniformed police department in the nation. Since then, the men and women of the Pennsylvania State Police have been leaders in keeping the peace. Throughout their long and distinguished history—regardless of the difficulties and dangers—they have dedicated themselves to providing the very finest in law-enforcement services to the citizens of our Commonwealth.

From the onset of my first term in 1995—and highlighted during the unprecedented efforts of the Special Session on Crime—I have worked with members of the General Assembly and with State Police Commissioner Paul J. Evanko to elevate victims' rights; grant law-enforcement officials new and innovative tools to fight and solve crimes; crack down on juvenile offenders; and stiffen penalties for violent criminals. We continue to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our Commonwealth's criminal justice system by increasing cooperation and communication between the different components of the system. And we continue to build an automation infrastructure that will carry us well into the 21st century. The State Police has and will continue to play an essential role in carrying out all these reforms—reforms that are contributing to safer, more prosperous lives for all our citizens.

The citizens of this Commonwealth and I both hold the Pennsylvania State Police to incredibly high standards. It is a high standard that I know Colonel Evanko welcomes. We both 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. As Pennsylvanians, we are very fortunate and most grateful for this ongoing commitment and dedication to excellence—for the tireless efforts of our Pennsylvania State Police.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Ridge". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a prominent flourish at the end.

Tom Ridge, GOVERNOR  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania





The Honorable Thomas J. Ridge  
Governor, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
225 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Governor Ridge:

It is my honor and great pleasure to submit to you, and the citizens of this Commonwealth, the 1998 Annual Report of the Pennsylvania State Police. In it, we have highlighted some of the accomplishments of our Department.

In addition to focusing our traffic law enforcement efforts on drunk, speeding, and aggressive drivers with initiatives such as Operation Tag-D and Centipede, and driving criminal activity into unprecedented declines with Operation Triggerlock, the men and women of the Pennsylvania State Police also worked aggressively to improve the basic infrastructure of our Department. We were honored to co-host the 1998 Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) International Conference, and were privileged to be reaccredited as the world's largest accredited police agency. Conforming to CALEA's stringent standards and submitting to its independent inspections is an incredibly demanding process, to be sure, but doing so has assured that we are operating with poli-

cies, procedures, programs, and equipment that all conform to the very highest standards set by the international law enforcement community.

Along with maintaining and improving our current infrastructure, we are also focusing on the future of our Department by developing *The Century Plan*, a high level, five-year strategic planning project to ensure that appropriate strategies and contingency plans are in place to effectively deal with the changing social, economic and technological conditions of the 21st century. These are achievements that are not to be taken lightly, and ones that would not have been possible without your full support and that of the General Assembly.

I'm especially pleased to be able to point out that, for many State Police personnel in 1998, "getting the job done" went far beyond completing our work assignments. Many of our Troopers donated both time and money to a number of worthy charitable organizations, including Toys for Tots, the Boy Scouts of America, the American Heart Association, and the National Cancer Society, to name just a few, and we were major supporters of Camp Cadet programs across the Commonwealth.

These are all exciting accomplishments—accomplishments that show our commitment, as a Department and as individuals, to the welfare of the men, women, and children we serve.

Sincerely,

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

Colonel Paul J. Evanko  
Commissioner

## VISION

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



## MISSION

IT IS THE MISSION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE TO:

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

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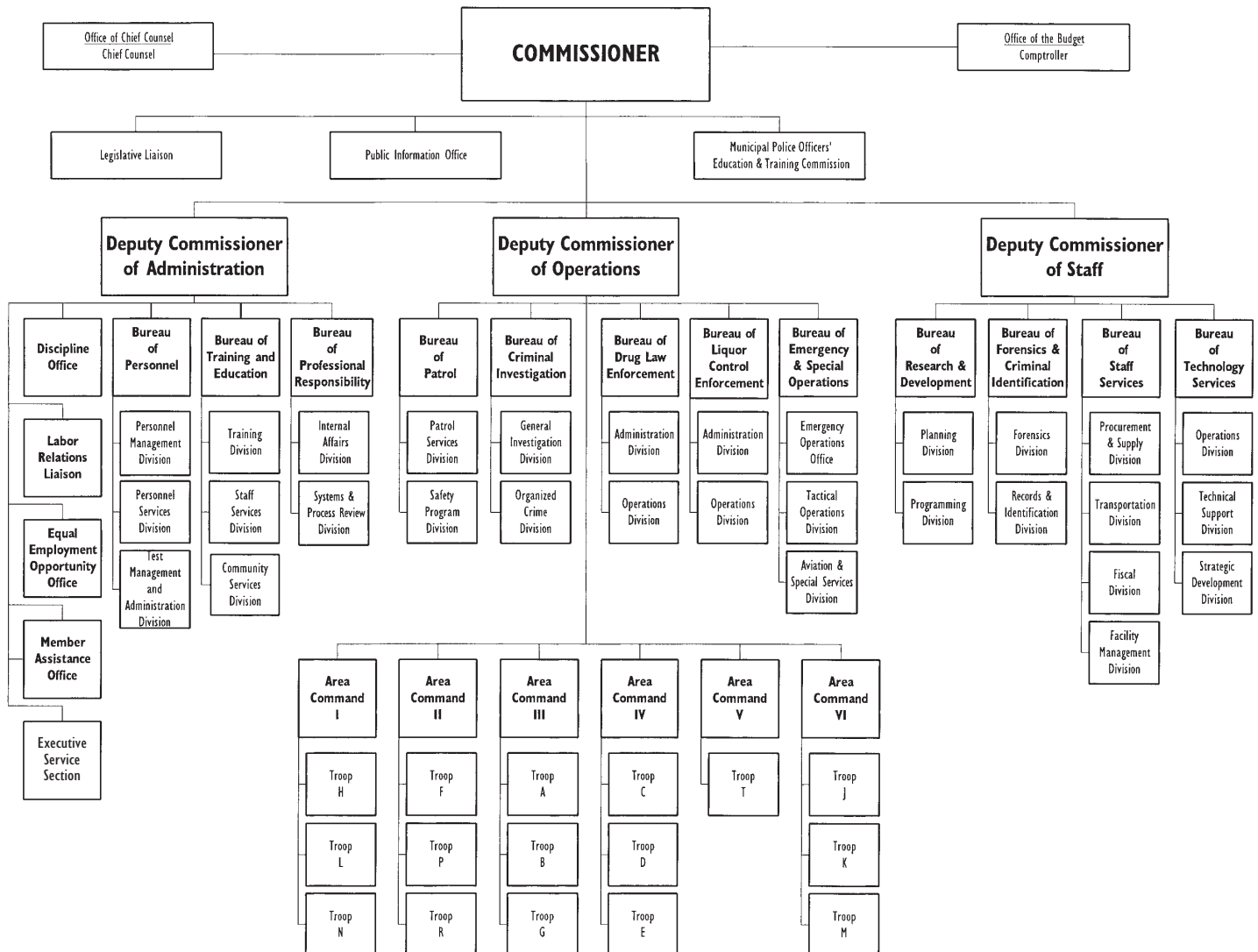
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## PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE





# COMMISSIONER



Commissioner Colonel Paul J. Evanko

The Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police is an appointed position and a member of the Governor's cabinet. Colonel Paul J. Evanko was appointed by Governor Tom Ridge on February 21, 1995, and was confirmed by unanimous vote of the Senate on March 21, 1995. On January 20, 1999, Colonel Evanko became the first Commissioner in 15 years to be reappointed to a second term. He was

again confirmed by unanimous vote of the Senate on February 8, 1999. The Commissioner exercises administrative, command and fiscal authority, and responsibility over the Department. He is responsible to the Governor for enforcing the law and preserving the peace through the detection of crime, apprehension of criminals, and patrol of the highways. The Office of Chief Counsel, the Public Information Office, and the Legislative Affairs Office report directly to the Commissioner. He is the Chair of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, serves on the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), Pennsylvania Emergency Management Council, Penn State Institute for Non-Lethal Defense Technologies Advisory Board, Philadelphia/Camden High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Executive Board, and the Middle Atlantic-Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network (MAGLOCLN) Policy Board. Colonel Evanko is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and serves as the Chair of the State and Provincial Police Division, North Atlantic Region, and is a member of the Policy Board for the IACP/U.S. Department of State International Police Exchange Program. He is also a member of the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association and the Association's Education and Training Committee.

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## Legislative Affairs Office

Major Richard D. A. Morris, Director

The Office is responsible for being informed of all legislation that directly affects operations within the Department. In 1998, the Legislative Affairs Office handled over 2,000 telephone information requests from members of the General Assembly, U.S. Congress, the Governor's Office, Lt. Governor's Office, other executive agencies,

Boards, and Commissions. These requests for information included interpretation of Department policy and programs; resolving constituent concerns; and researching, reviewing, and interpreting Pennsylvania Statutes.

The Office conducted the first survey of members within the General Assembly to identify areas within the State Police Legislative Affairs Office that can be improved to better serve members and their constituents. As a result, a comprehensive State Police Legislative Manual will be developed that will provide an overview of key programs and services offered by the Department. In addition, the first State Law Enforcement Legislative Directory was published by the Legislative Affairs Office and distributed throughout the United States and Canada identifying all State Police Legislative Offices and their staff.

The Office is the point of contact for all regulatory amendments and the promulgation of new regulations. Through its review and assistance with the Office of Chief Counsel and the Bureaus promulgating regulations, the Office ensures that all Department regulations are completed in accordance with the Commonwealth Documents Law, the Commonwealth Attorneys Act, and the Regulatory Review Act.

In 1998, the Office assisted the promulgation of four regulations. The Procedures & Specifications for Firearm Record Forms and Firearm Regulations Standards for Licensed Retail Dealers; the Procedures for the Receipt and Processing of DNA Samples for the State DNA database; and the Regulatory Amendments to clarify various aspects of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission.

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## Office of Chief Counsel

Ms. Barbara L. Christie, Chief Counsel

The Office of Chief Counsel consists of Chief Counsel, four attorneys, and legal support staff based at Department Headquarters, with 8 attorneys and support staff stationed at Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement Legal Offices in Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Allentown, and Pittsburgh to represent the Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement in Liquor Code matters. The Office of Chief Counsel issues legal opinions, reviews contracts, legislation, and legal documents, and represents the Pennsylvania State Police in administrative hearings and in state and federal trial and appellate litigation.

In 1998, the Office of Chief Counsel reviewed 430 service purchase contracts or agreements/MOUs, and issued 280 legal opinions in addition to publishing the monthly *PSP Counselor* digest of state and federal court opinions significant to law enforcement.

On October 21, 1998, the Office of Chief Counsel submitted a joint motion filed by the Pennsylvania State Police, PSTA and the plaintiff class attorney to terminate as satisfied the *Bolden v. PSP* consent decree in effect since 1974, which governed minority hiring and promotions within the Pennsylvania State Police. Fol-

lowing public notice and opportunity for comment, District Court Judge Clifford Scott Green held a hearing on January 21, 1999. After considering the motion and the evidence presented at the hearing, the Court concluded that the promotion standards and procedures and the Cadet hiring and processing criteria, as validated by the expert panel and approved by the parties, were accepted by the Court as properly implemented. Accordingly, on February 1, 1999, Judge Green issued an order which terminated the consent decree, stating that “. . . the parties have attained the goals and objectives noted in the consent decree . . .”

## Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission (MPOETC)

Major Richard C. Mooney, Executive Director

MPOETC has the responsibility of establishing and maintaining training standards for municipal and campus police officers; establishing and maintaining the standards for instructors, schools, and curriculum for training; and establishing psychological and physical standards for certification and recertification of municipal police officers on a biennial basis.

**Firearms Training Simulators Purchased** With the support of federal funds from the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program (LLEBGP), the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP), and matching funds from the MPOETC budget, the MPOETC was able to purchase 6 firearms training simulators to supplement the 1 simulator that was previously purchased with State funding.

**MPOETC Training Programs** The MPOETC staff and Legal Counsel, a committee of experts and 2 other attorneys, developed a new Use of Force Judgmental Training program utilizing the 7 simulators. The program is designed to instruct law enforcement officers in Pennsylvania on the appropriate application of force and to provide high quality training on decision making. The program will be offered in a 4-hour and 8-hour format and will be a part of the MPOETC's Mandatory In-Service Training Program. The courses will utilize firearms training simulators, scenarios, role playing simulations, videos of actual shootings, written exercises, and case studies to provide training and evaluation of police officers, using realistic and stressful decision making situations related to the use of force.

The MPOETC received additional funding from Governor Ridge to be used in the development of a Conflict Resolution



LCE display at CALEA Inspection

course in the context of Community Policing. The MPOETC contracted with the Institute for Continuing Justice Education and Research at Pennsylvania State University for course development assistance. The course will be part of the MPOETC's 1999 Mandatory In-Service Training Program.

The additional funding allowed the MPOETC to purchase laptop computers, Power Point software, and multimedia projectors for each of the certified police training schools in the Commonwealth. This new equipment will be used for the Conflict Resolution course as well as other training classes.

The Computer Learning Center, opened in the Commission Office on August 26, 1997, has trained 2,512 members of the Criminal Justice System during the first 18 months of operation. The basic courses in Windows 95, Microsoft Word, Access Excel, and Introduction to the Internet remain popular, while new courses have been introduced in Advanced Word 97, Intermediate Access, Internet Crime, and Power Point.

In addition to the classes conducted in Hershey, Distance Learning Technology has been acquired to provide the capability to have training in remote locations using Pictel equipment. This technology will also be useful for conducting video conferences.

## DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF STAFF

Lieutenant Colonel Robert C. Hickes was appointed as Deputy Commissioner of Staff on October 3, 1998, following the retirement of Lieutenant Colonel George P. March. He is responsible for the administration, coordination, and supervision of the Bureau of Forensics and Criminal Identification, Bureau of Research and Development, Bureau of Staff Services, and the Bureau of Technology Services.



Deputy Commissioner of Staff Lt. Colonel Robert C. Hickes



Deputy Commissioner of Staff Lt. Colonel George P. March (Retired)



## Bureau of Technology Services

Major Wesley R. Waugh, Director

The Bureau includes the Operations Division, Strategic Development Division, and Technical Support Division.

### Operations Division

**Protection From Abuse Registry** A statewide Protection From Abuse database was created and placed online April 1, 1998. All Protection From Abuse court orders are sent to State Police Stations where they are entered into the Commonwealth Law Enforcement Assistance Network by State Police personnel. The database is also utilized by the Pennsylvania Instant Gun Check System (PICS) when determining eligibility for purchasing handguns and long guns.

**Year 2000** Three thousand mainframe and personal computer programs in 75 systems were converted to ensure functionality in the Year 2000 and beyond. Five contract programmers assisted staff programmers and analysts in converting several databases, including the 20,000,000 record Computerized Criminal History (CCH) system.

**Cadet Exam** The State Police Cadet Exam was administered, scored, and eligibility lists were created. Candidates were placed in groups and those in the highest groups were selected for further processing. Tracking of candidates through physical fitness tests, medical, polygraph and psychological exams, and background checks was completely automated.

### Strategic Development Division

**Enterprise Network** PSP contracted IBM to provide a network of approximately 2,500 personal computer workstations, with servers and printers, all interconnected into a Statewide Enterprise Network. The network will supply the Department with office productivity tools such as electronic mail, word processing, spreadsheets, and presentation software. Site surveys were conducted to determine the placement of equipment and cabling at all locations. Wiring work was completed in 40% of these locations at year's end. Roll out of hardware will begin in April 1999.

