



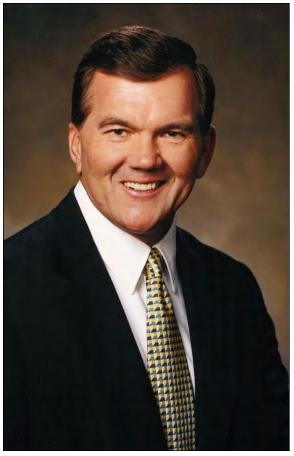
# PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE CALL OF HONOR



"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."





From the Office of the Governor,

Dear Fellow Pennsylvanians:

For nearly 100 years, the men and women of the Pennsylvania State Police have put their lives on the line to safeguard their fellow Pennsylvanians. The Department is the backbone of our Commonwealth's criminal-justice system, and its members dutifully have served as Pennsylvania's first line of defense against crime.

Public safety is the most basic function of government. That's why my first act as Governor was to call a Special Session on Crime. We produced more than three-dozen new laws to crack down on violent crimes; to elevate victims' rights; to reform the state's juvenile-justice system; and to give law-enforcement new tools to fight crime.

And we didn't stop there. I have worked closely with State Police Commissioner Paul J. Evanko and his command staff to ensure that members of the State Police are armed with the latest crime-fighting technology to battle an increasingly sophisticated and computer-equipped criminal element. Our State Police crime-fighting arsenal now includes mobile crime laboratory vans, forensic-mapping systems, computerized polygraphs and improved alcohol-testing equipment.

The people of this Commonwealth hold the Pennsylvania State Police to a high standard. We demand from our State Police the highest moral character, and expect the mental, physical and ethical strength to face the many challenges of daily police work. I am proud and grateful that the men and women of our State Police — enlisted and civilian — are meeting these high expectations every day, as they carry out their sworn duties to protect their fellow Pennsylvanians.

Sincerely,

Tom Ridge, Governor Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Tom Ridge





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

Dear Governor Ridge:

It is with great pride and a sense of accomplishment that I present to you, and the citizens of our Commonwealth, the Pennsylvania State Police 1999 Annual Report. The Report highlights some of our Department's many initiatives and achievements.

In 1999, we continued to focus on making our communities safe. Our Commanders demonstrated innovation at the local level by designing programs to address driving while under the influence of alcohol and drugs, aggressive driving, and using proper child safety restraints. Other efforts focused on reducing violence in our streets, safe schools, and juvenile crime prevention efforts. Because of the unified effort required to serve our communities, the Department has emphasized partnerships with other organizations, as cooperation is the key to reducing crime.

To support our numerous initiatives, our technology infrastructure is being reinvented. In 1999, our Department was networked into a unified communication system. We are rapidly progressing towards mobile offices and a Commonwealth-wide communication system that

will enhance our efforts at cooperation and networking with other organizations.

While the list of our accomplishments is significant, what I am most proud of is our attitude of service and commitment to the citizens of the Commonwealth. This commitment to service is more important than the initiatives and programs that we have successfully completed. The spirit of each person in the Pennsylvania State Police contributes to our reputation of excellence.

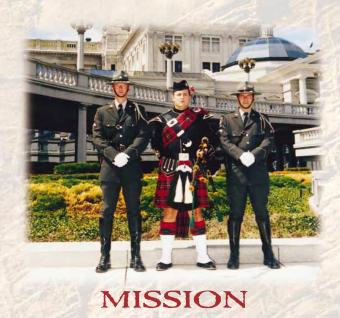
Sincerely,

Colonel Paul J. Evanko Commissioner

Col. Paul Franko

### **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.



#### IT IS THE MISSION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE TO:

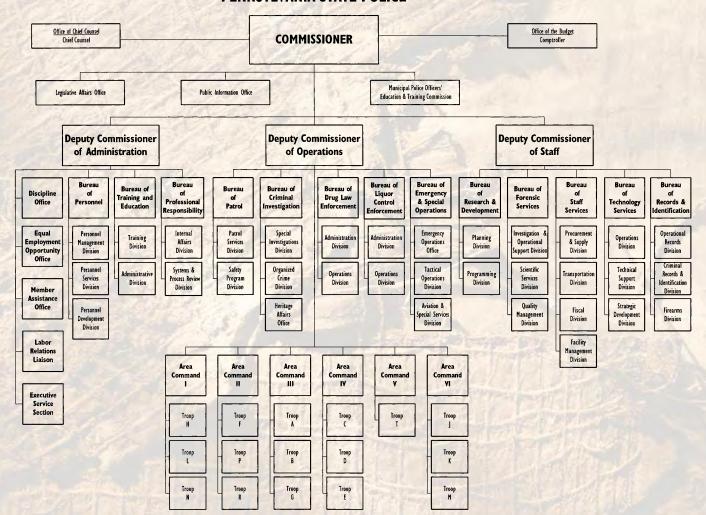
- Promote traffic safety, enforce existing statutes, recognize and eliminate traffic hazards and encourage motorists to practice safe driving techniques.
- Effectively investigate crime and reduce criminal activity.
- Provide investigative assistance and support services to all law enforcement agencies 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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#### **PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE**



### Commissioner



Colonel Paul J. Evanko

The Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police is an appointed position and a member of the Governor's cabinet. Colonel Paul I. 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 was appointed to a second term and was confirmed by unanimous vote of the Senate on February 8, 1999. The Commissioner exercises administrative, command and fiscal authority, and responsibility over the Department. The Office of Chief Counsel, the Public Information Office, and the Legislative Affairs Office report directly to the Commissioner. He also Chairs the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, and the North East United States Counter-Drug Training Center. He also serves on the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Council, Penn State Institute for Non-Lethal Defense Technologies Advisory Board, and the Middle Atlantic-Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network Policy Board.

### Office of Chief Counsel

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

The Office of Chief Counsel consists of Chief Counsel, 4 attorneys, and legal support staff based in Department Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. An additional 8 attorneys and support staff are stationed at the 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 1999, the Office of Chief Counsel reviewed 289 service purchase contracts or agreements, issued 358 legal opinions (a 21% increase over 1998) and closed out 589 cases or assignments. The Office of Chief Counsel is also responsible for publishing the monthly PSP Counselor, a digest of state and federal court opinions significant to law enforcement.

### Legislative Affairs Office

#### Major Richard D. A. Morris, Director

The Legislative Affairs Office, located in Department Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, is responsible for being informed of all legislation that directly affects operations within the Department. In 1999, the Office handled more than 2,500 telephone and written requests for information from members of the General Assembly, U.S. Congress, Governor's Office, Lt. Governor's Office, Boards, Commissions, and other executive

agencies. This represents a 25% increase over the previous year. These requests included interpretation of Department policy and programs; resolving constituent concerns; and researching, reviewing, and interpreting Pennsylvania Statutes. In 1999, the Office coordinated the presentation of Department testimony for approximately 20 public hearings and started a library that includes video testimony, over 2,000 House and Senate Bills, and over 15 Acts that directly affect State Police operations. Since January 1999, the Office had direct access to the PA General Assembly web site, www.legis.state.pa.us. The web site allows legislative staff to access and download State Legislator information, Senate and House Calendars, Committee Meetings, Session Schedules, House and Senate Bill text and history information from 1989 to present.

The Office has an Executive Policy Specialist responsible for the coordinated development of all Department regulations, legislation, legislative testimony, and issues of significance with the Governor's Policy Office. This responsibility includes the promulgation of all Department regulations contained in Title 37 of the Pa. Code. Regulations and regulatory amendments are drafted and reviewed in consultation with affected Bureaus and the Office of Chief Counsel to ensure compliance with the Commonwealth's Document Law, the Regulatory Review Act, and the Commonwealth Attorney's Act. In 1998, the Office continued the promulgation of two regulations: the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission regulation and a regulation to further implement the Uniform Firearms Act.



Opening of the 1999 Legislative Session

### **Public Information Office**

Jack J. Lewis, Press Secretary

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

During 1999, the Public Information Office issued nearly 100 news releases and played a role in organizing more than a dozen media events. Trooper Southard received the American



Trooper Lucien R. Southard

Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators' Region One Public Affairs and Consumer Competition (PACE) Award for his efforts in maintaining the State Police web site. The

State Police web site can be viewed on the World Wide Web at <a href="https://www.psp.state.pa.us">www.psp.state.pa.us</a>.