### Technical Support Division

**New Digital Radio System** The Technical Support Division specified and acquired a new digital radio system for the Special Emergency Response Team (SERT). This system consists of digital encrypted portable, mobile, and transportable base station radios. The new radio equipment has enhanced SERT's communications by providing improved encryption via the new digital technology. In addition, tool kits for the Troop Communications Specialists (TCS) were acquired. These kits will enhance the

TCSs' capabilities to perform minor troubleshooting and repair of communications equipment; thereby, reducing vendor maintenance costs and shipping delays.

## Bureau of Staff Services

Mr. Robert J. Zinsky, Director

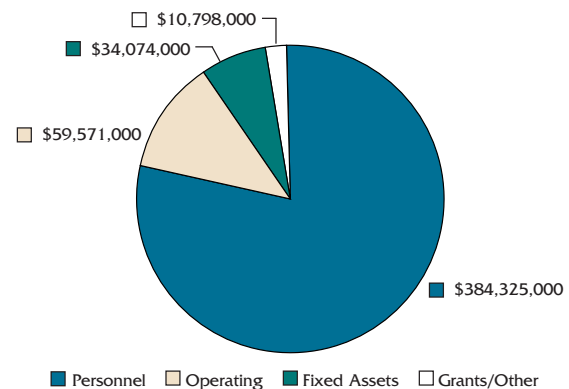
The Bureau of Staff Services is comprised of the Facility Management Division, Fiscal Division, Procurement and Supply Division, and the Transportation Division.

The Pennsylvania State Police approved budget for 1998-99 is \$488,768,000. The budget is distributed into 4 major expenditure categories: Personnel, Operating, Fixed Assets, and Grants/Other Funds.

The Personnel category encompasses 78.6% of the Department's total budget or \$384,325,000. This supports an enlisted complement of 4,168 and a civilian complement of 1,435 for a total complement of 5,603. Included are salaries, corresponding benefits, contractual salary increases, shift differential, annual leave payouts, and overtime.

Operating funds represent 12.2% of the total budget or \$59,571,000. The funds support the daily operating expenditures of the Department such as fuel, building and vehicle leases, utilities, information systems contracts, maintenance contracts, phone systems, personnel equipment, and office supplies.

1998-99 BUDGET DISTRIBUTION



Fixed Assets represent 7.0% of the total budget, or \$34,074,000. This provides Department funding for approximately 573 new patrol vehicles, equipment to implement the Department's Enterprise Network, obligated installment purchases and other upgrade and replacement equipment.

Grants and Other Funds represent 2.2% of the total budget or \$10,798,000. Other funds represent special Department funds such as DNA Detection Fund, Auto Theft and Arson Fund, and Crime Lab User Fund.

**Source of Department Funding** The Department's budget is funded from the following sources:

	<u>Dollar Amounts</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Motor License Fund	\$286,718,000	58.7%
General Fund	\$138,141,000	28.3%
State Stores Fund	\$16,270,000	3.3%
Federal Funds	\$13,489,000	2.8%
Other Funds	\$6,095,000	1.2%
Augmentations	<u>\$28,055,000</u>	<u>5.7%</u>
Total	\$488,768,000	100.0%

**Equipment Purchases** During 1998, the following items were purchased:

- Wiretapping Equipment
- 2 additional Harley Davidson Motorcycles
- 35 SigSauer Pistols
- 6 Firearms Training Simulators
- Fatal Vision Goggles for Liquor Control Enforcement
- 43 Defibrillators
- Various systems furniture for the field

The Department purchased 15 new Chevrolet Tahoes as a pilot program in 1998. In addition, 15 patrol vehicles were refurbished as a pilot project to provide a cost-effective method of maintaining marked vehicles in the fleet. It cost approximately \$13,000 to refurbish a vehicle versus a new vehicle that cost the Department approximately \$21,000.

**Building Renovations and Construction** The Department has renovated existing structures or built new buildings at 12 different locations during 1998. The locations are:

- Troop G, Philipsburg Station
- Troop H, Carlisle Station
- Troop E, Seneca Station
- Northwest Organized Crime Office
- Troop H, Elizabethville Station
- Troop L, Hamburg Station
- Troop F, Selinsgrove Station
- Troop F, Milton Station
- Troop M, Belfast Station
- Troop H, Chambersburg Station
- Troop A, Ebensburg Station
- Troop A, Somerset Station



New department motorcycle

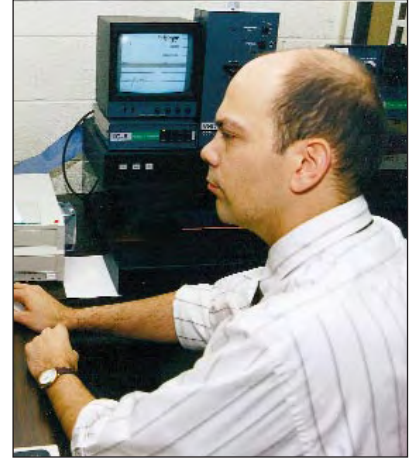
## Bureau of Forensics and Criminal Identification

Major Ronald J. Hackenberg, Director

The Bureau includes the Records and Identification Division and the Forensics Division.

### Forensic Sciences

**Paper to be Published** Trooper Gerhard W. Wendt, Documents Section, Harrisburg Laboratory, has prepared a paper for presentation at the next meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, and for publication in the *Journal of Forensic Sciences*. The paper is entitled *Statistical Observations of Disguised Signatures*.



Trooper Gerhard W. Wendt

### Conviction by Schallmach "footprint"

Corporal Kevin J. Deskiewicz, Latent Print Examiner, Harrisburg Laboratory, testified in a burglary case in the Court of Common Pleas in Northampton County, regarding physical evidence which he examined and was able to identify a "Schallmach" wear pattern. A Schallmach wear pattern is a series of small tears, on the outside of shoe, which run perpendicular to the direction of force and are highly transient. After approximately 50 hours of wear, the pattern will have worn to the extent that the pattern could not be identified to the shoe from which the impression originated.



Corporal Kevin J. Deskiewicz

Corporal Deskiewicz's testimony was about the comparison of several shoe impressions on glass fragments, recovered from the scene of a burglary, to a specific pair of shoes. He made a positive identification as a result of his comparison work. The positive identification was based on one accidental characteristic and a Schallmach wear pattern. His identification of the shoes helped prosecutors achieve a burglary conviction in the case. A paper documenting this case has been developed and has been submitted to the *Journal of Forensic Identification* for publication and is also being consid-





IBIS and Trooper Michael R. Aumiller

ered for presentation at the International Symposium on Quality Standards for the Forensic Science Community in San Antonio, Texas, in May 1999.

**Integrated Ballistic Identification System** In the spring of 1997, the Department acquired the ATF's, Integrated Ballistic Identification System (IBIS). Since going on-line, the system has identified 8 matches of expended bullet rounds or shell casings retained as evidence primarily in the Harrisburg City area. These matches identified a specific weapon being involved in at least 2 shooting incidents.

In the summer of 1998, the Department's IBIS was linked regionally with other IBIS users in the Northeast Section of the Country. This link included New York City; Boston; Washington, D.C.; and Rockville, Maryland. The link allowed for the searching of data in a much broader geographical area. The Department's system was the first to match evidence within this regional forum. Evidence from Harrisburg was matched to record data in the New York City IBIS.

**Enhanced Trace Evidence Capabilities** The Trace Evidence Section, Scientific Services Division has undergone tremendous change during the past year. Trace examinations of glass, explosives, soil, and gunshot primer residue (GSR) will be performed exclusively in the Harrisburg Regional Laboratory to take advantage of scanning electron microscopy and other new scientific equipment to be installed in this laboratory.

Personnel to implement this initiative included 2 additional full-time forensic scientists. To perform all of the various types of trace analyses done in our laboratory (e.g., gunshot primer residue, paint analysis, fire debris analysis, lamp on/off determinations, broken-cut-torn pieces examinations, glass analysis and examinations, serial number restoration, soil analysis, solvents and toxic vapors analysis and other miscellaneous analysis) a commitment to training for each sub-discipline has been initiated.

Newly acquired equipment includes:

- A scanning electron microscope (SEM) with energy dispersive analysis capabilities
- A microspectrophotometer
- An automated glass analysis system for refractive index

- A gas chromatograph/mass spectrometer (GC/MS)
- Additional microanalysis capabilities using Fourier transform infrared (FTIR) instruments

**DNA Laboratory** The year 1998 saw many advances and changes in the DNA laboratory. In July 1998, the Greensburg DNA Laboratory hired 4 additional forensic scientists and 1 chemical technician to expand their capability in casework analysis, researching new methods, and in the analysis of blood samples from convicted offenders. The Bethlehem DNA Laboratory also hired 2 additional forensic scientists for casework analysis. The newly hired individuals will undergo an extensive training program until April of 1999. Because of the increase of personnel and space, the DNA laboratory now accepts all cases where identity of the perpetrator is an issue. The analytical process was also shortened due to the implementation of a new procedure using chemiluminescence that was validated by the new personnel. The typical 3-month process has been shortened to 6 weeks, from start of the case to its completion. Continuing research is being conducted to further shorten this time frame.

**Greensburg DNA Laboratory** A new Greensburg DNA laboratory was completed in August of 1998, and the move into the new facility was accomplished without interruption of case analysis. This new laboratory is approximately three times the size of the cramped space formally occupied by the DNA Unit. This new laboratory will also house the DNA database laboratory that performs analysis on the thousands of blood samples collected from convicted offenders of violent crimes. This analysis was mandated by Act 15 of 1995 (The DNA Detection of Violent Offenders Act).

Due to the additional space provided by the completion of the new laboratory, the DNA forensic scientists were able to install new instruments that make use of laser optics in the analysis of DNA. The purchase of this equipment was the result of federal funding and funds made available through the legislature for the database laboratory. These instruments will enable the DNA laboratory to analyze additional types of evidence containing biological material that was formerly too small in quantity or too degraded to ascertain a DNA profile. The analysis time is also much shorter. This new technology is referred to as STR - PCR DNA genetic profiling, and will be used in the future in the federal Combined DNA Index System (CODIS).

**Supreme Court Accepts DNA Analysis** The year 1998 saw a Supreme Court of Pennsylvania decision on the use of statistics in DNA analysis. In Commonwealth versus Blasiolo, the Court affirmed the methods used by the Pennsylvania State Police Laboratory in determining the rarity of a DNA profile. This decision eliminates any need for a Frye Hearing in the use of statistics in DNA. The courts now routinely accept the use of DNA analysis, and there have been no problems in presenting or accepting any of the cases analyzed by the State Police Laboratory.

Through a cooperative effort between the City of Philadelphia Laboratory and the Pennsylvania State Police DNA Laboratory, Arthur Bomar's genetic profile was linked to the biological evidence present in the Aimee Willard case. It was in this case that the State Police Laboratory combined the statistics generated from 2 separate DNA technologies. The ability to use all of the genetic areas examined by the laboratory into one statistical association to link Mr. Bomar to the biological evidence resulted in a very high degree of association of Arthur Bomar's genetic profile to that found in the evidence. The State Police laboratory's statistical examination of these genetic areas was peer reviewed, accepted by the scientific community, and will be published in the March 1999 issue of the Journal of Forensic Sciences.

**Pennsylvania Access to Criminal History** The Pennsylvania Access to Criminal History (PATCH) Program became operational on November 16, 1998. This program was developed as a means to more efficiently handle the increasing number of requests for criminal history record information processed by the Records and Identification Division. Much of this increase is driven by legislative enactments which require these checks for certain types of employment.

Under the PATCH Program, organizations use the Internet to make criminal history record check requests to the Pennsylvania State Police Central Repository. Interested agencies and businesses establish an account with the Department, and receive an account number and a password. Their requests are then forwarded and processed electronically. Requests for individuals who have no record are returned to the requester immediately. Requests for individuals who have records, or require research for a determination, are mailed to the requester. There is a \$10 fee for each of these requests.

Currently, approximately 170 agencies, businesses, and associations are registered to use this system. During 1998, the Records and Identification Division processed 530,223 requests for criminal history record information from noncriminal justice agencies and individuals. This represents an increase of almost 105,000 when compared to the 1997 number of 425,471.

**Pennsylvania Instant Check System** The Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS) was developed by the Pennsylvania State Police to be in compliance with the Uniform Firearms Act changes legislated under Act 17 of 1995, and subsequent amendments. The system became operational on July 1, 1998, for potential purchasers of handguns and applicants for licenses to carry a firearm. On November 30, 1998, the system also began checking potential purchasers of long guns in conjunction with the National Instant Check System (NICS). NICS was mandated by the Federal "Brady Bill." Because Pennsylvania is a

"Point of Contact State," all state and federal checks go through PICS.

Firearm dealers access the system by calling a toll-free telephone number. The system searches 8 state databases including criminal history records, juvenile records, mental health records, and protection from abuse records. The system also queries NICS. If the individual has no state or federal records identified by the system, the system generates an approval number and provides it to the dealer, who can then complete the transaction.

During the first 6 months of its operation, PICS received in excess of 175,000 calls. Thirty-five individuals were arrested when the PICS background check revealed they were wanted on outstanding warrants.

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## Bureau of Research and Development

Major R. Dane Merryman, Director

The Bureau of Research and Development includes two Divisions, Planning and Programming.

### Planning Division

Personnel in the Division continue to review the latest equipment available to outfit Department personnel. New waterproof boots were tested and evaluated by members in the field. The preferred boot was selected and approved to replace the currently issued boots. Additionally, approval was received to attain backpacks for riot gear and ballistic helmets from the federal government to replace the current riot helmet. This equipment will be issued to all enlisted members. Currently, the Division is evaluating and testing new raincoats and waterproof and puncture-proof gloves.

The Division works with all Areas and Bureaus providing guidance and assistance in the planning of management conferences. Two conferences were facilitated during 1998 and 5 additional conferences have been scheduled for 1999.

The Planning Division completed more than 300 projects and suggestions during 1998. Projects range from the deployment of personnel, requests for reorganiza-



Inspection of department equipment



tional approval, development of Department Policy, citizen requests for information, and other enforcement-related requests and suggestions.

The Management Information and UCR Section of the Planning Division supplied various organizational segments of the Department, outside agencies, and individuals with statistical data as requested throughout the year. Uniform Crime Report data supplied by 842 participating local agencies and the Department is compiled and analyzed for the production of the *Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Annual Uniform Crime Report*.

### Programming Division

Corporal Gilbert J. Canevari, the Department Accreditation Manager, was elected Chairperson of the State Agency Accreditation Coalition (SAAC), and President of the Pennsylvania Police Accreditation Coalition (PPAC). Additionally, the Department Assistant Accreditation Manager, Mr. Gerald Jarsocrak, was elected to serve as Secretary of PPAC. SAAC and PPAC represent the interests of 43 state and provincial, and 50 Commonwealth law enforcement agencies, interested or actively participating in law enforcement accreditation.

The Systems and Procedures Section completed a total of 240 projects in 1998. The following is a synopsis of these projects:

- 151 Special Orders
- 31 Administrative Regulation changes
- 19 Memorandums
- 16 Operations Manual changes
- 13 Field Regulation changes
- 10 Headquarters Directives

The Systems and Procedures Section coordinated the transfer of 1,086 boxes of Department files, reports, and documents to the Historical and Museum Commission during 1998.

**Department Reaccreditation** The Department was reaccredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) on August 1, 1998. In May 1998, this goal was preceded by one of the most successful on-site assessments ever conducted by CALEA. The team of law enforcement professionals who conducted the assessment concluded that the Department's policies, procedures, and equipment were



Bringing in the Colors, CALEA Conference, Hershey, Pa.

in full compliance with all applicable mandatory accreditation standards and virtually all of the applicable "other-than-mandatory" standards, for a total compliance level of 361 standards. The significance of the Department's accomplishment is heightened by the fact that no policies and procedures required revision during the assessment. The Department remains the largest internationally accredited law enforcement agency in the world.