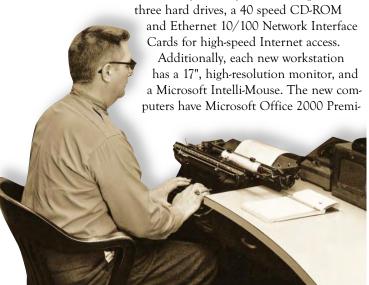
# Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission

Major Richard C. Mooney, Executive Director

The Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission (MPOETC) is located in Hershey, Pennsylvania, and is under the administrative command of the Commissioner. MPOETC is responsible for establishing and maintaining training standards for municipal and campus police officers; establishing and maintaining 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.

Computer Learning Center Enhancement: In an on-going effort to maintain the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission Computer Learning Center's equipment consistent with the advance of technology, 25 new computers were acquired through a federal grant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. These computers replaced older systems purchased in August 1997.

The new computers are a tower configuration, with 600 MHz Intel Pentium III processors, featuring a 133 MHz BUS and 128 MB of Random Access Memory. Each system is configured with



um applications software and will utilize the Windows NT Workstation operating systems.

Updated Basic Recruit Training Curriculum: The Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission is in the final phase of developing an updated Basic Recruit Training Curriculum. The current 520-hour recruit course will be phased out during 2000 and replaced with an approximate 740-hour curriculum. The new curriculum was developed by the 17 certified police academies in the Commonwealth in conjunction with the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission's contractor, Systems Design Group of Harwinton, Connecticut. The foundation for the new curriculum is a comprehensive job task analysis of a municipal police officer's responsibility.

Deputy Commissioner of Staff

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



Deputy Commissioner of Staff Lt. Colonel Robert C. Hickes

### **Bureau of Forensic Services**

Major John R. Capriotti, Director

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

# Investigation and Operational Support Division

Strategic Planning Conference: In May 1999, a conference was held in State College to discuss strategic plans for the laboratory system covering the next 3–5 years. The conference was a success and everyone contributed to identify problematic issues and develop reasonable solutions. Five committees were formed from those in attendance and the broad categories discussed were facilities and equipment, technical and expertise issues, personal and personnel issues, administrative issues, and accreditation. Final reports were received one month after the conference and the Director, Bureau of Forensic Services, reviewed the reports. Subsequent to his review, issues were identified for further consideration. The original committees were reconvened

and the selected issues were presented to them for their examination and further development. Each committee has gotten off to a great start as they research and develop solutions to their issues.

Bureau Newsletter: Since there was so much happening in the Division, a newsletter was designed to inform personnel of the Investigation and Operational Support Division (IOSD) activities. Early in 1999, the letter quickly blossomed into a Bureau Newsletter, for the newly formed Bureau of Forensic Services. Since the reorganization, there have been many things happening in the laboratory system that requires a method to keep everyone informed. The reorganization, accreditation, strategic planning, new personnel, new equipment, etc., makes it difficult to keep personnel abreast. The problem of communicating changes to personnel seems to be alleviated by the newsletter.

### **Quality Management Division**

Bureau Quality Assurance Manual: The Bureau Quality Assurance Manual was completed and implemented, effective May 1, 1999. In addition, proficiency testing for all forensic disciplines in the Bureau was fully implemented. Subsequently, a "quality audit" was conducted at each regional laboratory site to ensure the provisions of this manual were being carried out and to determine what provisions were impediments to operation. As a result of the audits and other valuable input, a revised manual is being produced for implementation in the year 2000.

Northeastern Quality Assurance Conference: The Division, in conjunction with the New York State Police Crime Laboratory, developed a program for the first meeting of the Northeastern Quality Assurance Group. The meeting was held in Albany, New York, at the New York State Police Crime Laboratory, to determine common goals, interests, needs, and resources of perspective members. The agenda included accreditation, proficiency testing, and auditing topics. Mr. Daren Valentine, an auditor for the American Association of Laboratory Accreditation, was the keynote speaker for this conference. At the conclusion of the conference, it was concluded that there is a need for a Northeastern Quality Assurance Group and a decision was made to proceed with the formation.

#### Scientific Services Division

Personnel Additions: During 1999, the Scientific Services Division addressed staffing needs caused by the burgeoning caseload, the application of new technology, and the requirements of the quality management and accreditation programs. This was accomplished by designing and implementing a staffing model to put the scientific and technical expertise in the laboratories and forensic disciplines where it was needed most. The staffing model included 17 forensic scientists, 3 chemistry technicians, 1 clerk typist, and 1 information technology generalist. With staff enhancements, backlogs in the areas of homicide, rape, aggravated assaults, and drug cases are being reduced. The goal is to reduce turnaround time to 4-6 weeks by the end of the year 2000. In addition, major technology enhancement projects such as the Statewide Laboratory Information Management System (SLIMS) were improved.

Enhanced Technology: In preparation for the year 2000, and in an effort to enhance the Department's technology capabilities, the Scientific Services Division acquired and installed an unprecedented \$1.5 million worth of scientific equipment during 1999. Along with this new equipment, the Division is in the process of purchasing an additional \$1 million worth of scientific equipment through the acquisition of 2 federal grants. These acquisitions will enhance the capabilities of the Division, and provide the best and most up-to-date equipment for our scientists and technical support personnel to solve crimes where physical evidence comparison and identification are critical. The Trace Evidence Section underwent tremendous change during 1999. Trace examinations of glass, explosives, soils, and gunshot primer residue (GSR) are or will be performed exclusively in the Harrisburg Regional Laboratory to take full advantage of scanning electron microscopy, microspectrophotometry, and automated glass analysis equipment that was installed. To adequately perform the various types of trace analyses done in our laboratory, including gunshot primer residue, paint analysis, fire debris analysis, lamp on/off determinations, broken-cut-torn pieces examinations, glass analysis and examinations, serial number restoration, soil analysis, solvents and toxic vapors analysis and other miscellaneous analyses, training for each subdiscipline was completed. Drug analysis technology was also enhanced with the addition of 6 fully automated gas chromatograph/mass spectrometer systems, 4 fully automated headspace gas chromatographs for processing DUI cases, and 6 fourier transform infrared spectrophotometers

for identification of controlled

substances.

DNA Laboratory: The investigative use of DNA technology steadily increased during 1999. The State Police DNA Laboratory joined the national Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) in January 1999, becoming the fifth state to join this network. The various investigative agencies from across Pennsylvania are routinely requesting CODIS searches of the DNA results generated in cases. The year 2000 will see more investigations solved with DNA evidence, and will hopefully provide the first convicted offender from a cold hit. The Bureau is working to establish a comprehensive database of Restriction Fragment





Length Polymorphism (RFLP) and Short Tandem Repeats (STR) analysis from stored convicted offender samples. Although the backlog is approximately 11,000 samples, it should be reduced by at least a third with additional personnel and robotics.



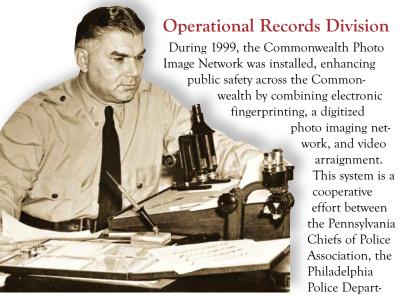
Forensic Scientist Kimberly L. Souder preparing a sample for the gas chromatograph

Statewide Laboratory Information Management System (SLIMS): During 1999, the Bureau of Forensic Services embarked on a project to implement a comprehensive, multilaboratory, information management system. The system is intended to seamlessly integrate with the newly installed State Police Enterprise Network. Discovery days and trips to various forensic laboratories were undertaken to determine the availability of Laboratory Information Management Systems (LIMS) and to review them for potential application. A scenario-based demonstration by vendors is planned for early 2000. In-depth review of the results of this demonstration will determine the procurement process. It is expected that this system will be online and operational by fall of 2000.

### Bureau of Records and Identification

Major Ronald J. Hackenberg, Director

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



ment, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, and the State Police. The system provides for electronic capture and submission of arrest photographs in conjunction with the Live Scan Fingerprint Network, allowing for quick retrieval of photographs maintained in the database, and reducing the time and effort needed to assemble a lineup.

### Criminal Records and Identification Division

The Pennsylvania Access to Criminal History (PATCH) System went on-line during 1999 to address the increasing need for criminal history records checks. Interested agencies and businesses establish an account with the Department and receive an account number and a password for access to PATCH. Currently, there are 814 agencies and companies registered to use PATCH. Their requests are forwarded and processed electronically. The number of requests for criminal history records checks increased from 530,223 in 1998 to 636,115 in 1999. The PATCH System processed 156,366 of the 1999 requests. There is a \$10 fee for each request.

#### Firearms Division

The Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS) completed its first full year of operation. PICS was established in accordance with Act 17 of 1995, the Uniform Firearms Act, to conduct background checks on potential firearm buyers and license to carry applicants. It became operational on July 1, 1998, and in June 1999, the system reached its final operating capability with the implementation of the last administrative database. This culminated the implementation phase and final acceptance was authorized with the Unisys Corporation.

During 1999, PICS conducted over 559,000 transactions for sheriffs and firearm dealers throughout the Commonwealth. Nearly 60% of the calls were approved within minutes. Three percent resulted in denials based on state and federal disqualifers. One hundred twenty-one wanted persons were captured and arrested while attempting to purchase a firearm. In late fall, the State Police and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) initiated an enforcement initiative to arrest prohibited persons, including violent felons, who falsified information on state and federal application forms in an attempt to acquire a firearm. Seventy-three cases were referred to various Troops and 25 cases to the ATF for investigation.

### Bureau of Research and Development

Major R. Dane Merryman, Director

The Bureau of Research and Development, located in Department Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, includes the Planning Division and the Programming Division.

### Planning Division

Redesign Project, Uniform Crime Report: The Uniform Crime Report (UCR) Redesign Project got underway in November 1999, with Electronic Data Systems Information Builders, Inc. as

the selected vendor. The new system will use web-based technology, providing automated edit procedures, and easy access by program participants and members of the public. The requirements for the new system were determined through a review of current written documentation, as well as interviews with Pennsylvania State Police and municipal police personnel who are responsible for UCR reporting. The first deliverable, a Requirements Document, is scheduled to be received in January 2000.

Suggestion Program: A special thanks is extended to all personnel who submitted the 96 suggestions through the Department Suggestion Program. Twelve suggestions were either adopted for Department-wide implementation or adopted at the discretion of the individual Troop Commander at the local level. The Suggestion Program provides a unique opportunity for Department personnel to present ideas and actively participate in the decision-making process. I-Teams from across the State evaluate suggestions and recommend courses of action.

Department Acquires New Ballistic Vests: Approval was received through the federal Bulletproof Vest Grant Program to begin acquisition of new vests. The U.S. Department of Justice designated the Pennsylvania State Police as Chief Executive Officer for all State agencies for the program. The Bureau of Research and Development compiled and submitted grant applications for the vests on behalf of all State law enforcement agencies. Although statewide participation was not extensive in the initial year of the program, the program is anticipated to run for three years and it is expected that others will participate as time progresses. The Department has received partial funding, in this first year, but is actively seeking additional funds for additional vests in subsequent program years.

Planning and Analysis Section: The Section continues to provide administrative support to other segments of the Department. During 1999, representatives of the Section facilitated five strategic management-planning conferences. In addition, the Section coordinated the Department's Century Plan Conference, held at State College, attended by upper-level management personnel from throughout the Department. More than 280 projects were assigned to Section personnel relating to staffing, equipment, requests for reorganization approval, Department policy, requests for information, and other enforcement-related requests. It is the Section's goal to provide an authoritative source of knowledge for all persons in support of the Department's Mission, by enabling everyone to make informed decisions about equipment, personnel, and areas of identified need.



Lt. Colonel Hickes and Major Merryman at I-Team Captains' meeting in the Department High Tech Conference Room



### **Programming Division**

Criminal Justice Pamphlet Distributed: A significant accomplishment of the Programming Division in 1999 was the acquisition of the 1999 Criminal Justice Pamphlet from West Law for distribution to Department personnel. Acquisition of the pamphlet consolidated information previously disseminated in 5 separate manuals into a single resource. Acquisition of the pamphlet saved the Department time and approximately \$92,000.00 in reproduction and distribution costs associated with changes. The pamphlet provides critical information to Department personnel in a timely manner.

Proposed State Accreditation Program: Corporal Gilbert J. Canevari, Accreditation Manager for the State Police and Pennsylvania Police Accreditation Coalition (PPAC) President, with the assistance of Mr. Gerald W. Jarsocrak, Assistant Accreditation Manager and PPAC Treasurer, were instrumental in the creation of a proposed state accreditation manual containing standards, administrative procedures, a projected budget, and an organizational structure. The significance of the manual is magnified by a recent decision of the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association to pursue the establishment of a state accreditation program in Pennsylvania. The decision by the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association represents the culmination of 6 years of effort by PPAC to establish a state program in Pennsylvania for agencies unable to pursue accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

In addition, the Accreditation Section attained influential positions with CALEA, the State Agency Accreditation Coalition (SAAC), and Pennsylvania Police Accreditation Coalition (PPAC). Corporal Canevari was appointed to serve on CALEA's State Accreditation Programs Task Force and Accreditation Training Committee, and was reelected Chairperson of the State Agency Accreditation Coalition (SAAC), and President of the Pennsylvania Police Accreditation Coalition (PPAC). Respectively, SAAC and PPAC represent 44 state and provincial, and 50 Commonwealth law enforcement agencies interested or actively participating in the CALEA accreditation system.

The Accreditation Section also conducted on-site accreditation assessments of the AMTRAK Police Department, Burlington Township Police Department, Derry Township Police Department, Harrisburg Bureau of Police, and Rhode Island State Police, and completed training of Bureau/Office Accreditation Contact Persons in preparation for the Department's next reaccreditation by CALEA in 2001.



Accreditation Section, Mr. Gerald W. Jarsocrak and Corporal Gilbert J. Canevari

The Systems and Procedures Section: The Systems and Procedures Section published 190 regulatory and information-related directives in 1999. The Section also coordinated the transfer of 271 boxes of Department files, reports, and documents to the Historical and Museum Commission and processed 188 requests for new, revised, or depleted forms. Section personnel were also involved in the Department's form automation initiative, which placed 125 Department forms on the Enterprise Network.

Another accomplishment of the Programming Division was the transfer of specialized position processing to the Bureau of Personnel. This eliminates approximately 30% of the temporary directives issued by the Department. This is significant in that it speeds the process of posting and filling critical vacancies, and reduces the amount of published nondirective material for personnel to review.



### **Bureau of Staff Services**

Mr. Robert J. Zinsky, Director

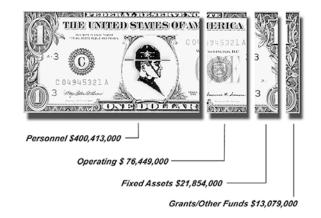
The Bureau of Staff Services, located in Department Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, is comprised of the Facility Management Division, Fiscal Division, Procurement and Supply Division, and the Transportation Division.

The total Pennsylvania State Police budget for 1999-00 is \$511,795,000. Our budget is distributed into 4 major expenditure categories: Personnel, Operating, Fixed Assets, and Grants/Other Funds.

The Personnel category encompasses 78.2% of the Department's total budget or \$400,413,000. This supports an enlisted complement of 4,168 and a civilian complement of 1,497 for a total complement of 5,665. Included are salaries, corresponding benefits, contractual salary increases, shift differential, annual leave payouts, and overtime.

Operating funds represent 14.9% of the total budget or \$76,449,000. These funds support the daily operating expenditures of the Department such as fuel, building and vehicle leases, utilities, information system contracts, maintenance contracts, phone systems, personnel equipment, and office supplies.