The Department served as the primary law enforcement agency host of the CALEA conference conducted in Hershey, Pennsylvania, July 29 through August 1, 1998. A total of 813 law enforcement and other government representatives from across North America attended the Hershey conference, making it the second largest conference ever conducted by CALEA.

## DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION



Deputy Commissioner of Administration  
Lt. Colonel Thomas K. Coury

**L**ieutenant Colonel Thomas K. Coury was appointed as Deputy Commissioner of Administration on February 21, 1995. His duties include coordinating and supervising the Department Discipline Office, Equal Employment Opportunity Office, Liaison Officer-Labor Relations, Member Assistance Program, Bureau of Personnel, Bureau of Professional

Responsibility, Bureau of Training and Education, Executive Service Section, and other related administrative duties.



CALEA Conference, Hershey, Pa.

## Bureau of Professional Responsibility

Major Hawthorne N. Conley, Director

The Bureau of Professional Responsibility is comprised of the Internal Affairs Division and the Systems and Process Review Division. The Bureau's administrative and Central offices are headquartered in Harrisburg, with regional offices in Fogelsville and Harmorville.

### Internal Affairs Division

A committee formed by the Bureau of Professional Responsibility, and represented by members from the Internal Affairs Division, the Pennsylvania State Troopers Association, and field representatives, is conducting a complete analysis of the internal affairs process. The goal of the committee is to establish a discipline process which is effective, efficient, and affords Troop Commanders the authority to resolve supervisory issues at their level.

Members of the Internal Affairs Division also began framing an internal affairs training program which will satisfy the need for training within the Department. Training targets to include Cadets, Basic Supervision Classes, and Headquarters Orientation for Lieutenants.

### Systems and Process Review Division

1998 marked the completion of the first 3-year cycle of formalized reviews. During that period, all Department Headquarters, Stations, and Offices had undergone at least one comprehensive inspection by specialized review teams assigned to the Bureau. In-depth examinations conducted by the teams included the evaluation of facilities, vehicles, equipment, personnel, investigative procedures, and all related record keeping. As a result of the 1998 reviews, a total of 60 Action Recommendations were submitted for implementation.

Operations Manual 7-4, Inspections, was released in March 1998. It mandates specific procedures and provides guidelines for an organized inspection process of



Colonel Evanko inspects a Cadet from 102nd class

the Pennsylvania State Police, such as self-assessments, line inspections, and reviews.

Bureau members provided orientation and training on the manual's contents. Additionally, instruction on the Department Property Management System—the storage, record maintenance, and disposition of evidence—was a service provided by Bureau members and made available to organizational segments as requested.

## Bureau of Training and Education

Major Robert R. Einsel, Director

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

**Incident Command System** Incident Command System (ICS) training was included as part of mandatory in-service training attended by all enlisted members and Police Communications Operators (PCOs) during 1998. The ICS uses proven methods to establish command and control resources at emergency incidents. ICS is applicable to the full range of emergency incidents, beginning with minor events involving only a single officer, and progressing to major incidents that involve personnel and resources from multiple agencies.

**Basic Training** 1998 saw the swearing in of 101 new Troopers by Commissioner Paul J. Evanko with the graduations of the 101st and 102nd Cadet Classes. The 103rd Cadet Class entered the Academy on September 28, 1998, with 80 Cadets remaining in the class at year's end. Act 120 training of municipal police officers continued with the Southeast Training Center graduating the 53rd and 54th Municipal Police Classes from that location. The Northeast Training Center graduated the 47th Municipal Police Class in September 1998. The 7th and 8th Liquor Enforcement Officers (LEO) basic training classes were held at the Southwest Training Center in Greensburg. Ten LEOs graduated from the 7th Class in April; with 14 trainees in the 8th LEO Class preparing for a January 1999 graduation.

**In-service Training** A Survival Spanish course was developed and presented by the Southeast Training Center. Mandatory Legal Update Training was developed by Bureau staff and administered by Troop Education Officers. The Bureau coordinated presentation of Police Executive (POLEX) training by Penn State University to command-level personnel and continues to work with members of the Army War College in Carlisle to develop additional training for upper-level management personnel.

A Department-wide Training Calendar, developed by consolidating a list of training offered by all Department segments, was posted on the State Police Internet Web Page for the first time for the Department and all law enforcement entities in the Commonwealth.

**Renovation Project at the Academy** A \$4.2 million renovation project at the Academy resulted in new roofing, a new heating and cooling system, new energy-efficient windows, new lighting fixtures, upgrading of the electrical and plumbing systems, and asbestos and lead abatement. The 8-month project was the first phase of a multi-phase renovation and required the relocation of the training staff to an off-site location in Hershey, where basic and in-service training continued unabated. Renovations and improvements costing



nearly \$130,000 were also completed on the Academy Firearms Range, providing a computerized, pneumatic turning target system, a halogen lighting system, and a new sound system, resulting in a state-of-the-art firing range for the Department.



Main entrance to temporary academy



Instructing Cadets at temporary academy

**Mounted and the Ceremonial Unit** Members of the Mounted Unit and the Ceremonial Unit participated in parades, funerals, and ceremonies, as well as providing security at numerous large gatherings. The mounted detail activities included 60 parades and public relations events and 61 security and or crowd control requests. The Units were in attendance at the National Police Officers' Memorial Service in Washington, D.C., and at the funerals for 2 United States Capitol Police officers killed in the line of duty. The Mounted Unit proudly represented the Department at the International Equitation Competition by bringing home second and fifth place honors in 2 categories and performed at the opening ceremony of the Pennsylvania Farm Show.

**Community Services** Officers throughout the State continued presentations of over 40 different programs aimed at crime prevention and citizen safety. New initiatives included the unveiling of a 1995 Mustang SVT, which had been confiscated during a drug investigation and specially painted and detailed to be used to introduce adolescents and young adults to the dangers of using illegal drugs and driving while under the influence. The slogan, "Don't Horse Around with Drugs and Alcohol" has been met with great interest from the public. A program using Fatal Vision Goggles allows

participants to experience the effects of alcohol and drug impairments visually.

A total of 23 Camp Cadet Programs were held at 20 different locations, with at least 1 Camp Cadet Program in each of the 15 Troops. A total of 951 boys and 517 girls, between the ages of 11 and 15, participated. Each Camp will select 2 Cadets to attend the first Commissioner's Honor Camp which is being planned for August 1-7, 1999, at the State Police Academy in Hershey.



Don't horse around with drugs and alcohol

The 28th Annual American Legion Trooper Youth Week was held June 21-27, 1998, at the Scotland School for Veteran's Children in Franklin County. A total of 86 Cadets, who completed their Junior Year in high school, participated in the program.

The 1998 Trading Cards were distributed to the Community Services Officers throughout the State. The seven card set includes the following: Mustang, Fire Marshal, Historical Patches, Ceremonial Unit, Forensic Services Van, Motor Carrier Services, and the DNA Unit.

## Bureau of Personnel

Ms. Linda M. Bonney, Director

The Bureau of Personnel is comprised of the Personnel Management Division, Personnel Services Division, and the Personnel Development Division.

**New Cadet Selection Process** New Cadet qualification and selection procedures were implemented in 1998. They consist of a qualifying examination, physical performance tests, polygraph examination, background investigation, medical evaluation, and a psychological evaluation. The qualifying examination was administered to 7,290 residents. Of those, 2,553 were placed into a band for further processing. To date, 169 applicants have been offered appointment. Applicants who advance for further processing are given 2 chances to successfully complete the physical performance tests.

**Procedures for Position Postings** Administrative Regulation 4-20, Employee Position Vacancies, was revised to include changes in procedures for posting, application, and interviewing when filling civilian position vacancies, particularly those for the position of Police Communications Operator. AR 4-31, Specialized Position Vacancies for Members, was developed to revise the process for posting of specialized positions for enlisted members.

**Improvement of Services** Sixty-nine new civilian positions were allocated to the Department and filled

for the operation of the Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS).

A computer database was developed to track Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requests for accommodation. The database includes tables for costs, contracts, and appeals.

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### Department Discipline Office

Captain Larry Williams,  
Department Disciplinary Officer

The Department Discipline Office is assigned to the Executive and Administrative Offices, under the authority of the Deputy Commissioner of Administration.

The primary duties of the Department Disciplinary Officer include coordinating, evaluating, and adjudicating Disciplinary Action Reports and the imposition of all discipline.

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### Member Assistance Program

#### Reorganization of the Member Assistance Program

Reorganization of the Member Assistance Program played a major role in extending services to personnel and their families within the State Police. Continuing a focus on "Wellness," the Program's organizational structure was modified to address physiological and psychological wellness.

The new structure of the Program maintained the position of Program Manager and created the positions of Coordinator of Fitness and Wellness Services and Coordinator of Peer Services. This new structure allows for the Program to provide more specific services in Fitness and Physiological Wellness to Department personnel, while maintaining the level of Peer Contact Services that the Member Assistance Program is known for.

**Coordinator of Fitness and Wellness Services** Corporal William H. Gibson assumed the responsibilities of Coordinator of Fitness and Wellness Services in 1998, and presented a seminar on Performance Nutrition at the 1998 CALEA Conference. The Fitness and Wellness Services also began administering fitness tests for Cadets and Cadet Applicant processing.

**Peer Services Coordinator** Trooper Govan A. Martin III assumed the duties of Peer Services Coordinator, and completed the selection and training of 18 new Peer Contacts in 1998.

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### Equal Employment Opportunity Office

Major Virginia Smith-Elliott, EEO Officer

The Equal Employment Opportunity Office is assigned to the Executive and Administrative Offices, under the authority of the Deputy Commissioner of Administration.

The primary duties of the EEO are to develop the Department's annual Equal Employment Opportunity

Plan and to monitor its progress and effectiveness, receiving and investigating informal complaints of discrimination, identifying any discriminatory problems, and training personnel in laws and Department regulations regarding EEO.

During 1998 the Equal Employment Opportunity Office presented 15 sexual harassment training sessions at Basic Supervision, PCO and Cadet classes. In addition, 2 training sessions were conducted for Troop and Bureau personnel.

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### Liaison Officer—Labor Relations

Captain David K. Points, Liaison Officer

The Labor Relations Liaison Office is assigned to the Executive and Administrative Offices, under the authority of the Deputy Commissioner of Administration. The Liaison Officer—Labor Relations works closely with the Pennsylvania State Troopers Association (PSTA) to mutually resolve issues facing the Department and the PSTA. Monthly meetings occur between the 16 Troop Commanders and the local PSTA lodge presidents. These meetings quickly identify problem areas and frequently permit the resolution of the problems. In addition, the Commissioner and his Deputies meet monthly with the Executive Board of the PSTA to address issues on a statewide basis. Representatives of the command staff also meet with representatives from the Office of Administration and the PSTA Executive Board on a monthly schedule. A positive working relationship has been developed between the Department and the PSTA.

## DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF OPERATIONS



Lt. Colonel Joseph H. Westcott  
Deputy Commissioner of Operations

Lieutenant Colonel Joseph H. Westcott was appointed as Deputy Commissioner of Operations on February 21, 1995. He has operational authority over all Area Commands, the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Bureau of Drug Law Enforcement, Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement, Bureau of Patrol, and Bureau of Emergency and Special Operations.



## Bureau of Patrol

Major Kathryn E. Doutt, Director

The Bureau of Patrol, consisting of the Patrol Services Division and the Safety Program Division, continues to address the overall concerns of highway safety and the preservation of life and property for the citizens of Pennsylvania and the traveling public. During the year, Bureau members represented the Department on various state, national and international committees, providing the opportunity for the State Police to give and receive input in the various areas of professional concern and help the Department stay in the forefront of safety, technology, and management.

### 1998

Preliminary Criminal Investigations	119,792
Criminal Arrests	72,077
Felony & Misdemeanor	31,820
Summary	40,257
Traffic Arrests	474,257
Driving Under the Influence	13,074
Traffic Citations	461,183
Written Warnings	358,990
Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) Inspections	22,314
Motorist Assists	58,961

## Patrol Services Division

Enforcement programs targeting aggressive drivers and intentional speeders resulted in a 24% reduction in the number of fatal or major injury crashes at the enforcement sites in 1997. During 1998, this "no-nonsense" enforcement approach resulted in a higher number of violations detected and drivers cited as part of the effort to reduce crashes on State highways.

An aggressive patrol/criminal enforcement program was implemented in June of 1998 to help reduce criminal activity and the flow of contraband across State highways. Troopers are being trained to recognize and effectively investigate indicators of criminal activity.

## Safety Program Division

It is recognized that increased occupant restraint usage would reduce deaths and serious injuries incurred in vehicle crashes. One of the most misunderstood and incorrectly used restraints is the child passenger safety seat. As a result, the State Police initiated a program to have Troopers trained and certified as child passenger safety technicians.

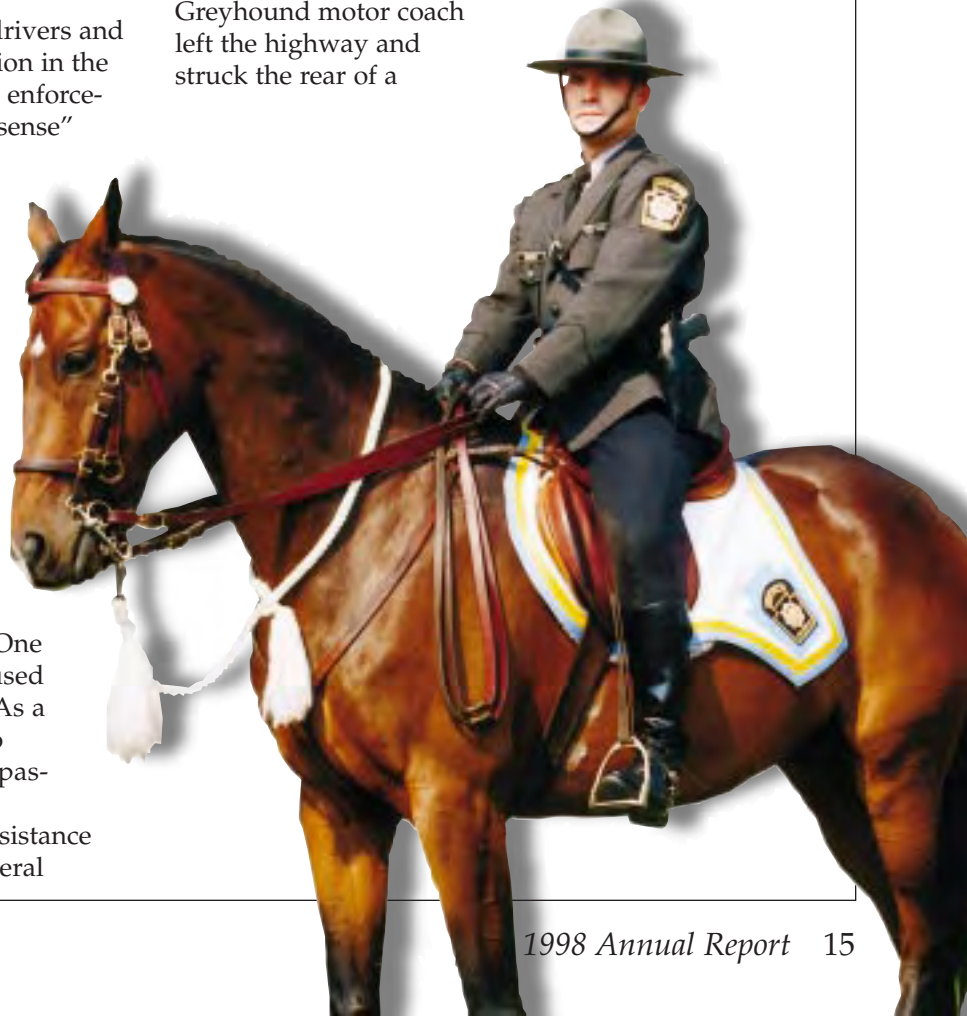
Automation of the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) continues through the federal



Trooper Marian S. Adams inspects child restraint (at Buckle-Up kick off)

funding of laptop computers. Approximately 50% of the computers have been deployed and training classes provided to Motor Carrier Inspectors.

The Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Specialists (CARS) were assigned to investigate and map over 330 fatal traffic crashes in 1998, as well as to map serious crime scenes. A collision of national attention occurred June 20, 1998, on the Pennsylvania Turnpike in which a Greyhound motor coach left the highway and struck the rear of a





Bus accident on turnpike

parked truck-tractor/semi-trailer combination. Seven people were killed and 18 were injured.

The Vehicle Fraud Investigation Program (VFI) was implemented in 1998 to help combat the various types of fraudulent activities occurring in the industry; e.g., sales tax fraud, odometer fraud, misrepresentation of facts, false swearing, etc. Although still in its infancy, the program is already seeing positive results with over 900 felony arrests and over 1,000 misdemeanor arrests.

## Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement

Major Francis E. Koscelnak, Director

The Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement includes the Administration and Operations Divisions. There are nine District Offices, located in Philadelphia, Wilkes-Barre, Harrisburg, Pittsburgh, Altoona, Williamsport, Punxsutawney, Erie, and Allentown.

**1-888-UNDER21 HOTLINE** In 1998, 116 raids were conducted at various gathering places for minors resulting in 1,272 arrests. The Department was awarded a subgrant, "Combating Underage Campus/Community Partnership," in the amount of \$360,000, for the period August 10, 1998, to August 9, 1999. This subgrant was funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and awarded through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

The initiative is designed to combine the many disciplines interested in the problem of underage and binge drinking on college campuses in Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board is tasked with building a community coalition at the nine institutions who participated. The institutions are Bloomsburg University, Gannon University, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Lafayette College, University of Pennsylvania, University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania State University, University of Scranton, and Shippensburg University.

Through subgrant funding, the Department established a hotline for the public to report incidents involving underage drinking. The hotline, 1-888-UNDER21, became operational on October 23, 1998. Callers, who may remain anonymous, are encouraged to provide tips about planned events involving underage drinkers or about parties already underway. As of December 31, 1998, approximately 120 calls were referred to the appropriate agencies for action. These referrals have resulted in numerous underage drinking arrests, and have led to valuable information on illegal drug activity and other crimes.



Lt. Colonel Westcott  
1-888-UNDER21-HOTLINE

**Choices** The Choices Program addresses the problem of underage drinking by school students. This program consists of presentations made by Bureau representatives at school assemblies, emphasizing alternate recreation and involvement while dispensing with the usual lecture-style approach. Thirty-five Liquor Enforcement Officers are trained as presenters and many favorable comments have been received from parents and educators. In 1998, 1,466 presentations were made, and there were 9 requests for enforcement action in conjunction with this program, resulting in 112 arrests. In September 1998, a "Choices" video premiered in Harrisburg and is currently utilized as part of the curriculum.

**Bureau Gambling Initiative** This Bureau initiative, originally launched in December 1995, addresses illegal gambling and other related activities occurring in establishments licensed by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board. The initiative consists of 2 levels of enforcement. The first level is directed at individual licensed establishments. The second level focuses on businesses identified through intelligence information as corrupt



organizations. In 1998, 975 investigations were conducted, with 364 cleared by Administrative Citations and 114 cleared by criminal arrests.

**Cops-in-Shops** The Cops-In-Shops is a Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board-sponsored program supported by federal highway safety grants to fund local law enforcement work with liquor licensees to deter minors from attempting to purchase alcohol, and adults from purchasing alcohol for minors. The success of the program depends on developing and maintaining a high level of trust and cooperation among the participating licensees and law enforcement authorities. This project provides an opportunity for local law enforcement to work in partnership with the Liquor Control Enforcement Officers and the licensees to reduce violations.

**Nuisance Bar/Underage Drinking Program** In January 1998, the Bureau commenced a Nuisance Bar/Underage Drinking Program, developed by Bureau personnel and designed to familiarize and educate district attorneys, local police agencies, State Police personnel and district justices concerning the investigation and prosecution of underage drinking and nuisance bars. This program is intended to standardize nuisance bar enforcement throughout the Commonwealth and to improve the Bureau's impact on underage drinking. The program was presented in each county by the respective District Office Commander.



Liquor Enforcement Officer of the Year.  
LEO Thomas J. Sorokach

**Liquor Enforcement Officer of the Year** In July 1998, Liquor Enforcement Officer Thomas J. Sorokach of the Wilkes-Barre District Enforcement Office was selected as the 1997 Liquor Enforcement Officer of the Year. Since his appointment in 1977, Officer Sorokach has consistently been one of the

top producers in the Wilkes-Barre Office in the area of administrative citations and warnings and criminal arrests for sales to minors, sales without a license, and gambling. In 1997, Officer Sorokach received letters of commendation for his efforts in the Bureau's gambling initiative, and for an investigation of a college speakeasy, which culminated in a raid resulting in the arrests of 147 minors.

	1997	1998	% change
Complaints Routine	15744	13935	-11%
Inspections	1683	1266	-25%
Complaints Investigated	13693	13784	1%
Licensed Establishments			
Checked	32004	31696	-1%
Licensed Establishments			
Cited	2787	2472	-11%
Arrests <21 YOA	2415	2888	20%
Arrests >=21 YOA	400	393	-2%
Total Arrests	2815	3281	17%
Unlicensed Sales	122	155	27%
Underage Arrests	2180	2670	22%
Furnishing to Minors	105	150	43%
Warning Notices	2176	1745	-20%
Liquor Seized	1395	4373	213%
Beer Seized	9001	4077	-55%
Wine Seized	2168	965	-55%

## Bureau of Drug Law Enforcement

Major Tyree C. Blocker, Director

The Bureau includes 2 Divisions, Administration and Operations. The Bureau supports 21 operational field units throughout the Commonwealth. Fifteen Tactical Narcotic Teams (TNT) and 5 Area Offices are aligned with 5 Area Commands and 15 county Troops. The Bureau also has an Eastern Interdiction Unit and a Western Interdiction Unit. The work being done by Bureau members involves, but is not limited to, intelligence gathering, surveillance, undercover operations, interdiction, and electronic surveillance. The Bureau has a training officer who works very closely with the Pennsylvania Army National Guard at Fort Indiantown Gap. His duties include coordinating training for Bureau members, other Department members, and local police officers.

**Cooperation Across State Lines** Members of Troop K, Tactical Narcotics Team (TNT), working in cooperation with Delaware County Criminal Investigation Division (CID) and the Louisiana State Police, conducted a controlled delivery operation in Delaware County Pennsylvania. The Louisiana State Police conducted a traffic stop and discovered 200 pounds of marijuana hidden in the vehicle. The suspect agreed to cooperate and participate in a controlled delivery in Pennsylvania. The Louisiana State Police contacted Troop K, TNT.



Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Maryland Troopers prepare for patrol

The suspect was escorted to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania by the Louisiana State Police where his cooperation was used to develop probable cause to obtain a search warrant. The service of the search warrant netted an additional 50 pounds of marijuana and revealed the suspect to be a major marijuana processor/distributor. Eight thousand dollars and a 1998 Toyota sport utility vehicle were also seized.

**Interdiction Operation Nets Two Million Dollars Worth of Cocaine** Members of the Eastern Interdiction Unit, working with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), United States Custom Service, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), conducted an interdiction investigation at the Philadelphia International Airport. Enforcement authorities in Puerto Rico notified officials at Philadelphia of 5 suspicious individuals traveling from San Juan to Philadelphia. Upon the arrival of these 5 individuals, surveillance was initiated and probable cause was developed to obtain a search warrant. The search warrant netted 190 pounds of cocaine from luggage being carried by the suspects. Further investigation led members to an area hotel where another suspect was in possession of an additional 17 pounds of cocaine. This was the largest drug seizure ever at the Philadelphia International Airport. The wholesale value of the cocaine was in excess of \$2,000,000.

**Top Gun Training Continues** "Top Gun," a unique hands-on training program for drug investigators and prosecutors, was conducted on 2 occasions in 1998. Attended by nearly 100 drug investigators and prosecuting attorneys, the course continues to receive praise from individuals who attend. The course is designed to provide investigators and prosecuting attorneys the latest information and drug investigation techniques. It is a scenario-driven course, beginning when a suspect is arrested and decides to become an informant, and culminates in presentation of evidence at a preliminary hearing.

**Erie Area Gang Law Enforcement Task Force** The Erie Area Gang Law Enforcement (EAGLE) Task Force continued to successfully investigate and arrest major cocaine traffickers in the city of Erie during 1998. The EAGLE Task Force, comprised of officers from the Pennsylvania State Police (BDLE and Troop E, Vice ), the FBI, and the Erie City Police, became operational in 1996. The mission of the EAGLE Task Force has been to disrupt the flow of cocaine into the city of Erie through the investigation and dismantling of major Dominican cocaine trafficking organizations. During 1998, the EAGLE Task Force conducted investigations resulting in 20 major federal indictments and 17 convictions. The EAGLE Task Force seized over 6 kilograms of cocaine and crack cocaine, \$60,000 in U.S. currency, \$32,000 in real property and 5 vehicles.

Enforcement		
Arrests		737
Search Warrants Served		171
Cooperative Arrests		299
Seizures		
Cocaine	2277.06 Kg	
Heroin	1.96 Kg	
Marijuana	1692.02 Kg	
Stimulants	149.05 Kg	
Depressants	2.59 Kg	
LSD	2480 Doses	
Marijuana Eradicated		
Plants	1584	
Plots	276	
Asset Seizures		
Vehicles, Real Estate, Cash \$1.24 Million		

## Bureau of Criminal Investigation

Major Ralph M. Periandi, Director

**Auto Theft Task Forces** The Auto Theft Task Forces have been in existence for 2½ years. During that period, 391 vehicles have been recovered. The market value of these recovered vehicles is placed at approximately \$6,498,000. In 1995, 47,568 vehicles were reported stolen in the Commonwealth. Since the inception of the Auto Theft Task Forces, latest data indicates a 10.3% decrease in motor vehicle thefts.

**Fugitive Apprehension Unit** During this year, 445 cases have been closed, either by physical arrest or clearances—the most notable being Edward Thomas Brown who, in February 1998, fatally shot himself rather than surrender to the U.S. Marshals and State Police members who had located him in New York City.



**Crime Stoppers Unit** The Crime Stoppers Unit Coordinator has visited each Troop in the Commonwealth to discuss the merits of the program. During 1998, information from the public resulted in the clearance of 35 cases and the arrests of 18 individuals. Rewards totaling \$4,550 were paid during this period.

**Polygraph Examination** With the inception of the new Cadet processing procedures, approximately 600 applicant polygraph examinations have been conducted by Troop personnel with little effect on normal operations. These examinations have been instrumental in the disqualification of numerous candidates who did not meet Department standards for conduct.

**Organized Crime Division** Utilizing the training received through the Bureau's Cellular Telephone Fraud Investigation training initiative, the Organized Crime Division's Eastern Task Force concluded a multi-state cell phone fraud investigation. Industry experts recognized the Kevin Graves Organization based in Philadelphia as being one of the largest cloning operations in the northeastern United States.

After infiltrating this group and executing numerous search warrants, 6 individuals were arrested and subsequently prosecuted in United States District Court in Philadelphia. All of the defendants subsequently pleaded guilty and received sentences ranging from probation to nearly 3 years in prison.

**Operation Triggerlock** Operation Triggerlock is a comprehensive, proactive program developed by the Pennsylvania State Police. It is coordinated through the Bureau of Criminal Investigation and implemented by the Troops. Triggerlock is designed to remove violent felons, illegal firearms, and illegal narcotics from targeted communities. It combines the resources of local, state, and federal criminal justice agencies in a 4-phase attack of intelligence, undercover investigations, undercover arrests, and saturation patrols.

Since its inception in 1995, Operation Triggerlock has been utilized successfully in 15 different locations throughout Pennsylvania. This year, 8 communities employed the Triggerlock program.

**Heritage Affairs Office** The Director of the Heritage Affairs Office, Captain Robert P. Hague, attended the first statewide Hate Crimes Conference, conducted in Harrisburg on December 9 and 10, 1998. He participated as a program presenter and chairperson for the Law Enforcement Response Panel with municipal, city, state, and federal law enforcement agency representatives. Additionally, Captain Hague participated as a panel participant during the taping of a cable television program which addressed various issues associated with hate crimes in Pennsylvania and across the nation. In January 1998, the program aired nationally on Court TV as part of its "Choices and Consequences" public service initiative.

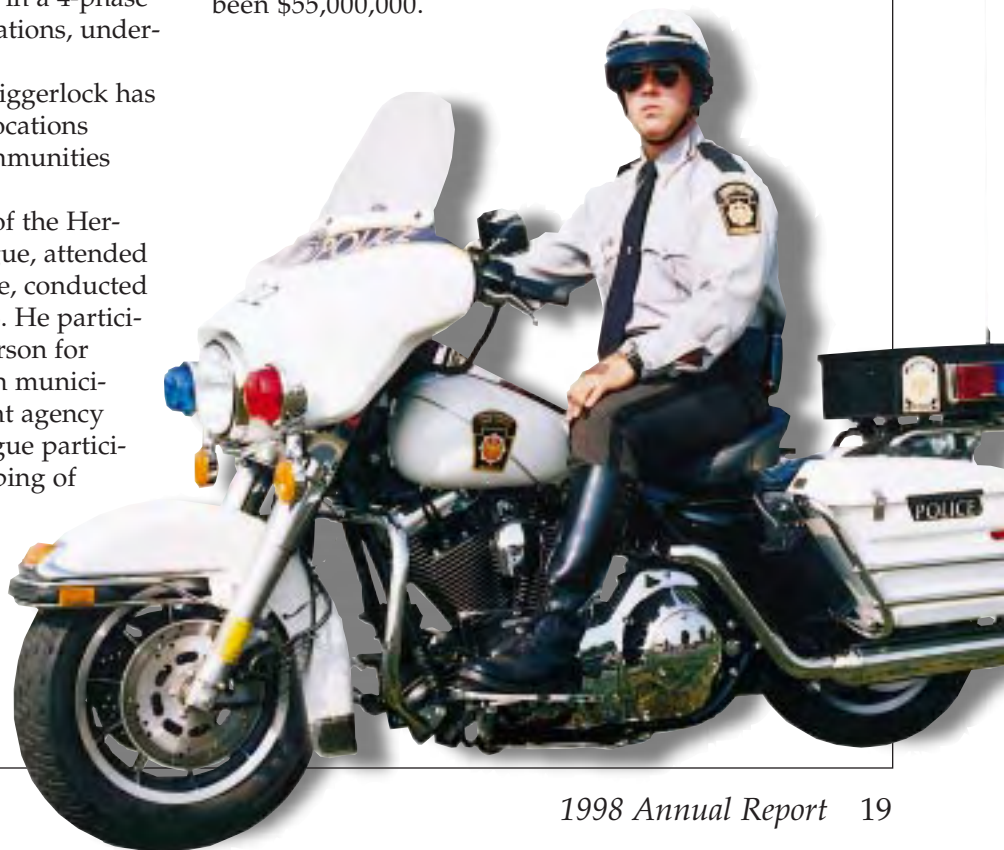
## Bureau of Emergency and Special Operations

Major Leonard Washington Jr., Director

The Bureau was established in 1992 to consolidate several Department entities, including Emergency Operations, Aviation and Special Services Division, and Tactical Operations Division.