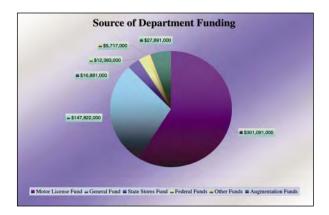
Fixed Assets represent 4.3% of the total budget or \$21,854,000. This provides the Department funding for approximately 552 new patrol vehicles, equipment to implement the Department's automation initiative, obligated installment purchases, and other critically needed upgrade and replacement equipment.



Grants/Other Funds represent 2.6% of the total budget or \$13,079,000. Grant funding is provided through the Municipal Police Training Appropriation to enable the Department to meet the mandates of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Program. Other funds represent special Department funds such as Forfeitures, DNA Detection Fund, Auto Theft and Arson Fund, and Crime Lab User Fund.

### Source of Department Funding

Motor License Fund	\$301,091,000
General Fund	\$147,822,000
State Stores Fund	\$ 16,881,000
Federal Funds	\$ 12,393,000
Other Funds	\$ 5,717,000
Augmentations	\$ 27,891,000
Total	\$511 795 000



PRIME Initiative Saves \$126,949: Rick Binker, Director, Transportation Division, after attending a conference, came back with an idea to refurbish patrol vehicles, thereby saving the Department money. The cost of a completely refurbished vehicle was only a fraction of the new vehicle cost and provided the same quality of service as a new vehicle. Fifteen vehicles were refurbished, saving the Department \$126,949.

#### **Equipment Purchases**

During 1999, the following items were purchased:

- Bell Helicopter 407 Jet Ranger
- Cessna Grand Caravan Fixed Wing Aircraft
- Wiretapping Equipment for the Central Repository
- Videoconferencing Equipment
- Various Systems Furniture for the Field and Headquarters
- Beretta Brigadier Pistol to replace the Beretta 96D NP3 Pistol
- 680 New Vehicles were delivered throughout the Department
- 15 marked patrol cars were refurbished and returned to the field
- Danner, Gore-Tex Boots were purchased for issue to members
- Second Chance B007, Ultima Soft Body Armor, acquired for issuance to Cadets

### **Building Renovations and Construction**

The Department has constructed or renovated 14 facilities during 1999. The locations are:

- Annex to Erie Headquarters
- Bureau of Criminal Investigation Warehouse
- Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement Altoona District #5 Office
- Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement Philadelphia District #1 Office
- Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement Williamsport District #6 Office
- Bureau of Professional Responsibility Central
- Total Automation/Technology Facility
- Troop A, Indiana Station
- Troop C, Clarion (Shippenville) Station
- Troop C, Clearfield Station

- Troop K, Media (Franklin Center) Station
- Troop L, Ephrata Station
- Troop P, Laporte (Dushore) Station
- Troop R, Honesdale Station

### **Bureau of Technology Services**

Major Wesley R. Waugh, Director

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

### **Computer Operations Division**

Connection with NCIC: The Commonwealth Law Enforcement Assistance Network (CLEAN) completed its 28<sup>th</sup> year of operation. CLEAN is now connected to over 3,000 end users at over 1,200 Pennsylvania Criminal Justice Agencies. The system maintains an availability rate of over 98%. In July of 1999, a major milestone was reached with connection to the National Crime Information Center's NCIC-2000 system. When fully implemented, it will allow officers to have immediate access to photographs, fingerprints, and other suspect information.

PFA Registry Implemented: Full implementation of the Pennsylvania State Police Protection From Abuse (PFA) Registry was achieved in April 1999. The Registry is queried when a name or vehicle is checked through the Commonwealth Law Enforcement Assistance Network (CLEAN). It provides greater protection for persons with a PFA, as well as law enforcement officers, by providing an automatic check of the Registry.

### Strategic Development Division

Automation Facility: On April 1, 1999, the Strategic Development Division moved from Department Headquarters to the new automation building. This facility was created to house and support emerging and established information technology systems for the Department. Currently, approximately 50 individuals are housed at the building, consisting of both permanent and temporarily assigned State Police personnel and vendors. The apex of the building is its state-of-the-art, high-tech conference room, which enables videoconferencing, allows for up to 20 users to participate in Group Systems sessions, and is capable of providing audio- and videotaping of meetings and conferences.



Lieutenant D. Gary Benedick and Corporal David E. Pallone demonstrate the High Tech Conference Room

Incident Information Management System (IIMS) Program: In April 1999, the Pennsylvania State Police began the process of selecting a Systems Integrator. Selection of a Systems Integrator is a critical element of the IIMS Program. The mission of the Systems Integrator is to build an Enterprise Database, and create an integrated data environment, in which all of the subcomponent systems of IIMS, such as Mobile Office, Evidence Management, Consolidated Dispatch, will reside. Competing vendors began submitting proposals to the Department in August 1999. The Department narrowed the field of vendors to three by October. From October to December, the Department met with each vendor and conducted detailed discussions regarding their proposals. Vendors have been asked to prepare their best and final offers to the Department by January 2000. When completed, the selected Systems Integrator will be required to implement the components of IIMS.

Phase 1 Mobile Office: The Mobile Office Team assembled on June 10, 1999, to research, develop, and implement a Mobile Office computing platform for use by State Police Troopers. Between June 14 and June 30, 1999, 19 vendors presented their hardware, software, and IT solutions to the 9-member Mobile Office Team during Discovery Days. At the conclusion of Discovery Days, the Mobile Office Team embarked on field visits to 9 law enforcement agencies in 5 states and the District of Columbia. Among those agencies visited were the Washington D.C. Metro Police, Delaware State Police, Philadelphia Police Department, and New Jersey State Police. After returning from the field visits, the Mobile Office Team set to work on recording their findings and drafting a Request for Qualified Contractor document (RFQC) that would contract the services of a Prime Contractor to implement the first mobile computers in Pennsylvania State Police history. After extensive work, the Phase 1 Mobile Office RFQC was published on November 24, 1999.

Evidence Management System: The Evidence Management Team was formed on August 16, 1999, as a part of the IIMS Program. The team is comprised of 2 field personnel and 1 information technology specialist from the Strategic Development Division. Initially, the team was tasked with the evaluation and acquisition of an automated system utilizing bar coding capabilities for Evidence Management Systems (EMS) and Laboratory Information Management Systems (LIMS). Discovery Days for bar code vendors, and LIMS and EMS vendors were conducted. Site visits to police departments with Evidence Management Systems were also conducted. As research and development progressed, the current effort to hire a Systems Integrator and the delicate balance of seamless integration of automated applications were recognized as having a significant impact on the success of automating evidence management.

The Evidence Management Team recommended not purchasing an Evidence Management System until the Systems Integrator is selected. However, if the selection process for the Systems Integrator should fail, the Evidence Management Team would be ready to go forward with vendor selection. The Evidence Management

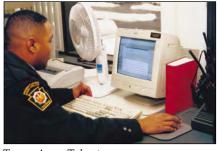
Team is currently tasked with documenting in

detail the current practice of Evidence Management in the State Police. The team is also documenting the functional requirements for the future automated Evidence Management System. This information will be necessary for future development and acquisition of an Automated Evidence Management System. Recommendations for changes in equipment, policy, procedures, and physical structure of our current Evidence Management System are being developed, validated, and implemented prior to automation of the

Mainframe and Personal Computer Programs Tested: Approximately 2,500 mainframe and Personal Computer (PC) programs, in 75 different systems were converted to ensure that they would function properly in the new millennium. The project was completed by May 1999. Four permanent programming staff members and 5 contractors were assigned full time for over one year to correct and test all programs. Two annuitants were also hired on a parttime basis. There were about 15 other technical personnel who worked part-time and on overtime to assist in completing the project. In May and June 1999, the clock on the development system was advanced to December 1999 and to several dates in 2000. During that time, final system testing was performed on all critical applications. The CLEAN System was tested for an entire week with the clock advanced.

system.

Progress on the Enterprise Network: IBM worked toward establishing a mini network composed of new PCs, printers, servers, and LAN communications equipment to test their design architecture. State Police personnel were selected and supplied with new network computers to exercise on-line applications across the mini network. After acceptance by the State Police of this phase, IBM was permitted to proceed with implementation of the remaining network architecture and hardware.



Trooper Aaron T. Lewis at Enterprise Network Computer

Three teams of IBM and State Police personnel were formed to initiate preparation of State Police locations, including Department Headquarters. Installation of LAN cabling, LAN and server cabinets, tele-

phone company data and voice circuits, and placement of network computers, printers, and servers was started. Testing of all circuits and equipment was completed before the users were permitted to sign-on and utilize the new network. While in the process of coordinating the preparation of sites and the rollout of equipment, the Department's 5,500 staff personnel were trained. A basic course called "Fast Start" was offered at various sites across the State. To accommodate personnel in a timely fashion, training was given Monday through Saturday, 2 shifts per day. As of December 31, 1999, the system has been well accepted by the user community.

### **Technical Support Division**

Multiagency Statewide Radio System: A contract with M/A-COM was signed for the radio portion of the new Multiagency Statewide Radio System. M/A-COM, a Division of AMP Wireless Systems, was awarded the contract for the system's digital, two-way radio equipment. Their radio system, known as Open Sky, offers mobile and portable radios that can transmit both voice and data. It works with current radio hardware, enabling a smooth transition to the new system and will be able to serve at least 100,000 users. It also offers encryption, and vehicular repeaters that make it possible for mobile users to leave their vehicles, but still maintain reliable radio contact with lowerpowered portable units. The vehicular repeaters also support full system features, like encryption and data transmission. A global positioning feature can be incorporated into the mobile radio that lets users track mobile radio users. This same feature can also automatically relay data, such as road conditions, back to a central location. The AMP System uses cellular-style towers that are significantly less expensive than traditional mobile radio towers. The two-way radio system will utilize digital, trunked technology and operate in the 800-Megahertz Frequency Band. The system will be completed by the second quarter of 2001. The Department has plans to start migration to the new system shortly thereafter.

### Deputy Commissioner of Administration



Deputy Commissioner of Administration Lt. Colonel Thomas K. Coury

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, Member Assistance Office, Liaison Officer-Labor Relations, Bureau of Personnel, Bureau of Training and Education, Bureau of Professional Responsibility, Executive Service Section, and other related administrative duties.

### Department Discipline Office

Captain Robert B. Titler Department Discipline Officer

The Department Discipline Office, located in Department Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, is assigned to the Executive and Administrative Offices. The primary duties of the Department Disciplinary Officer include coordinating, evaluating, and adjudicating Disciplinary Action Reports and the imposition of all discipline.

### Equal Employment **Opportunity Office**

Major Virginia L. Smith-Elliott Equal Employment Opportunity Officer

The Equal Employment Opportunity Office (EEOO), located in Department Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, is assigned to the Executive and Administrative Offices. The primary duties of the EEOO 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 1999, the Equal Employment Opportunity Office presented 6 sexual harassment training sessions at Basic Supervision, PCO, and Cadet classes. Troop and Bureau personnel were provided 11 training sessions that included topics on sexual harassment, reporting requirements, and documentation. The Equal Employment Opportunity Officer continually addresses the needs of the Department through training and by maintaining an open forum for the concerns of personnel.

### Member Assistance Program (MAP)

Sergeant Marcenia M. Robinson, Program Manager

Overview



MAP handled 43 Critical Incidents. MAP personnel contributed approximately 1,259 hours of personal time to conduct peer contacts. MAP personnel dedicated approximately 5,597 hours on duty to assisting Troopers. Located in the Academy, Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Peer Contacts and Regional Offices Added to Improve Services: In an effort to enhance services and accessibility of MAP, 19 new Peer Contacts were trained during 1999. The addition of these personnel increases the total number of part-time Peer Contacts to 81. The Program has offices located throughout the Commonwealth. With existing regional offices located in the Northwest, Southwest, Northeast, and Southeast, a Central Regional Office was added in 1999. This new office will allow MAP to operate more efficiently, and better meet the needs of Department personnel.



Physical Fitness and Wellness: The Physical Fitness and Wellness Services Unit was transferred to the Bureau of Training and Education mid year, 1999. While under the authority of MAP, 39 Physical Fitness Coordinators (PFCs) were trained by the Physical Fitness and Wellness Services Coordinator. As part of the Liquor Enforcement Officer's Physical Fitness Validation Study, surveys were completed and tests administered by PFCs. The study will determine a Liquor Enforcement Officer's necessary level of physical fitness as it relates to their job function. Fitness tests and assessments for Cadets and Cadet Applicants are also continually being administered by PFCs.

**Training:** The Peer Services Coordinator attended The Employee Assistance Professionals Association and Employee Assistance Network Conferences. These nationally recognized organizations sponsor conferences that address issues concerning problems in the workplace and methods and resources available to improve employe assistance programs.

### Liaison Officer - Labor Relations

Captain David K. Points, Liaison Officer

The Labor Relations Liaison Office, located in Department Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, is assigned to the Executive and Administrative Offices. The Liaison Officer works closely with the Pennsylvania State Troopers Association (PSTA) to mutually resolve issues facing the Department and the PSTA. A positive working relationship is maintained between the

Department and the PSTA through open communication. Monthly meetings occur between the 16 Troop Commanders and PSTA local lodge presidents. Problems are quickly identified and often resolved at these meetings. In addition, the Commissioner and his Deputies address statewide issues at monthly meetings with the Executive Board of the PSTA.

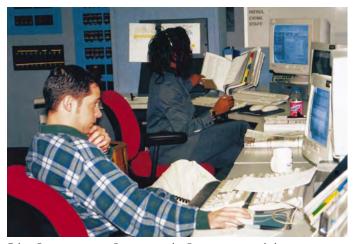
### Bureau of Personnel

Ms. Linda M. Bonney, Director

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

Revised Cadet Selection Process: During 1999, 279 Cadets attended and completed the required training for State Trooper. The Personnel Services Division processed several thousand applicants. The qualification and selection process included a written examination, physical performance tests, polygraph examination, background investigation, medical evaluation, and a psychological evaluation. With the cooperation of Criminal Investigators, Polygraph Examiners, and the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, the Background Investigation Report, Background Investigation Manual, and the Polygraph Screening Booklet were completely revised and disseminated. Members from the field assisted in the processing of Cadets by completing background investigations and polygraph examinations.

New Civilian Hires and Enlisted Promotions: With the cooperation of the plaintiffs, PSTA, Guardians, and the Department, the Consent Decree, that governed minority hiring and promotions since 1974, was dissolved on January 21, 1999. The Bureau administered a written test to 5,914 State Police Cadet applicants across the State, and 2,884 members participated in a multicomponent promotion examination for the ranks of Lieutenant, Sergeant, and Corporal. This was the first time in 25 years that new hires and promotions occurred without the consent decree. Furthermore, a new Police Communications Operator selection process was initiated and resulted in 156 new hires. In addition, the Secondary School Intern Program was expanded to include Troops. Currently, the Department employs 31 Interns in Bureaus and Troops. The Personnel Services Division hosted a 3-day conference with over 90 participants in attendance. Topics included placement activities, ICS and MAPPER systems, benefits, leave, and workers' compensation issues.



Police Communications Operators at the Communications desk.

Training Initiatives: The Bureau of Personnel, in cooperation with the Bureau of Training and Education, is responsible for the training and developmental needs of civilian employes of the Pennsylvania State Police. Since assuming the responsibility for civilian training approximately one year ago, the Bureau of Personnel, through the Personnel Development Division, has undertaken the following initiatives: training in Conflict Management, Coaching, Coping With Difficult Behavior, Ethics, Facilitation Skills, Managing For Results, Motivation, Stress Management, Team Building, Time Management, and Written Communication. Five additional Police Communications Operator (PCO) Instructors were added to the PCO Instructor cadre, making a total of 8 PCO Instructors. During 1999, 2 additional courses were added to the PCO curriculum, TTY/Telephone Skills and Crisis Communication. In addition to the new courses, the Bureau offered PCO Basic Training, PCO Stress Awareness, and Critical Incident Dispatching for PCOs.