**Aerial Support From Aviation Section** The Aviation Section continues to provide aerial support to the field and local police departments through the use of the Department's 7 helicopters and 5 fixed-wing airplanes. During 1998, the Aviation Section completed 899 search missions, 205 S.P.A.R.E. missions, and 289 marijuana eradication missions. The helicopter units concentrated their efforts on the search and rescue missions, photography missions, and marijuana eradication. The airplane units' primary focus is on the Department's S.P.A.R.E. program and surveillance missions.

**Canine Drug Enforcement** On September 29, 1998, Corporal Edward C. Gibson III assisted Drug Enforcement Agency Agents and members of the Eastern Interdiction Unit, who were acting on a tip. A tractor trailer had been sitting in a motel parking lot for several days leaking a foul smelling fluid. A vehicle safety inspection was conducted and Corporal Gibson interviewed the driver. When the consent to search was obtained from the driver, the vehicle was driven to the Willow Grove Naval Air Station where it was unloaded. Inside the trailer was 555 kilos of cocaine. The cocaine was packaged 5 kilos to a bundle and then hidden inside crates of cilantro. The street value of the drugs seized would have been \$55,000,000.





555 Kilos of Cocaine

This was the largest seizure in the history of Montgomery County.

**Emergency Operations Office Provides Specialized Training** During 1998, the Emergency Operations Office coordinated a training program to provide a specialized course of instruction for approximately 20 Department members. The training involved classroom instruction concerning nuclear, biological, and chemical (NBC) terrorism. The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) sponsored the program in 2 phases. Phase I consisted of a general overview of NBC terrorism incidents, including the use of weapons of mass destruction. Phase II training involved familiarization with specific types of NBC agents, their effects on humans, and recommended response strategies. The training will enhance the Department's response capabilities in the event of an NBC terrorism incident within the Commonwealth.

## Special Emergency Response Team Activations

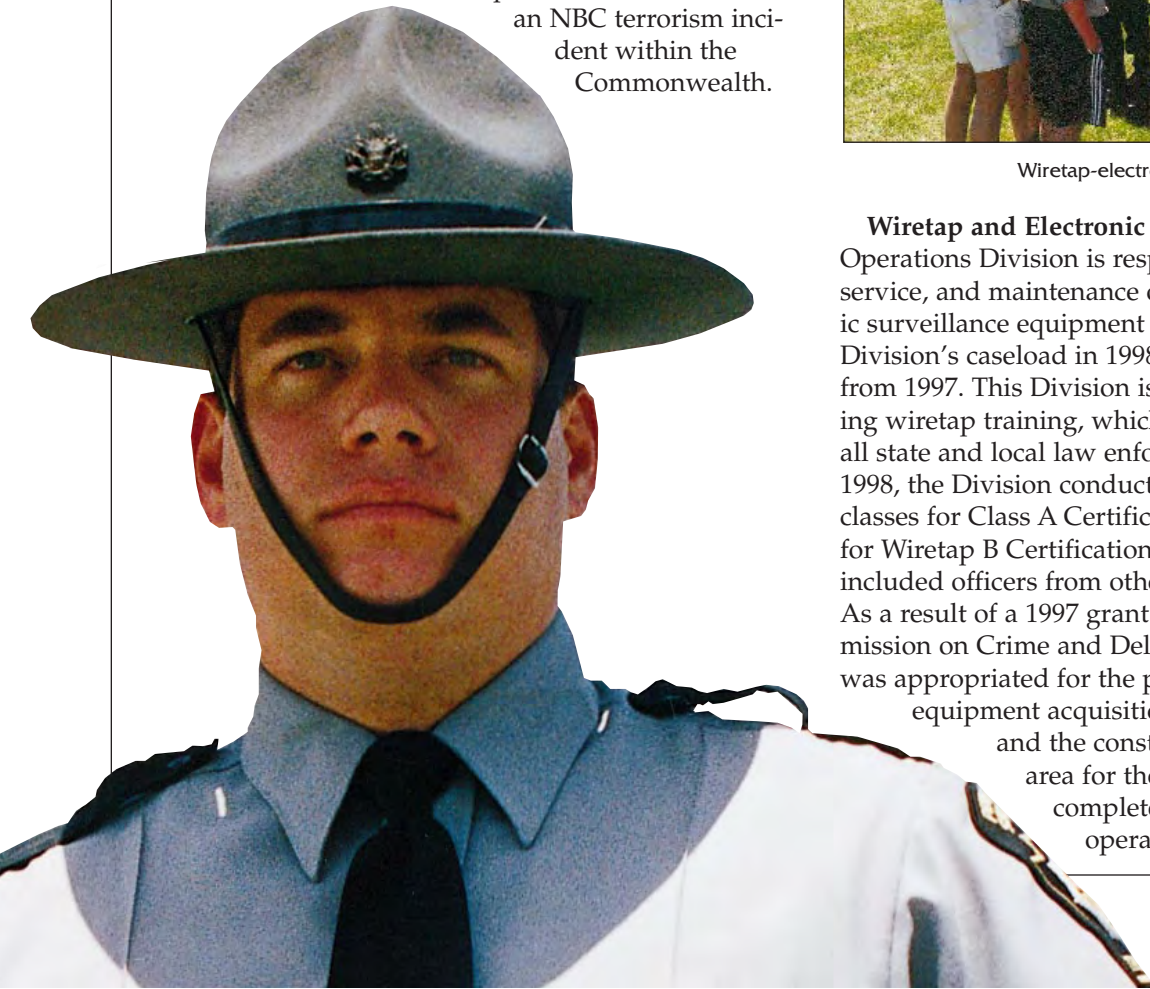
Total Activations	76
Barricaded persons	36
Search Warrants	9
Planning Actions	6
Demonstrations	6
Surveillance	4
Security	2
Hostage	1
Other / non-specific	12

**Special Emergency Response Team (SERT)** During 1998, SERT created a special program to help school teachers, bus drivers, and other professionals deal with violent confrontations or being taken hostage. The program is in direct response to school official concerns about incidents of violence occurring nationally and in Pennsylvania. The training is designed to complement the Safe Schools Program offered by the Community Services Section. The training is presented by SERT Crisis Negotiators, and was administered to 2 school districts during 1998.



Wiretap-electronic surveillance and other equipment

**Wiretap and Electronic Surveillance** The Technical Operations Division is responsible for deployment, service, and maintenance of wiretap and other electronic surveillance equipment throughout the State. The Division's caseload in 1998 increased more than 100% from 1997. This Division is also responsible for providing wiretap training, which is required by statute, for all state and local law enforcement officers. During 1998, the Division conducted 10, 1-week certification classes for Class A Certification and 1, 3-week session for Wiretap B Certification (WTB). The WTB class included officers from other states and federal agencies. As a result of a 1997 grant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, a total of \$640,700 was appropriated for the purpose of surveillance equipment acquisition. The acquisition process and the construction of a secure storage area for the central repository are nearly complete. The repository will be operational in early 1999.







**M**ajor James B. Hazen, Commander Area I Headquarters is located at Troop H, Harrisburg. Area I is comprised of Troop H, Harrisburg; Troop L, Reading; and Troop N, Hazleton.

## Troop H, Harrisburg

### Quick Facts

- Captain Jeffrey B. Miller, Commanding Officer
- Headquarters is located in Dauphin County.
- 6 additional Stations:
  - Carlisle, Cumberland County
  - Chambersburg, Franklin County
  - Lykens, Dauphin County
  - Newport, Perry County
  - Gettysburg, Adams County
  - York, York County
- 363 enlisted and civilian personnel
- Total population of Troop area: approximately 1,056,408
- Total area served by Troop: 3,004 square miles

**Civil War Reenactor Shot** On July 3, 1998, the largest Civil War reenactment in history was held in Adams County. During the first battle, a reenactor was shot in the neck with a lead ball from another reenactor's gun. Trooper Ricky L. Goodling, Pennsylvania State Police, Gettysburg, was assigned the investigation. After extensive interviews, a French citizen was charged with Simple Assault and Recklessly Endangering Another Person. The suspect was arrested in Washington, D.C., and extradited back to Pennsylvania. The accused plead guilty to Recklessly Endangering Another Person and was sentenced to 2 days in prison, \$5,000 restitution, fines, and costs.



Troop H. Civil War reenactor is shot in Gettysburg

**Homicide Cleared** On December 27, 1997, members from the Chambersburg Station investigated a double murder that occurred in Hamilton Township, Franklin County. The victims, a mother and daughter, were shot to death while they slept in their beds. As a result of the investigation, Trooper H. Wayne Sheppard charged the estranged husband with the murders. On October 9, 1998, a guilty verdict and a death sentence was entered, thus ending the most expensive trial in Franklin County history.

**Phone Scam** On December 2, 1998, an elderly man residing in Loganville Borough, York County, contacted the York Station to report a phone scam. The victim was told he won a Mercedes Benz worth \$89,500. The victim would have to pay 10% taxes and handling charges. The calls were traced to Bullhead City, Arizona. With the cooperation of Bullhead City Police, FBI, and FedEx, 2 subjects were arrested.

**South Central Camp Cadet** Troop H, Southcentral Camp Cadet was coordinated by Troopers Joseph P. Nolte and Edward S. Asbury for its 13th year of operation. Area businesses, civic groups, and the annual golf tournament raised approximately \$25,000 for the 85 boys and 5 girls to attend the week-long coed experience. The staff was comprised of members and employees of the Pennsylvania State Police, and 14 other law enforcement agencies. The week included tours of the Dauphin County 911 Dispatch Center and the Shafner Juvenile Youth Correction Facility.



Troop H. South-central Camp Cadet

## Troop L, Reading

### Quick Facts

- Captain Michael J. Marcantino, Commanding Officer
- Headquarters is located in Berks County.
- 4 additional Stations:
  - Jonestown, Lebanon County
  - Frackville, Schuylkill County
  - Hamburg, Berks County
  - Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill County
- 199 enlisted and civilian personnel
- Total population of Troop area: approximately 614,805
- Total area served by Troop: 1,636 square miles

**Camp Cadet** The 14th Annual Troop L Camp Cadet Program was held August 16-22, 1998, at Camp Manatawny, Berks County. This was the third year for a co-ed camp, hosting 70 boys and 30 girls from Berks, Lebanon, and Schuylkill Counties. There were 20 junior staff members, ranging in age from 15-20 years, to complement the adult staff members from Troop L and surrounding police departments. The cost per child was \$200 and was funded entirely by donations from businesses, civic groups, and golf tournaments held in each county. Reading's camp is unique in that it has an alumni association and a law explorer post. The alumni association is a family-oriented program with a fall picnic at the camp and a spring awards banquet.

**Spring Tornado** On May 31, 1998, a tornado struck northern Berks County. Winds of 150-200 mph left a 12-mile path of destruction through the area. Buildings and structures in the tornado's path were completely destroyed. Damage estimates were in the millions of dollars. Especially hard hit was the town of Lyons. On Tuesday, June 2, 1998, Governor Tom Ridge declared northern Berks County a disaster emergency area. On June 3, 1998, Lieutenant Governor Mark S. Schweiker toured the area and viewed the extensive damage. Troop L personnel aided local officials with the recovery effort by providing round-the-clock anti-looting patrols, traffic control, and other necessary assistance.

**Operation Triggerlock** Operation Triggerlock was conducted in the city of Reading during 1998, with the undercover phase commencing in May and the saturation patrol phase following and lasting into the fall. A total of 60 people were arrested at the conclusion of the undercover phase, during which time cocaine, marijuana, and heroin were purchased. A total of 116 people were arrested during the saturation patrol phase.

**KKK Rally** On September 26, 1998, the American Knights of the Ku Klux Klan held a rally on the steps of the Schuylkill County Courthouse in Pottsville, Schuylkill County. Troop L assigned 52 members to assist Pottsville City Police Department with crowd control and the Schuylkill County Sheriff's Department with Courthouse security. The contingent from Troop L was augmented by 13 additional members; 3 from Troop N; 6 from the Mounted Detail; 2 from the Bureau of Patrol Motorcycle Unit; and 2 from the Bureau of Criminal Investigation. There were 26 Klansmen and approximately 250 spectators. Due to this impressive joint effort of law enforcement, the rally was conducted in strict accordance with all specific restrictions. Only 3 summary arrests were affected.

**Bank Robbery in St. Clair** On October 16, 1998, an individual committed a robbery of the Community Bank in the borough of St. Clair. The perpetrator and an accomplice driver attempted to flee on a back road. After hearing the dispatch from the 911 center, all members working that shift at the Frackville Station attempted to locate the suspect vehicle. The vehicle was



Troop L. KKK Rally

quickly located and a pursuit ensued. The perpetrators continually operated their vehicle in a reckless manner, endangering numerous State and local police officers who had set up several roadblocks along their path. The chase continued through Schuylkill, Carbon, and Monroe Counties, at speeds exceeding 100 mph. Finally, the vehicle was stopped in Monroe County by members of the Fern Ridge Station of Troop N by placing "stop sticks" in the path of the suspects' vehicle. Most of the money was recovered and the individuals were incarcerated in Schuylkill County Prison.

**AWARD** Trooper Barry L. Brinser, Jonestown Patrol Unit, was named the "Law Enforcement Officer of the Year" by the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Society for Industrial Security.



## Troop N, Hazleton

### Quick Facts

- Captain Richard S. Zenk, Commanding Officer
- Headquarters is located in Luzerne County.  
4 additional Stations:
  - Bloomsburg, Columbia County
  - Fern Ridge, Monroe County
  - Lehighton, Carbon County
  - Swiftwater, Monroe County
- 241 enlisted and civilian personnel
- Total population of Troop area: approximately 306,422
- Total area served by Troop: 1,248 square miles

**Aggressive Enforcement Stance Against Driving Under the Influence** At the beginning of 1998, the Patrol Unit members at the Lehighton Station set a goal to take a more aggressive enforcement stance against Driving Under the Influence (DUI) violations. Patrol members successfully used the Department-sponsored initiatives such as S.T.E.A.D.-D. and Safe and Sober, as well as seeking DUI violations during normal patrol duties. As a result of their efforts, the Lehighton Station made a total of 179 DUI arrests for 1998, a 75% increase from 1997.