### 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.



Employee of the Year: Ms. Jane A. First

Employee of the Year: The Employee of the Year for 1999 is Ms. Jane A. First, Administrative Assistant 2. An employee of the Pennsylvania State Police since August 6, 1964, Ms. First is assigned to the Community Services Unit of the Bureau of Training and Education. She is intricately involved in the various programs administered by Community Services Officers throughout the State, and is known and respected for her work with the Camp Cadet Pro-

gram, the Department's annual Savings Bond Drive, and the Commonwealth's State Employe Combined Appeal (SECA) Program. Her dedication, expertise, and professionalism are widely recognized among her superiors, co-workers, and the many public and law enforcement agencies with which she works.

Academy Staff Provides a Variety of Training: During 1999, Commissioner Paul J. Evanko gave the Oath of Office to 238 new Troopers at the graduation of the 103<sup>rd</sup>, 104<sup>th</sup>, and 105<sup>th</sup> Cadet Classes. The 106<sup>th</sup> Cadet Class entered the Academy on September 7, 1999, with 81 Cadets remaining in the class at year's end. Eight new Liquor Enforcement Officers graduated from basic training at the Southwest Training Center on January 22, 1999. Act 120 training of municipal police officers continued at the Southeast Training Center in Schwenksville, with 23 officers graduating as part of the 55<sup>th</sup> Municipal Police Class. The Southwest Training Center in Greensburg graduated its 52<sup>nd</sup> Municipal Police Class with 24 members. In addition to Cadet and LEO training, the staff at the Academy and Training Centers presented mandatory in-service training for Department personnel. Training topics included Use of Force Policy and Cultural Diversity/Sexual Harassment.

PRIME Initiative Saves \$60,000: The Bureau of Training and Education participated in PRIME initiatives that saved the Department more than \$60,000. Remote training sites were utilized to present mandatory training in several Troops reducing travel time and overnight travel. In addition, the contract for the Law Enforcement Television Network (LETN) was reevaluated. Numerous advanced training courses for Department members and municipal police agencies were offered in the Department Training Calendar which was posted on the State Police internet web page and distributed throughout the Department and to all municipal police departments in the Commonwealth.

Fast Start Computer Training: Mandatory Fast Start and Customized Computer Training was conducted at the Academy, the 4 Regional Training Centers, and 2 remote sites. More than 6,000 Department personnel attended computer training provided as part of the transition to the Enterprise Computer Network. To accommodate the training, a new, permanent computer lab was established at the Academy and each of the Training Centers. Temporary computer labs were established for use at the remote sites. Bureau computer facilities were also utilized by other Department entities and outside agencies to present training.

The Mounted Unit: Members of the Mounted Unit participated in 137 details in 1999 including numerous parades and memorial observances. The Mounted Unit participated in the National FOP Memorial Service in Washington, DC, and presented a precision drill at the opening of the State Farm Show. The Unit also provided security and crowd control at events such as the Governor's inauguration, the Little League World Series, the annual Greek Picnic in Philadelphia, the Rainbow Coalition gathering in the Allegheny National Forest, and at KKK rallies. On November 8, the Mounted Unit was used for crowd control at the final game in Pitt Stadium, at the University of Pittsburgh. As 70,000 fans and students tore down the goal posts and attempted to exit the stadium, Mounted Troopers protected property and restored order.

The Ceremonial Unit: Ceremonial Unit participated in 37 funeral details including 1 member who was killed in the line of duty, 2 active members, and retired Lieutenant Colonel Philip Conti who died during 1999. They also participated in numerous color guard and firing details for a total of 93 appearances. In January, a 12-member rifle drill team performed at the Pennsylvania Farm Show and received roaring applause. This was the first time the drill team had performed at the Farm Show.



Members of the Ceremonial Unit followed by a riderless horse at the funeral of retired Lieutenant Colonel Philip Conti

Community Services Officers: Community Services Officers (CSOs) throughout the State provided a variety of crime prevention and safety programs to the public during 1999. New initiatives included a training program related to school violence, "Break the Silence, Stop the Violence," and the Yello Dyno Safety Program about personal safety and abduction. IBM Laptop Computers and PowerPoint projectors were purchased and distributed for Troop use by CSOs. With the assistance of the PowerPoint projectors, CSOs are able to provide computer-aided visual aids during programs.

#### Crime Prevention and Safety Programs

\*1,465 crime prevention programs were presented to 41,522 adults and 25,678 children

\*3,060 safety programs were presented to 44,672 adults and 188,589 children



Commissioner Paul J. Evanko and Major Robert R. Einsel inspect members of the first Commissioner's Honor Camp

The First Commissioner's Honor Camp: The first Commissioner's Honor Camp was held at the State Police Academy in Hershey in August 1999. The camp was a resounding success. Thirty-three cadets were selected from Troop Camp Cadets to attend the Honor Camp. Cadets were offered an in-depth look at State Police operations and State government. Camp highlights included a tour of Department Headquarters, the State Capitol, and the Governor's Mansion. Lunch at the Governor's Mansion was the highlight for cadets. Plans are underway for a second camp in 2000.

### **Bureau** of Professional Responsibility

Major Hawthorne N. Conley, Director

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

#### **Internal Affairs Division**

A committee formed by the Bureau of Professional Responsibility is considering significant revisions to the Department's discipline system. The committee is comprised of members from the Internal Affairs Division, Department Disciplinary Officer, Labor Relations Liaison, PSTA, and field representatives. The committee is conducting a complete analysis of the internal affairs process, from conducting an investigation, up to and including the imposition of the appropriate level of corrective action. The goal of the committee is to establish a discipline process that is effective, efficient, and affords 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 include Cadets, Basic Supervision Classes, and Headquarters Orientation for Lieutenants. Also in the early stages of development is an internal affairs investigation course of instruction. This course will be offered to both Department members and other law enforcement agencies.

The Internal Affairs Division has assumed more responsibility for conducting criminal investigations involving members. Criminal incidents investigated by the Division are determined on a case-by-case basis within our available resources.

#### Systems and Process Review Division

During 1999, 3 specialized review teams assigned to the eastern, western, and central sections of the State conducted formal reviews of 44 Department locations. Various Troop Headquarters, Stations, segments within Department Headquarters and decentralized operations were subjected to intensive examination of physical facilities, vehicles, equipment, personnel, investigative procedures, and all reporting/record keeping functions. As a result of the 1999 reviews, a total of 40 action recommendations, formal suggestions to the Department to evaluate a current regulation/procedure which appears somewhat ineffective towards its intended purpose, were developed.

Task Lists, collections of standards identifying the numerous issues/areas subject to evaluation during reviews, were automated in 1999. Automation permits weekly editing of the 150-page lists in order to ensure their compliance with any recent additions/revisions to regulations. Furthermore, it facilitates transmission of the lists over the Department's computer network. By making the list of standards more accessible, the Bureau can rapidly accommodate requests by field personnel desiring a resource to compare themselves, or their operation, to the defined standards.

### Deputy Commissioner of Operations



Lt. Colonel Joseph H. Westcott Deputy Commissioner of Operations

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

### Bureau of Criminal Investigation Major Ralph M. Periandi, Director

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

### Heritage Affairs Office

Hate Crime Faculty Trainer: The Director of the Heritage Affairs Office, Captain Robert P. Hague, attended certification training to become a U.S. Department of Justice National Hate Crime faculty trainer. As a result of this certification, he is one

of several Commonwealth of Pennsylvania law enforcement agency representatives who is a member of the Department of Justice Pennsylvania training team. In 1999, the team conducted 4 training sessions across the Commonwealth. A total of 388 Commonwealth law enforcement agency officers and employes attended this Department of Justice National Hate Crime training program.

#### Special Investigations Division

Fugitive Apprehension Unit: During 1999, the Unit physically arrested or exceptionally cleared a total of 216 cases. The most notable arrests were Anibal Cruz-Gonzalez and Mario Luis Rojas, who were major participants in drug activities in Philadelphia. In addition, convicted murderer Norman Johnston escaped from SCI-Huntingdon and was recaptured in southeastern Pennsylvania. During the same time frame, convicted murderer Michael McCluskey, and convicted arsonist Anthony Yang, escaped from SCI-Dallas and were recaptured in the Nanticoke area of northeastern Pennsylvania. In October, Terry Lee McNelis overpowered a Lawrence County deputy sheriff and escaped. He was later apprehended in Caladonia, Wisconsin. The Fugitive Apprehension Unit was instrumental in the apprehension of all of these individuals.