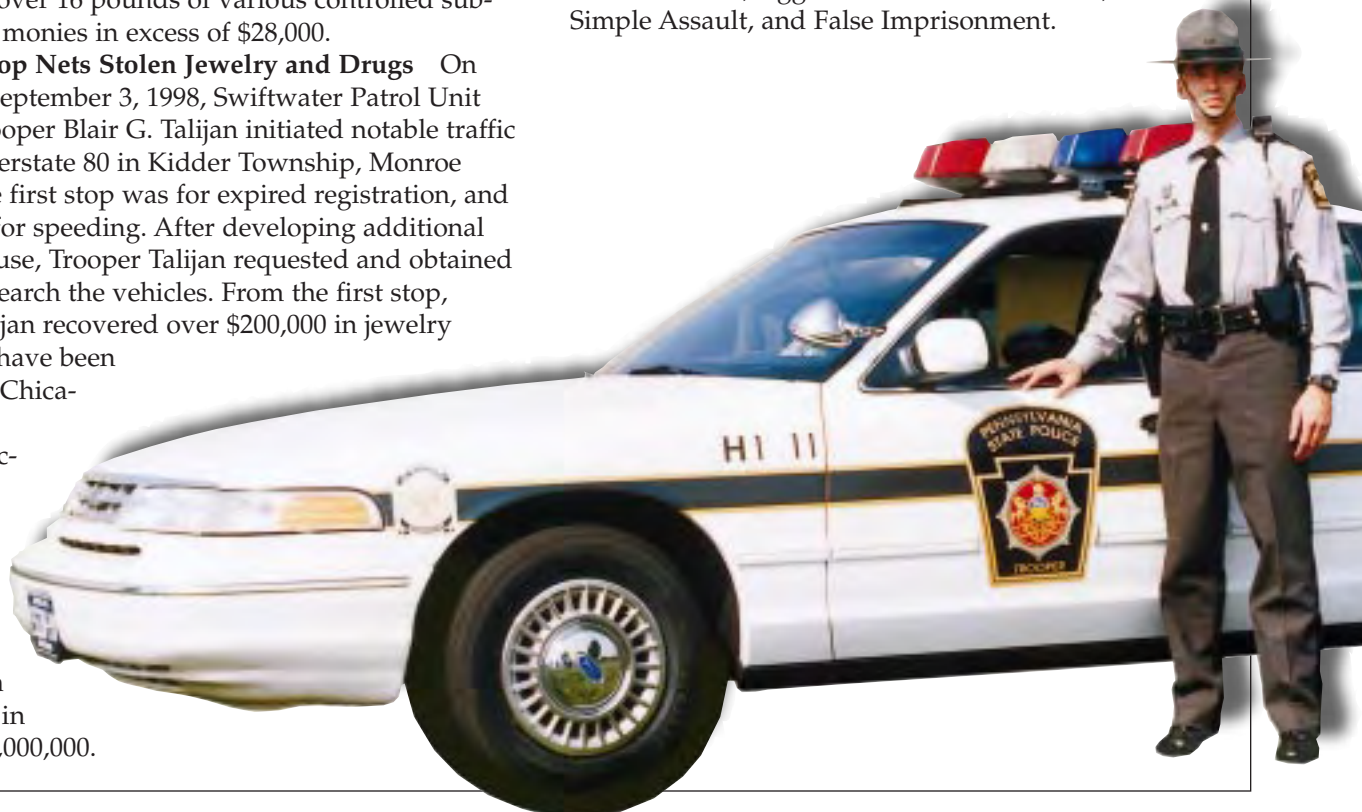
**Aggressive Patrol/Criminal Enforcement** Members of Hazleton Headquarters Patrol Unit continued their efforts in conducting aggressive patrol/criminal enforcement activities, particularly on the area's interstate highway system. These aggressive patrol activities have resulted in 31 criminal arrests. Patrol Unit members seized over 16 pounds of various controlled substances and monies in excess of \$28,000.

**Traffic Stop Nets Stolen Jewelry and Drugs** On July 3 and September 3, 1998, Swiftwater Patrol Unit member Trooper Blair G. Talijan initiated notable traffic stops on Interstate 80 in Kidder Township, Monroe County. The first stop was for expired registration, and the second for speeding. After developing additional probable cause, Trooper Talijan requested and obtained consent to search the vehicles. From the first stop, Trooper Talijan recovered over \$200,000 in jewelry believed to have been stolen from Chicago, Illinois. From the second stop, Trooper Talijan seized 16 kilos of cocaine which had a street value in excess of \$1,000,000.

**Photography and Evidence Handling Classes for Local Police Officers** Throughout 1998, the Troop N Criminal Investigation Unit provided investigative assistance to all local police departments within the Troop N area. Trooper Philip P. Barletto Jr., Identification Unit, Swiftwater, and Troopers David B. Klitsch, Jody T. Radziewicz, and Christopher J. Wilson, Identification Unit members, Hazleton Headquarters conducted three, 16-hour Photography and Evidence Handling classes for local police officers in addition to routine forensic services. These classes included instruction and hands-on field training for day and night photography, evidence identification, and collection. A total of 35 local officers were trained in these classes. Each officer commented on the value of the class, indicating that it prepared them to do their job better.

**Two-Year Investigation Comes to Conclusion** In November 1998, a 2-year investigation came to a successful conclusion with the prosecution and conviction of a local Monroe County attorney, Donald Young. Mr. Young married a woman from Honduras in 1995 and brought her to the United States. In 1996, he repeatedly sexually and physically assaulted her, held her against her will, and did not allow her to leave their home. In November 1996, an investigation began when the victim fled her home and went to a neighbor's house.

In July 1997, Mr. Young arranged to have another woman from Honduras illegally smuggled into the United States. Shortly after her arrival, he sexually assaulted the woman and held her against her will. During different spans of time, both women lived with Mr. Young in a state of indentured servitude. Mr. Young was charged and convicted of Rape, Sexual Assault, Aggravated Indecent Assault, Simple Assault, and False Imprisonment.





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

### Troop F, Montoursville

#### Quick Facts

- Captain Phillip L. DeWire, Commanding Officer
- Headquarters is located in Lycoming County.
- 7 additional Stations:
  - Coudersport, Potter County
  - Emporium, Cameron County
  - Lamar, Clinton County
  - Mansfield, Tioga County
  - Milton, Northumberland County
  - Selinsgrove, Snyder County
  - Stonington, Northumberland County
- 290 enlisted and civilian personnel
- Total population of Troop area: approximately 412,063
- Total area served by Troop: 6,109 square miles

**Commitment to Reduce Crashes and Related Injuries and Fatalities** In conjunction with the Department goals and objectives, Troop F made a commitment to reduce crashes and related injuries and fatalities in the Troop area. This commitment was reflected in a diverse strategy of unique enforcement efforts designed to accomplish the goal.

Each Station in the Troop implemented specific enforcement plans based on real time crash statistics. In addition to PennDOT accident maps, each Station prepared up-to-the-minute pin maps showing where crashes were occurring. Station Commanders then targeted the problem areas with high visibility enforcement action.

The enforcement action plans utilized federal overtime programs such as TAG-D, Operation CENTIPEDE, and S.T.E.A.D.-D. to augment unique enforcement programs developed by each Station in the Troop. These Station-level enforcement action plans consisted of speed reduction, restraint system usage, and DUI enforcement details, coupled with high-profile media coverage.

The result of this initiative was unqualified success in the reduction of crashes, injuries, and fatalities. The chart below provides definitive statistics that show, in spite of increasing highway usage, selective traffic enforcement, utilizing specific action plans, saves lives.

- Total Crashes
  - 7% reduction in 1998
- Injury Crashes
  - 8% reduction in 1998
- Fatal Crashes
  - 7.5% reduction in 1998
- Traffic Arrests
  - 19% increase in 1998

### Troop P, Wyoming

#### Quick Facts

- Captain Carmen R. Altavilla, Commanding Officer
- Headquarters is located in Luzerne County
- 4 additional Stations:
  - Dushore, Sullivan County
  - Shickshinny, Luzerne County
  - Towanda, Bradford County
  - Tunkhannock, Wyoming County
- 189 enlisted and civilian personnel
- Total population of Troop area: approximately 353,687
- Total area served by Troop: 2,321 square miles

**Gunman Confronts Police Communications Operator** On January 21, 1998, at approximately 12:30 a.m., a subject came to the Shickshinny Station in an upset state of mind. The subject pointed a loaded .357 pistol at Police Communications Operator Joseph R. Gushka and stated that he wished to kill someone or himself. He then left the building, went to his truck, which was parked in the Station's parking lot, and cocked the gun and pointed it at his head. PSP personnel at the scene were able to convince him to lower the weapon and give himself up without incident. The subject was charged with Aggravated Assault and was placed in Luzerne County Prison in lieu of bail.

**Man Charged With 1967 Homicide** On May 1, 1998, a Warrant of Arrest was issued for Charles



Edward Kelly, Ross Correctional Institution, Chillicothe, Ohio, for the 1967 murder of 81-year-old Eleanor Broschart Fitzgerald. On September 10, 1998, an extradition hearing was held in Common Pleas Court, Ross County, Ohio. It was ordered that Charles Edward Kelly be returned to Pennsylvania to answer to the charges of murder and voluntary manslaughter of Eleanor Broschart Fitzgerald. Mr. Kelly was arraigned on September 11, 1998, and committed to the Bradford County Corrections Facility with no bail. On October 28, 1998, Mr. Kelly was bound over to Common Pleas Court. Mr. Kelly suffered a massive heart attack at the Bradford County Prison on December 30, 1998, and was pronounced dead at 2:38 a.m. at the Towanda Memorial Hospital, Towanda, Pennsylvania.



Troop P. Operation Triggerlock

**Tornado Leaves Path of Destruction** On June 2, 1998, a tornado ripped through several communities near central Wyoming County, leaving behind a path of destruction and loss of life. Pauline Harris, 83, and Glen Mattocks, 35, were killed from injuries sustained when they were sucked from their home by 200 mph winds. The Pennsylvania State Police, with federal, state, and local agencies, and volunteers from the community banded together in an effort to rebuild homes and provide a catalyst for healing the physical and psychological scars left behind.

**Attempted Homicide** On August 15, 1998, State Police at Dushore (now Laporte) responded to the scene of a shooting involving a 13-year-old juvenile and his father. The pair were from Maryland vacationing in Sullivan County at a family-owned cabin. The father had recently purchased a 9 mm handgun and presented it to the son as a gift. When the pair became involved in an argument, the youth became upset and went outside the cabin. The father followed and found his son pointing the handgun at him. The boy shot and wounded his father, who fled into the cabin, barricading himself in a bedroom. The juvenile pursued, firing several more shots at his father. As the father secured himself in the bedroom, he pleaded with the youth asking him to call for medical attention.

The juvenile placed a call to 911 and State Police members responded. Upon arrival, they found the boy still in possession of the handgun and threatening his father. Trooper Raymond E. Miller utilized the patrol vehicle P.A. system, and with the assistance of the 911 dispatcher, was able to convince the assailant to surrender the gun. Trooper Eric A. Cornell took the juvenile into custody. Corporal William G. Meko and Trooper Miller administered first aid to the father until the

arrival of medical personnel. The father survived the shooting and his son was charged with attempted homicide.

**Triggerlock Program** The 1998 Wilkes-Barre Triggerlock Program, a cooperative effort of the Pennsylvania State Police and the Wilkes-Barre City Police Department, resulted in 127 arrest warrants issued for 93 individuals. As of December 8, 1998, 75 of the 93 have been apprehended and 123 incidents have been cleared. Furthermore, during the saturation phase of the operation, there were 1,143 police contacts, 68 Traffic Citations, 7 Non-Traffic Citations and 285 Written Warnings issued. There were 2 DUI arrests, 5 drug arrests, and 12 individuals were arrested on outstanding warrants.

## Troop R, Dunmore

### Quick Facts

- Captain Joseph T. Marut, Commanding Officer
- Headquarters is located in Lackawanna County.
- 3 additional Stations:
  - Honesdale, Wayne County
  - Blooming Grove, Pike County
  - Gibson, Susquehanna County
- 230 enlisted and civilian personnel
- Total population of Troop area: approximately 336,143
- Total area served by Troop: 2,411 square miles

**Traffic Stop Results in Recovered Stolen Property** On June 3, 1998, Trooper Richard J. Janesko, while conducting radar duties on I-380 in Lackawanna County, observed a vehicle approaching at a high rate of speed.

The vehicle was stopped and, after conversing with the operator, Trooper Janesko became suspicious and subsequently searched the vehicle. The search resulted in the confiscation of approximately \$10,000 worth of stolen property, consisting of designer clothing, shoes, compact discs, videos, and jewelry. The clothing was still tagged and theft protected with electronic sensors, with many of the items still on hangers.

#### **National Night Out-Safety Night**

On August 3, 1998, Troopers William E. Satkowski Jr., and Charles G. Sands, Community Services Officers, along with Robot Trooper B Smart, participated in the award-winning annual event, National Night Out - Safety Night, held in Dunmore Borough, Lackawanna County. The purpose of this event is to encourage members of the community to come together to solve crime.

#### **Negligence of a Care Dependent**

**Person** On October 29, 1998, Trooper Sean Doran investigated a case of Negligence of a Care Dependent Person. The individual died from neglect and the owner of a local personal care home was arrested and convicted of the crime. This was the first Personal Care Home to be charged and convicted under the new statute in the Commonwealth.



Troop R. National Night Out / Safety Night. Trooper B. Smart joins the crowd

**Multistate Car Theft Ring** On November 30, 1998, the Criminal Investigation Unit, Troop R, Dunmore, and the PSP Aviation Unit, in conjunction with the Dunmore Police Department and the South Abington Township Police Department, began an intense investigation after receiving information regarding a multistate car theft ring, with suspects and stolen vehicles being observed in the Lackawanna County area. The 6 vehicles recovered locally were all 1999 Lincoln Navigators and were among 10 vehicles stolen from a Lincoln-Mercury dealership in Cicero, New York. The Navigators were valued at approximately \$270,000. The accused, 3 males from New York City, were arrested and incarcerated in Lackawanna County Prison in lieu of \$1,000,000 bail.



Troop R. \$270,000 worth of recovered vehicles



# AREA III



**M**ajor Lyle H. Szupinka, Commander Area III Headquarters is located at Troop B, Washington. Area III is comprised of Troop A, Greensburg; Troop B, Washington; and Troop G, Hollidaysburg.

## Troop A, Greensburg

### Quick Facts

- Captain W. John Pudliner, Jr., Commanding Officer
- Headquarters is located in Westmoreland County.
- 4 additional Stations:
  - Ebensburg, Cambria County
  - Indiana, Indiana County
  - Kiski Valley, Westmoreland County
  - Somerset, Somerset County
- 316 enlisted and civilian personnel
- Total population of Troop area: approximately 663,172
- Total area served by Troop: 2,965 square miles

**Charges Under the New Statute** On May 18, 1998, an 18-year-old man was found dead in the bedroom of his Cambria County home. Packets believed to be heroin and a bent needle were found near the body in his bedroom. A pool party the night before had been attended by 4 friends. After interviewing the friends, a confession was made by one male, who had supplied the victim with heroin. Charges under the newly enacted statute, considered Murder 3, were filed by Corporal Frank C. Adamczyk and Trooper Lawrence C. Malesky. This is the first case to be tried in Pennsylvania and will provide the test for the new statute.

**Severe Weather** On May 31, 1998, a tornado classified by the National Weather Service as an F-2 crossed southern Somerset County, bisecting the borough of Salisbury. A 13-year-old girl was killed when the front of a church and a large tree crashed on top of a vehicle in which she was sitting. Fifteen people were injured. Preliminary assessment reports indicated that 43 homes were completely destroyed, 37 homes had major damage, and 73 sustained minor damage. State Police responded to assist with rescue operations, traffic control, and to provide scene security. The Aviation Unit stationed in Latrobe provided support and aerial assessment of the damage. On June 2, at approximately

8 p.m., another severe weather front spawned two additional tornados, which again crossed southern Somerset County. The second tornado was the most severe, classified as an F-3. Telephone and electric service was affected in almost all of southern Somerset County. Pennsylvania State Police continued to provide traffic control and security throughout the area, and no significant problems were encountered during the emergency.



Troop A. Tornado tears through Troop A area

**Live Pipe Bomb Placed Against an Outside Wall of the Indiana Station** On August 14, 1998, Trooper Clement R. Lawrence was reporting for work when he observed a live pipe bomb placed against an outside wall of the Indiana Station. The building was evacuated and the Allegheny County Bomb Squad disposed of the bomb. An investigation was initiated with the assistance of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms. The bomb was sent to the ATF Crime Lab in Maryland. The Troop A Major Case Team was activated to pursue the investigation.

Several suspects were developed and 24-hour surveillance on the suspects was initiated. A local high school student was the main suspect and enough information was developed to obtain a search warrant for his residence. The search was conducted and bomb-making equipment was seized. At the time of the search, a second juvenile confessed to placing the bomb against the building. Both juveniles were taken into custody and charged as adults for Criminal Attempt Homicide. They stated that their motive was their dislike of the police. One juvenile was subsequently

sentenced to 5 to 10 years and the other was sentenced to 2 to 4 years imprisonment.

**Man Attempts to Shoot Trooper** On December 14, 1998, a man who was distraught over his failing marriage drove to his in-law's residence in Westmoreland County. He entered the home in search of his estranged wife, where he shot and killed his mother-in-law and seriously wounded his brother-in-law. He then kidnaped his estranged wife, drove to West Virginia and stopped at a convenience store. While in the store, the wife was able to silently signal to the clerk that she needed help. The clerk alerted the West Virginia State Police, who responded to the area and stopped the man's car along the highway. The man attempted to shoot the Trooper, but the Trooper shot him once in the abdominal area. The man then grabbed a knife and stabbed his wife 6 times before the Trooper was able to shoot again, killing him. The wife and her brother were hospitalized and survived their injuries.



Troop B. Citizens' police training course

## Troop B, Washington

### Quick Facts

- Captain Frank H. Monaco, Commanding Officer
- Headquarters is located in Washington County.
- 4 additional Stations:
  - Belle Vernon, Washington County
  - Findlay, Allegheny County
  - Uniontown, Fayette County
  - Waynesburg, Greene County
- 374 enlisted and civilian personnel
- Total population of Troop area: approximately 1,704,834
- Total area served by Troop: 2,062 square miles

**Troop Enforcement Programs** Troop B initiated 3 Troop-wide enforcement programs in 1998, Operation Crossbow, Operation Yellow Jacket, and Operation Lockjaw.

Operation Yellow Jacket used Troopers in civilian attire positioned in Pennsylvania Department of Transportation vehicles. The Troopers, using radar and a portable radio, operated near construction areas. Additional members in chase cars stopped and cited violators. The program received national media attention and resulted in the issuance of 357 citations and 150 written warnings.

Operation Crossbow involved aggressive patrol interdiction and was designed to focus on criminal violations associated with guns, drugs, and money. For 1998, the program yielded 73 citations, 355 vehicle

stops, 317 written warnings, 12 drug arrests, 2 DUI arrests, \$4,000 in U.S. currency, 1 recovered stolen vehicle, and 6 recovered stolen weapons.

Operation Lockjaw was a combination of speed and DUI enforcement. The initiative resulted in over 1,200 citations, 600 written warnings, and 30 DUI arrests.

**Citizens Police Training Course** Troop B, Uniontown, began the first Citizens Police Training Course for the Pennsylvania State Police on March 3, 1998. This course was initiated to familiarize citizens of Fayette County with the State Police Department policies and the law, and was held on the campus of Penn State University in Fayette County. The course included topics such as the History of the State Police, Personal Communications, and Driving Under the Influence.



Troop B. Uniontown gifts for kids receives support from local businesses



**Uniontown "Gifts for Kids"** The Troop B, Uniontown, "Gifts for Kids" Program was a resounding success in 1998. The program provided gifts and other items to approximately 2,700 needy children in Fayette County. Each school district within the county was contacted and was asked to generate a list of children that, due to no fault of their own, were in need. Safety messages, pertaining to use of restraint systems and other safety concerns, were presented to recipients when the gift was given.

**Vice Unit Works Amphitheater** The Troop B Vice Unit organized a proactive detail to work the Starlake Amphitheater, Hanover Township, Washington County. During these details, 5 musical concerts were worked and over 250 drug arrests were made. Participating were Troop B Vice, Troop A Vice, Troop G Vice, and Troopers from PSP Washington.

The Troop B Vice Unit made significant seizures during 1998, which included: \$173,896 in cash; 7,782.01 grams (7.78 kilos) of cocaine; 60,608.0 grams (60.6 kilos) of marijuana; 2,189 dosage units of LSD; and 196 marijuana plants.

## Troop G, Hollidaysburg

### Quick Facts

- Captain Joseph A. Holmberg, Commanding Officer
- Headquarters is located in Blair County
- 6 additional Stations:
  - Bedford, Bedford County
  - Huntingdon, Huntingdon County
  - Lewistown, Mifflin County
  - McConnellsburg, Fulton County
  - Rockview, Centre County
- 282 enlisted and civilian personnel
- Total population of Troop area: approximately 437,200
- Total area served by Troop: 4,463 square miles

**Eleven Perish in Fire** In the early morning hours of March 22, 1998, the Troop G, Rockview Station was called to investigate a cabin fire that occurred along State Route 445, Walker Township, Centre County. The investigation revealed that 11 young adults, between the ages of 17 and 23, perished in the fire. The victims were from Northumberland and Lancaster Counties. It was an annual tradition for the young adults to come to the camp to celebrate spring break from college and high school. The owners of the camp were in the process of remodeling the structure and had not yet replaced the smoke detectors that had been taken down during the remodeling. The structure was a total loss, and a thorough investigation has not revealed how the fire started.

### 30 Subjects Charged With Riot and Related

**Offenses** During the week of July 6-12, 1998, State College Borough and the Pennsylvania State University celebrated its annual Festival of Arts. More people migrate to the State College area during the Arts Festival week than at any other time of the year. In the early morning hours of July 12, a large crowd, estimated to be between 1,500 and 4,000, began to form between the 200 and 300 Blocks of Beaver Avenue in State College Borough. Soon the subjects turned riotous and began setting fires and causing mass property damage to businesses, street lights, and vehicles. The total value of the damage was approximately \$120,000. Assistance was requested by the State College Borough Police Department, and Troop G responded in force. At approximately 4:00 a.m., a sufficient number of reinforcements had arrived and the riotous crowd was engaged. The crowd was quickly dispersed and by end of the investigation, 30 subjects had been charged with Riot and Related Offenses. A total of 14 officers received mostly minor injuries and by the end of the night, a total of 72 Troop G members, as well as approximately 60 local police officers, were on the scene.

As a result of the July 12 riot, Troop G combined forces with Troop A, Greensburg, and conducted Task Force Details, comprised of approximately 25 members, with the State College Borough Police Department, on the Friday and Saturday nights of the first 4 home Penn State Football Games, from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. each night. This manpower complement was in addition to the usual 14-member Troop G detail that provides traffic control and stadium security assistance during home football games. Two-officer teams, consisting of a member and a State College Borough officer, performed vehicle as well as foot patrol in State College Borough and the surrounding area. While numerous summary and misdemeanor arrests were made, the riot conditions of July 12 did not reoccur.

**Citizens Police Training Program** The first Troop G Citizens Police Training Program was completed on July 7, 1998. The course began on June 2, 1998, and was conducted on 6 consecutive Tuesday evenings. The training sessions consisted of an overview and history of the Department, and classes including Crimes Code and the Judicial System, Criminal Investigations, Drugs, Search and Seizure, Patrol Functions, Vehicle Code, and Accident Investigation. All class presenters were Department members with the exception of the Judicial System segment, which was presented by the Blair County District Attorney and a District Justice. The inaugural presentation proved to be so successful that a second training session was conducted in October for 6 consecutive Mondays. As indicated by the course critiques, the course was very well received. Many favorable comments were received both during and after the completion of the program.

# AREA IV



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

## Troop C, Punxsutawney

### Quick Facts

- Captain Dorothy B. Cramer, Commanding Officer
- Headquarters is located in Jefferson County.
- 6 additional Stations:
  - Shippenville, Clarion County
  - Clearfield, Clearfield County
  - Dubois, Clearfield County
  - Kane, McKean County
  - Ridgway, Elk County
  - Tionesta, Forest County
- 242 enlisted and civilian personnel
- Total population of Troop area: approximately 261,943
- Total area served by Troop: 4,399 square miles

**Troop Command Staff Reorganization** On April 1, 1998, Troop C entered into a Troop Command Staff Reorganization Pilot Project. The ultimate goal of this project is the redefining of Troop command responsibilities, resulting in the streamlining of the Troop command function. To this end, the positions of Section Commanders were abolished. The three Lieutenant positions at Troop Headquarters are now known as the Executive Officer, Operations Officer, and Headquarters Station Commander.

**Employee of the Year**  
The Employee of the Year Award was presented to Police Communications Operator Fonda M. Dixon. An employee of the State Police since 1978, PCO Dixon works at Troop C, Clearfield. She is involved in training of PCOs, developing guidelines for the proposed central dispatch project, and she developed the Troop C, PCO Training Manual.



Employee of the Year.  
Fonda M. Dixon. Troop C

**DUI Enforcement** During 1998, the Shippenville Station initiated an aggressive traffic enforcement program which centered on DUI enforcement. Members made 217 DUI arrests, reflecting 40% of the total Troop C DUI arrests for the year.

**Explosives Stolen** In February of 1998, a burglary occurred in Piney Township, Clarion County, at the C & K Coal Company. An explosives magazine was broken into and a large quantity of explosives were stolen. The stolen items consisted of 48 bags of ANFO, totaling 1,920 pounds, and 13,000 feet of detonating cord, with detonating devices. Shippenville Station personnel, assisted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, arrested three Clarion County residents. All explosive materials were accounted for. It was ultimately decided that the actors would be prosecuted at the federal level, and state charges were withdrawn.

**Troopers Save the Life of a Boy** On September 11, 1998, the State College Police Department requested assistance when an investigation concerning the abduction of a 10-year-old boy determined that Chris Lee Cahalen, an individual with a history of the sexual abuse of children, had removed the boy from his neighborhood. Information was developed that indicated that Cahalen might have taken the boy to a cabin in Cooper Township, Clearfield County. When Troopers checked the cabin, they found the suspect's vehicle. When questioned, Cahalen advised that the boy was all right; however, he would not let Troopers in the cabin. Troopers forced the door open and grabbed the boy and removed him from the cabin. The boy informed Troopers that Cahalen was armed with a shotgun. When Cahalen refused all requests by the Troopers to put down his weapon and surrender, the Special Emergency Response Team was notified. It was later discovered that Cahalen had committed suicide in the cabin rather than surrender. The decisive action taken by Troopers saved the life of the boy and prevented a hostage situation with an armed suspect.

**Missing Person Investigation Cleared** On November 5, 1997, 15-year-old Micah James Pollock was reported missing from Fallentimber, Cambria County. On November 8, 1997, Trooper Van K. Keys was assigned to assist the Ebensburg Station with the missing person investigation. It appeared that some or all of the events may have occurred in Clearfield County. During the course of the investigation, it was learned



that Pollock had left his residence with Andrew Joseph Callahan. Callahan took Pollock to a deserted location in Clearfield County, where he shot Pollock. Callahan then covered Pollock's body with hemlock branches. Later, Callahan returned to the crime scene, tied a rope around Pollock's ankles and dragged the body approximately 400 yards, and then dumped it in a beaver dam. On October 14, 1998, Callahan was found guilty of Murder in the First Degree and sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

**Fire Drill Program** With the growing concern for acts of violence that occur on or near schools and school property, fire drills are no longer looked upon as a drill, but rather an opportunity for someone to commit a crime. As a result of this concern, Trooper Martin K. Henneman, Assistant Fire Marshal, Kane Station, has been working with the local school districts in McKean County regarding their Fire Drill Program. Trooper Henneman requested that he be notified of planned fire drills. He participates with the students and school personnel during the planned drill. This involvement helps to resolve many safety concerns that the parents, students, and school personnel have during fire drills.

## Troop D, Butler

### Quick Facts

- Captain Terry L. Seilhamer, Commanding Officer
- Headquarters is located in Butler County.
- 4 additional Stations:
  - Kittanning, Armstrong County
  - Mercer, Mercer County
  - Beaver, Beaver County
  - New Castle, Lawrence County
- 296 enlisted and civilian personnel
- Total population of Troop area: approximately 644,645
- Total area served by Troop: 2,461 square miles

**State Police Officer of the Year** On May 15, 1998, Trooper Janice W. Wilson, New Castle Station, was selected as the 1997 Pennsylvania State Police Officer of the Year. Trooper Wilson was given this award for various notable achievements which distinguished her in the field of criminal investigation, and for her significant civic contributions to the New Castle Station and community.



Trooper of the Year.  
Trooper Janice W. Wilson

**Governor's Award for Highway Safety** Trooper David W. Bayer, Butler Station, was honored by the Butler Area Rotary Club as the Officer of the Year on September 26, 1998. He also received the Governor's Award for Highway Safety on October 16, 1998. He was presented with these awards because he led the Department with 59 DUI arrests in 1997.

**Commissioner's Commendation Medal** On January 18, 1998, Trooper William A. Bittner, Butler Station, was dispatched to an incident in Washington Township, Butler County. A local resident's dog fell through the ice on a fishing pond and the owner jumped into the water to save it. The dog managed to get to shore, but the owner drifted underwater. He remained there for approximately 20 minutes before Trooper Bittner was able to use a small boat and a long pole to rescue him. The victim was resuscitated by medics at the scene, but died later at the hospital. Trooper Bittner received a Commissioner's Commendation Medal for his outstanding effort. He also found a loving home for the victim's dog, Blackbear, who was left homeless by this incident.

**Camp Cadet Celebrates 29th Anniversary** In August 1998, the Butler County Camp Cadet Program celebrated its 29th anniversary. Retired Troopers Albert Vish, Robert Price and John Prandy originated the first Camp Cadet in Butler County in 1970. 1998 was also the first year for the new co-ed program. It included 42 boys and 14 girls.

## Troop E, Erie

### Quick Facts

- Captain Erby L. Conley, Commanding Officer
- Headquarters is located in Erie County.
- 5 additional Stations:
  - Corry, Erie County
  - Seneca, Venango County
  - Girard, Erie County
  - Meadville, Crawford County
  - Warren, Warren County
- 270 enlisted and civilian personnel
- Total population of Troop Area: approximately 461,814
- Total area served by Troop: 3,225 square miles

**Pilot Reorganization Project** Starting April 1, 1998, Troop E participated with 3 other Troops in a pilot reorganization project dealing with Troop command staffing. One of the primary aspects of the program was the transformation of Troop Headquarters into a separate Station. Criminal Investigation, Patrol, and Staff Services Section Commanders were redefined. The changes ensured a more efficient Troop Command structure.

**School Violence** A school violence incident which occurred on April 24, 1998, received national attention.

It involved the homicide of a school teacher at a school-sponsored dance. A juvenile student fired several shots from a handgun, fatally wounding a teacher and injuring 2 students. In the highly publicized aftermath, Corporal Mark M. Zaleski conducted news briefings for local and national media representatives, assisted investigators and supervisors, and was instrumental in offering guidance to school and community leaders dealing with the school community's trauma. The accused has been charged as an adult and a trial is pending.

As a result of this shooting, members of Troop E participated in a number of national seminars and conferences dealing with school-related violence. In August, Sergeant Dennis P. Donovan, Corporal Mark M. Zaleski, and Trooper Jay D. McKee went to Little Rock, Arkansas, and met with investigators from across the country who had been involved in school violence incidents. The discussions centered on finding similarities and differences in the incidents, actors, and investigations.

In October, Sergeant Donovan made a presentation and participated in a panel discussion at the Ohio Attorney General's Annual Law Enforcement Conference in Columbus Ohio. A workshop on school violence was conducted for approximately 900 law enforcement officers from Ohio.

In December, Sergeant Donovan and Corporal Zaleski accompanied Colonel Paul J. Evanko to the Rockland County, New York, Chiefs of Police Annual Symposium. The theme of the seminar was school violence and approximately 150 law enforcement officials, school administrators, and media personnel were present. Colonel Evanko, Sergeant Donovan and Corporal Zaleski made a presentation regarding the Edinboro, Pennsylvania, shooting and the problems and difficulties law enforcement and school officials face as result of such an incident.