Auto Theft Task Force: The Auto Theft Task Force had a very impressive year in 1999. A total of 183 vehicles were recovered with a retail value of \$4,294,354.87. In addition, 97 suspects were arrested for felony violations, and 15 suspects were arrested for misdemeanor violations. The Auto Theft Task Force renewed a contract with the Automobile Theft Prevention Authority for a 2-year period, expiring on June 30, 2001. An 18-month contract was also successfully negotiated with the Automobile Theft Prevention Authority for the creation of a Central Task Force. The effective dates for this contract will be January 1, 2000, to June 30, 2001.

Computer Crime Unit: The Computer Crime Unit initiated 36 investigations resulting in 17 suspects being charged, and rendered assistance to local jurisdictions in 85 cases. In addition to investigations, the Unit provided instruction to Troop personnel in computer crime investigative techniques. Currently, laptop computers are being distributed for use by the Troop computer crime investigators.

Fire Marshal Unit: During 1999, the Fire Marshal Unit conducted 2 separate 1-week courses in post blast training. This course, held entirely at Fort Indiantown Gap, was designed to prepare Fire Marshals to conduct investigations at bombing incidents. During the training, Troop Fire Marshals were exposed to various explosive compounds. The explosives were examined and observed while being detonated to provide investigators with the experience of the sights, sounds, and smells of the materials. Several scenes, including passenger cars and furnished rooms, had homemade bombs set off inside to provide a training exercise for Fire Marshals. The class concluded with the Fire Marshals completing a case scenario.

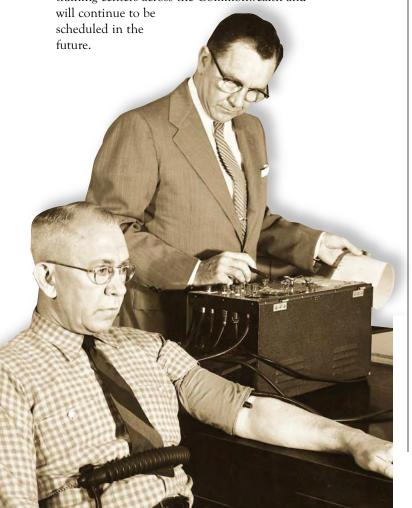
Polygraph Unit: The Polygraph Unit has instituted a Quality Control Program that is expected to assess five Troops each



Polygraph demonstration

year. This initiative will ensure that each examiner is adhering to up-to-date procedures that are universally accepted within the profession. This program allows the Polygraph Coordinator to meet with each field examiner and discuss the latest techniques and innovative procedures.

Criminal Investigative Assessment Unit: The Criminal Investigative Assessment Unit has completed standardization of both the Basic Homicide Course and the Case Management Course. These courses have been made available at various regional training centers across the Commonwealth and



**Crime Stoppers:** Pennsylvania Crime Stoppers enjoyed another successful year, paying \$6,760 in reward money. Calls to Crime Stoppers resulted in 34 persons being taken into custody and 53 cases being cleared for law enforcement agencies.

MEMEX Automated Intelligence System: During 1999, the Bureau's Analytical/Automated Intelligence Unit proceeded with the implementation of a new Automated Intelligence System (AIS) for gathering and analyzing criminal intelligence information. The Department's current intelligence system, MOSAIC, had several critical shortcomings. Recognizing the immediate need for a MOSAIC replacement, the Bureau of Criminal Investigation began the process of identifying intelligence systems that meet the existing and future needs of the Department. Members of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Intelligence Section, conducted extensive research, made on-site visits, hosted a Technology Day, and sponsored hands-on demonstrations of several highly regarded intelligence software packages. The Intelligence Section recommended the acquisition of Memex AIS as the intelligence automation tool to enter the new millennium. The AIS is being contracted with Memex Inc., headquartered in Scotland, United Kingdom. The new AIS conforms to the model of intelligence-led policing, which is based on the notion that the principle task of law enforcement is to predict and deter crime.

### Organized Crime Division

Thief Arrested and Fencing Operation Shut Down: The Organized Crime Task Force spearheaded an investigation into the theft of over one-half million dollars of jewelry from 22 department stores located in jurisdictions throughout Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. The suspect was able to commit these thefts by secreting himself in the store as it was closing for the evening. The suspect would then commit the theft and break out. Troopers from BCI examined the evidence that was generated by the suspect during these burglaries, including video footage, mug shots, and tools left at the scene. The suspect had been arrested for hiding in a store, but provided false identification and was released. Through examination and investigation, Troopers from the Organized Crime Division were able to locate the store that sold tools used in a theft, and confirmed that the person who purchased the tools was the suspect. Armed with this information, Troopers were able to identify the suspect and obtain warrants for his arrest. Before he could be arrested on the warrants, an alert Delaware State Trooper investigating a traffic accident captured the suspect minutes after an alarm sounded at a nearby business. BCI Troopers traveled to Delaware and interviewed the suspect, winning his cooperation. The suspect admitted to 22 burglaries and identified 5 fencing operations in the city of Philadelphia. An undercover female Trooper from the Bureau of Drug Law Enforcement was used to fence over \$24,000 in purported stolen jewelry, resulting in 8 arrests and convictions for the fencing operation. This investigation was successful because of the tremen-



dous amount of cooperation between all of the various police departments who had criminal incidents.

### Bureau of Emergency and **Special Operations**

Bell 407 helicopter

Major Leonard Washington, Jr., Director

### Aviation and Special Services Division

Two New Aircraft are Added to Fleet: The Aviation Section provides aerial support to field personnel and local police departments with a fleet of 7 helicopters and 6 airplanes. This year 2 new aircrafts were added to the fleet. A Bell 407, 4-bladed, helicopter, with greater lifting capacity and faster speed, was purchased in July to replace an older model helicopter. In October 1999, the Department purchased a Cessna Caravan capable of transporting 2 crewmembers and 8 passengers with a 4,000-pound payload capacity. The Caravan has larger fuel tanks, which allow it to stay airborne for approximately 5½ hours during normal flight and up to 9 hours when used for surveillance. It is the only Department aircraft certified to fly during known icing conditions.

Largest Wiretap Operation Completed During 1999: The

Technical Operations Section is responsible for the deployment, service, and maintenance of wiretap and other electronic surveillance equipment throughout the State. The Section caseload more than doubled from 1997 to 1998, and is 17% above that level for 1999. In 1999, the Section conducted a 9-month long wiretap case that included 27 landline pen registers, 3 cellular pen registers, 11 landline wiretaps, and 5 cellular wiretaps. This was the largest wiretap investigation ever conducted by the Section. The increase in wiretap and electronic surveillance requests has caused the Section to add 2 additional members: 1 full-time inventory control officer for the repository, and 1 new technician covering the western part of the State. The Technical Operations Section is also responsible for wiretap training for all state and local law enforcement officers. During 1999, ten 1-week certification classes for Class A Certification, and one 3-week session for Wiretap B certification trained approximately

170 officers throughout the State. The Pennsylvania Commis-

Hurricane Floyd: In September 1999, the Department assisted other emergency response organizations as a severe weather situation, known as hurricane Floyd, tracked along the eastern seaboard, through southeastern Pennsylvania and the city of Philadelphia. As the storm approached, it was downgraded from a hurricane to a tropical storm. It caused severe flooding and millions of dollars of property damage throughout Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery Counties, and in the city of Philadelphia. Troopers responded from Troops J, K, and M to provide a variety of services, including rescue efforts, evacuation assistance, scene security, and traffic control in the affected areas. A Department Emergency Preparedness Liaison Team was activated and responded to the State Emergency Operations Center to coordinate Department emergency response efforts with those of other state agencies and the federal government.