**Operation Safe-Guard** Community Services Officer, Trooper James R. Rogers was instrumental in the development of Troop E's Operation Safe-Guard which identified commercial and retail business targets for a concentrated crime prevention program. The program tracks the checking of selected businesses by midnight patrols and walk-throughs during the day and afternoon shifts, with the goal of enhancing a crime prevention partnership with area businesses and increasing patrol presence and visibility.

**Operation Lockdown** The project was an aggressive patrol and crime prevention program conducted during weekends in the Harborcreek, Wesleyville, and Lawrence Park areas during the month of October. The program resulted in 12 DUI arrests, 203 Traffic Citations, 947 Written Warnings, 5 drug arrests, 1 firearm violation, and 8 other miscellaneous criminal arrests.

**Fatal Fire** On December 5, 1998, at 2:10 a.m., Troopers Matthew R. Bond and Richard J. Pottorf, Jr. were the first responders at a house fire which resulted

in 2 fatalities in Harborcreek Township. The Troopers attempted to enter the residence, but were overcome with smoke and were forced to retreat. Troopers Timothy J. Cummings and Gary R. Johns Jr. arrived at the scene and helped remove the victims from a second-story bedroom window. Trooper Cummings and a paramedic then performed CPR on one of the victims. Troopers Bond and Pottorf were treated for smoke inhalation.

**Fire Rescue** On July 14, 1998, at 5:32 a.m., Troopers Donnie L. Cooley and Joseph B. Short noticed a fire at the rear of a residence in Fairview Township. After the Troopers awakened the sleeping residents, they used a garden hose to put out the fire. A bug repellent candle had started a picnic table on fire, that in turn spread to the wooden deck and the rear wall of the house. Both Troopers were awarded a Troop Commander's Letter of Commendation.







**M**ajor Paul J. Woodring, Commander Area V Headquarters is located at Troop T, Highspire. Area V is unique because it is comprised of only one Troop, but spans the entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

## Troop T, Highspire

### Quick Facts

- Captain Richard A. Stein, Commanding Officer
- Headquarters is located in Dauphin County
- Covers entire Pennsylvania Turnpike
- 8 additional Stations:
  - Gibsonia, Allegheny County
  - New Stanton, Westmoreland County
  - Somerset, Somerset County
  - Everett, Bedford County
  - Newville, Cumberland County
  - Bowmansville, Lancaster County
  - Plymouth Meeting, Montgomery County
  - Pocono, Luzerne County
- 230 enlisted and civilian personnel
- More than 118,000,000 people use the Turnpike each year

### Trooper Pushes Mental Health Patient to Safety

On February 2, 1998, Trooper Robert L. Laskey, Troop T, New Stanton, had been on the lookout for a vehicle being operated by a 31-year-old female who had walked out of the Somerset Hospital Mental Health Unit. When Trooper Laskey observed and stopped the vehicle, the woman jumped out of her car and ran in front of 2 approaching tractor-trailers. Trooper Laskey risked his own safety and ran out onto the roadway, pushing the subject to safety. Both Trooper Laskey and the woman narrowly escaped being struck by the trucks. The subject was taken into custody and admitted to the Westmoreland Hospital Mental Health Unit.

As a result of his actions, Trooper Laskey received the Commissioner's Letter of Commendation, presented to him at a formal ceremony on September 10, 1998, at the State Police Academy.

**Operator Admits to Having Pot** On March 14, 1998, Trooper John D. Keifer, Troop T, Bowmansville, stopped a Jeep Wrangler for erratic operation. The operator was interviewed and given a field sobriety test. During the interview, the operator admitted to possessing "pot." A consent search was conducted, resulting in the discovery of 159, .10 gram bags of heroin; 2 gram bags of marijuana; and 11 syringes.

**Consent Search Nets Cash and Drugs** On May 10, 1998, Trooper Brian R. Overcash, Troop T, Newville, encountered 2 subjects at the Plainfield Plaza who were similar in appearance to the persons who had committed an armed robbery against a Turnpike customer approximately 1 hour previous to his encounter. While interviewing the subjects, Trooper Overcash obtained permission to search their vehicle. The search revealed \$35,200 in cash. One-half ounce of marijuana was found on one of the subjects during a pat-down search. The subject was charged with the drug violation and the money was seized pending further investigation. Neither subject was found to have been involved in the prior robbery.

**Bootleg Videotapes Seized** Trooper Michael C. Warfield, Troop T, Gibsonia, clocked a Buick Sedan at 89 mph. After the vehicle was stopped, the driver and passengers gave conflicting stories as to their destination. Trooper Warfield obtained permission for a consent search that revealed 210 bootleg videotapes, valued at over \$15,000.

**Canine Finds Hidden Compartment** On June 1, 1998, Trooper Brian R. Overcash, Troop T, Newville, stopped a vehicle for a speeding violation. Trooper Overcash received permission for a consent search of the Lincoln Town Car. Pennsylvania State Police Canine "Holly" discovered a hidden compartment containing \$35,600 in cash. The currency and vehicle were seized.

**Joint Investigation with PSP and US Customs Agents** On August 20, 1998, Trooper Farzad Sharif, Troop T, Bowmansville, acting on information received from the US Customs Office, stopped a vehicle hauling fraudulent copies of movie videos. A consent search of the vehicle revealed 1,400 illegal videos. The 2 occupants were arrested and jailed pending a preliminary hearing.

**Equipment Violation Results in Drug Arrest** On November 13, 1998, Trooper Robert F. Johnson, Troop A, Greensburg Canine Unit, stopped a 1989 Lincoln at milepost 113.8 for an equipment violation. A search of the vehicle was made with the assistance of Corporal George J. Blasko and Trooper Robert S. Sipe, both of Troop T, Somerset, and Trooper William E. Potter, III, Troop A, Somerset. The search revealed a sophisticated hidden compartment with a hydraulically operated door where 10 kilos of uncut cocaine were discovered. The estimated street value of the cocaine was \$2,000,000. The 3 male occupants of the vehicle were taken into custody. It was later learned that 2 of the 3 men were wanted in Texas for transporting 40 pounds of marijuana.

# AREA VI



**M**ajor Robert G. Werts, Commander Area VI Headquarters is located at Troop M, Bethlehem. Area VI is comprised of Troop J, Lancaster; Troop K, Philadelphia; and Troop M, Bethlehem.



Troop J. T.A.M. Janet Speros receives 35-year service pin from Colonel Evanko as "Dad" (Retired Lt. George Evanko) looks on

## Troop J, Lancaster

### Quick Facts

- Captain Henry D. Oleyniczak, Commanding Officer
- Headquarters is located in Lancaster County.
- 3 additional Stations:
  - Avondale, Chester County
  - Embreeville, Chester County
  - Ephrata, Lancaster County
- 242 enlisted and civilian personnel
- Total population of Troop area: approximately 840,001
- Total area served by Troop: 1,300 square miles

**PSP Member Testifies in Mexican Court** What is believed to be a first for Pennsylvania, ended a homicide case exactly eight years to the day. On June 22, 1990, Trooper James Haley (now retired) investigated a homicide where the suspect fled to Mexico. Once the suspect was located, a painstaking process between the United States and Mexican authorities was initiated. Trooper Patrick Quigley assumed the case and continued Trooper Haley's work. The suspect was eventually arrested, tried, and convicted by the Mexican authori-

ties and sentenced to 23 years imprisonment on June 22, 1998. Another first was the introduction of DNA evidence to the Mexican courts. Forensic Scientist Sarah L. Gotwald of the Greensburg Lab was flown to Mexico to provide expert testimony in this case.

**Trooper Escapes Being Shot** In a case that came full circle, Trooper Randy J. Testa had an opportunity to search a creek for a weapon as a result of an ongoing homicide investigation. During a botched burglary, the suspects had shot the owner of a residence in the face, proceeded outside, and killed the owner's elderly mother. After the suspects had been arrested, it was determined that they had seen Trooper Testa before. While looking for suspicious persons a few weeks before the homicide, Trooper Testa encountered the shooter and two others. The suspects claim that as they hid in the woods they were going to shoot Trooper Testa; however they saw him talking on the radio. They did not shoot, thinking Trooper Testa had transmitted their license plate over the police radio.

**Lancaster Patrol Efforts Keep Fatalities To Zero** Lancaster personnel kept fatalities to zero in the Route 30 construction zone. They wrote over 2,400 citations and issued almost 1,000 written warnings. Lancaster also worked several construction zone details with 4 municipal departments netting an additional 900 citations.



Troop J. DUI checkpoint

The Troop J Special Enforcement Team continued with its efforts in targeting "hot spots" in both patrol and crime. The team wrote over 1,100 citations and 500 warnings. This 4-member team headed by Corporal Greig P. Riek also made 26 DUI arrests, 30 drug arrests, and 55 criminal arrests.

**Criminal Investigation Unit Receives Citation** The Troop J Criminal Investigation Unit received a citation from Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investi-





Troop J. Station duties

gation, for recognition of their outstanding assistance to the FBI in connection with its investigative efforts over the last 18 years.

**Drug Arrest** Troop J was also in the national spotlight for a multiyear joint investigation with the FBI. This effort was headed by Corporal Douglas R. Brose and resulted in the arrest of 11 members and associates of the Pagan Motorcycle Club. The arrests also included 2 members of the Amish community who were selling drugs through their connection with the Pagans.

## Troop K, Philadelphia

### Quick Facts

- Captain Thomas J. LaCrosse, Commanding Officer
- Headquarters is located in Philadelphia County
- 2 additional Stations:
  - Media, Delaware County
  - Skippack, Montgomery County
- 223 enlisted and civilian personnel
- Total population of Troop area: approximately 2,767,651
- Total area served by Troop: 808 square miles

**Fire-damaged Expressway** At 7:11 a.m., Saturday, May 23, 1998, a tanker-truck hauling 8,551 gallons of gasoline northbound on Interstate 95 crashed across the median barrier and onto the southbound lanes on the bridge over Chester Creek in Delaware County. The tanker sideswiped a tour bus and impacted a small Nissan pick-up truck. The ensuing fire killed both the tanker-truck driver and pick-up truck driver. The crash closed I-95's three northbound and three southbound lanes between Interstate 476 and State Route 452. Back-ups stretched for miles. Motorists clogged alternate routes in Delaware County when they were routed off

the fire-damaged expressway, which normally carries 80,000 motorists a day. The bridge crossing the Chester Creek suffered significant structural damage, and the southbound lanes could not be utilized until the bridge was reconstructed. The Pennsylvania State Police investigated the accident, diverted traffic from the accident site, and provided a 24-hour-a-day presence during the reconstruction effort.

**Shots Fired at Domestic Incident** On November 2, 1998, Trooper Lois P. Stillwell responded to a domestic disturbance occurring along Interstate 476 in Delaware County. Trooper Stillwell arrived at the scene and discovered a man and a woman involved in an argument. Trooper Stillwell radioed for back-up, exited her vehicle, and attempted to separate the subjects. Trooper Alan J. Trees arrived and assisted Trooper Stillwell with separating the subjects. Trooper Mark D. Michaels arrived

on the scene and assisted Trooper Trees in controlling the male subject. As the male subject struggled, he was able to place his right hand on Trooper Trees' firearm. The subject was able to remove Trooper Trees' firearm, and he fired 2 shots. Trooper Michaels immediately returned fire towards the subject, striking him in the left side. The subject was transported to Chester Crozier Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

**New Skippack Station Dedicated** The new Skippack Station was dedicated on October 8, 1998. Approximately 250 people, including public officials, law enforcement personnel, and members of the public attended. The principal speaker was State Senator Edwin G. Holl. Remarks were given by Lieutenant Colonel Joseph H. Westcott, Major Robert G. Werts, and Captain Thomas J. LaCrosse.



Troop K. Skippack Station dedication  
 Left to Right, Captain Thomas J. LaCrosse; Trooper James A. Tarasca; Lieutenant David B. Kreiser; Major Robert G. Werts; Lieutenant Colonel Joseph H. Westcott; Senator Edwin G. Holl; Greg Dinocenti, Builder; Trooper George M. Garris

## Troop M, Bethlehem

### Quick Facts

- Captain Theodore D. Kohuth, Commanding Officer
- Headquarters is located in Lehigh County.
- 4 additional Stations:
  - Dublin, Bucks County
  - Treose, Bucks County
  - Fogelsville, Lehigh County
  - Belfast, Northampton County
- 222 enlisted and civilian personnel
- Total population of Troop area: approximately 1,085,592
- Total area served by Troop: 607 square miles

**Kidnaping/Homicide Case** In March 1998, Patricia Lynn Rorrer was convicted of 2 counts of Criminal Homicide and Kidnaping of Joann Katrinak and her infant son, Alex. The 4-week trial was preceded by a high profile, 3-year major case investigation, which utilized the latest forensic technology including Mitochondrial DNA. Trooper Robert V. Egan III and Trooper Joseph F. Kocevar, Troop M, Bethlehem, received a Troop Commander's Letter of Commendation in recognition for their dedication and commitment to duty while conducting this complex investigation.

**Law Enforcement Officer of the Year** Trooper Robert V. Egan III, Troop M, Bethlehem, was named the 1998 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by the American Society of Industrial Security, Lehigh Valley Chapter, for his work in the Katrinak investigation.

**Construction Zone Management Project** Throughout 1998, members of Troop M participated in the Route 22 Renew Construction Zone Management Project. The impact of the Route 22 Renew Project was initially recognized as being significant throughout the entire Lehigh Valley Region. The Pennsylvania State Police goal at the outset was to promote traffic safety, save lives, and reduce the potential for injury accidents within the Route 22 Renew Construction Corridor. The 85,000 motorists who daily travel the corridor were encouraged to use alternate routes, car pool, schedule flextime, and avoid Route 22. Traffic law enforcement was to be strict and certain. The Route 22 Renew 1998 Construction Phase concluded with no lives lost during the 1998 project. In addition, no serious life-threatening injuries were sustained. At the same time, 1,904 Traffic Citations and 1,760 written warning notices were

issued. The high visibility police presence and saturation patrols, coupled with strict enforcement, prevented loss of life and heightened traffic safety awareness throughout the entire Lehigh Valley Region.

**Law Enforcement Blood Drive** In July and December 1998, Troop M hosted a Law Enforcement Blood Drive to benefit the Miller Memorial Blood Bank of the Lehigh Valley. This semiannual blood drive is supported by active and retired members and employees, as well as law enforcement professionals from throughout the entire Lehigh Valley Region.

**Camp Cadet** During 1998, 180 young men and women participated in Troop M Camp Cadet. The camp was held at Camp Horseshoe in Lehigh County and was staffed by 18 counselors from federal, state and municipal law enforcement agencies.

**Enforcement Efforts** Operation Centipede, Tag-D, and S.T.E.A.D.-D. enforcement initiatives during 1998 resulted in the following:

Total Traffic Citations	3,078
Total Written Warnings	1,517
Total DUI Contacts	237
Total DUI Arrests	67

**Homicide/Equivocal Death Investigations and Major Case Team Activations 1998** A total of 11 Homicide or Equivocal Death Investigations were conducted within Troop M during 1998. There were 12 Major Case Team Activations. These include a series of armed robberies that occurred at 13 restaurants in the Lehigh Valley area; a death investigation resulting from a hit-and-run traffic accident, when a pedestrian was struck by a vehicle; a municipal police officer shooting incident resulting in a homicide; and an aggravated assault investigation which was initially reported to Troop M as a hate crime.



Troop M, Camp Cadet



We honor those members of the Pennsylvania State Police  
 who have made the ultimate sacrifice.  
 May we never forget the bravery, dedication, and sacrifice  
 they and their families have made.

## Members killed in the line of duty



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



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