Operation Vigilant Lion: In September 1999, the Department participated with federal, state, and local emergency response agencies in Operation Vigilant Lion. This initiative was a fullscale emergency response exercise developed by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) and the United States Department of Energy (DOE). The exercise simulated an incident of radiological terrorism at a fictional city within Pennsylvania. The exercise was staged at Fort Indiantown Gap, Lebanon County. The Emergency Operations Officer from the Bureau of Emergency and Special Operations coordinated Department participation. The scenario centered on a fictional, disgruntled city/county employe who placed a radiological dispersal device (RDD) in the HVAC system of the city/county office building. After the release of the radioactive material, numerous employes of the facility became ill and reported to the local hospital for treatment. County emergency management officials responded to investigate the incident as people arrived at the hospital. Emergency responders worked together to determine the cause of the incident focusing attention on the city/county office building at Fort Indiantown Gap. The exercise continued for 2 days escalating to the deployment of state and federal emergency management resources at the scene. This was the first full-scale, functional terrorism exercise in Pennsylvania where local, state, and federal emergency responders were integrated for a unified response. Troop L, Reading, deployed approximately 45 members from the Troop's 5 Stations. The Deputy Commissioner of Operations commanded the incident in conjunction with the Area I Commander. The exercise also afforded the Department an opportunity to operate with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in a Joint Operations Center (JOC) to investigate a simulated terrorist incident.

#### **Tactical Operations Division**

Canines Assist With Investigations: The former Canine Drug Enforcement Section was reorganized in 1999 to the newly created Canine Section. The mission of the Section changed from having only canines trained in narcotics detection to include canines trained to detect explosives and accelerants. The Division has placed 3 bomb dogs in service and an arson dog team is completing training. After completing training, the arson dog will assist the Fire Marshall Unit with arson investigations.

Armored Vehicle Acquired: During 1999, the Special Emergency Response Team (SERT) responded to 64 situations. Barricaded gunman incidents continue to comprise the majority of incidents when SERT is activated. Approximately 60% of incidents classified as "high risk" have been resolved by the surrender of the subject and approximately 10% were resolved by the use of chemical agents rather than deadly force. Physical apprehension or suicides have resolved a majority of the other incidents. The Department acquired a military surplus armored vehicle for use by SERT. The State Police Transportation Division refurbished the vehicle to include the distinctive emblems and markings of a State Police vehicle. The vehicle has level III armor and glass and weighs approximately 5 tons. SERT added this vehicle to its arsenal of specialized weapons and has included it as part of their tactical training.

### Bureau of Patrol

Major Kathryn E. Doutt, Director

The Bureau of Patrol located in Department Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, is comprised of the Patrol Services Division and the Safety Program Division. During 1999, the Bureau of Patrol has looked to the future, while remembering the past, in an attempt to craft the most effective safety, enforcement, and educational programs. Liaisons with state, local, and federal highway safety groups and coalitions have been established, maintained, and enhanced to ensure a holistic approach to highway safety and the most efficient use of resources to promote traffic safety.

New armored vehicle



#### Patrol Services Division

Special Enforcement Programs Produce Results: Special traffic enforcement programs targeting aggressive drivers and intentional speeders led to a 6% reduction in all reportable crashes, and a 5% reduction in crashes involving personal injuries. These programs focus enforcement efforts on those Commonwealth highways with the highest probability for serious motor vehicle crashes. The Aggressive Patrol/Criminal Enforcement Program trains Troopers to look for evidence of criminal activity while performing their assigned patrol duties. In the course of traffic stops during the past year, Troopers made major seizures of narcotics, apprehended wanted persons, and recovered stolen property by utilizing the skills learned through this program.

"Every Thirty Minutes" Alcohol Program for High School Students: The Department gives special consideration to DUI enforcement efforts and continually develops new programs and initiatives. Troopers aggressively pursue intoxicated drivers on all highways within the Commonwealth. Special emphasis is placed on sobriety checkpoints to produce a deterrent to intoxicated drivers and a motivation for Troopers throughout the Department to continue strict DUI enforcement. During 1999, the Department initiated a new alcohol awareness program in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children and the Pennsylvania DUI Association to reach high school students with a message about alcohol. The "Every Thirty Minutes" Program focuses on the consequences of a student's destructive decision to drink and drive by telling students that someone is killed every thirty minutes as the result of an alcohol-related crash. "Every Thirty Minutes" partners school districts, local and state emergency service providers, law enforcement, health care facilities, and most importantly, the students' families to demonstrate the tragic and widespread effects of DUI.

### Safety Program Division

Thousands of Child Safety Seats Inspected: The Department's Occupant Protection Program currently boasts 89 trained Child Passenger Safety Technicians certified by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and 1 Child Passenger Safety Technician Instructor. In 1999, trained and certified Troopers

> in all areas of the Commonwealth inspected more than 2,340 child safety seats and taught thousands of mothers, fathers, and caregivers how to safely and properly transport children in a child safety seat. More than 80% of the child safety seats inspected were being misused and required corrective action. Most inspections revealed more than one problem reinforcing the importance of this safety program for children, parents, and caregivers.

> Motor Carrier Inspectors Receive Laptop Computers: The Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) has been automated through the use of laptop computers. With the exception of the newly trained inspectors, all active Motor Carrier Inspectors have been issued a laptop computer to assist with their inspection efforts. It is believed that laptop technology

will help Motor Carrier Inspectors to be more efficient and produce more professional, uniform reports. The laptops will facilitate timely and accurate transfer of data to the United States Department of Transportation.

Bus Crash Kills Student and Driver: Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Specialists (CARS) were assigned to investigate and map over 325 fatal traffic crashes and several serious crime scenes during 1999. Troopers trained as CARS gather and analyze physical evidence at an accident scene to determine how a collision occurred. The job of reconstructing a vehicle crash involves attention to detail, patience, training, and skill. In November 1999, a collision occurred along Interstate 80 that received national attention. Four motor coaches, 2 passenger cars, and a pickup truck were involved in a chain-reaction collision while traveling in dense fog. The buses were transporting Penn State University students home from an outing in New York City and, as a result of the crash, a student and one of the bus drivers were killed. Troopers trained as CARS painstakingly gathered evidence and were able to piece together what happened as the vehicles collided in the dense fog.

### Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement

Major Francis E. Koscelnak, Director

The Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement Headquarters is located on Vartan Way, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The Administration and Operations Divisions are assigned to Headquarters. The Bureau has 9 District Offices located in Philadelphia, Wilkes-Barre, Harrisburg, Pittsburgh, Altoona, Williamsport, Punxsutawney, Erie, and Allentown.

University/College Underage Enforcement Program: The Bureau and area Troops operate this joint effort for the purpose of curtailing the purchase and consumption of alcohol by minors. In 1999, 138 raids were conducted resulting in 1,237 arrests. The Department was awarded a subgrant, Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws, funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and awarded through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. This initiative combines the many disciplines concerned with underage and binge drinking on college campuses. It involves partnering with entities involved with alcohol education, alcohol enforcement, college administration, the alcohol industry, and students. Community coalitions were organized at the nine institutions selected to participate, including Bloomsburg University, Gannon University, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Lafayette College, University of Pennsylvania, University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania State University, The University of Scranton, and Shippensburg University. This program includes a phone hotline, 1-888-UNDER21, established for the public to report incidents involving underage drinking. The information is directed to the Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement and forwarded to the appropriate agency. Callers, who can remain anonymous, are encouraged to provide tips about planned events involving underage drinkers or parties already underway. Referrals resulted in numerous underage-drinking arrests and have led to valuable information on illegal drug activity and other crimes. During its first year of operation, over 1,000 calls were received, with approximately 500 referred for follow-up. In October, the Bureau accepted a Governor's Highway Safety Award for Enforcement for the hotline.

Choices Program Results in 136 Arrests: The Choices Program addresses the problem of underage drinking by school students. Without lecture presentations, Bureau representatives





First Annual, Choices, Alcohol Awareness Conference

requests for enforcement action resulting in 136 arrests. In March, the First Annual Choices Alcohol Awareness Conference was held at Fort Indiantown Gap, with over 600 attendees. Students from Harrisburg and surrounding counties were presented with programs and hands-on activities to educate them about healthy decision-making. Impact Panels provided students an opportunity to interact with victims, law enforcement personnel, and medical professionals who deal with the consequence of unhealthy decisions made by others. Department Community Services Officers assisted with demonstrations of Fatal Vision Goggles, which give students the opportunity to experience levels of impairment, the rollover simulator, concept car, and Roadway's Blindspot tractor trailer.

#### Illegal Gambling Rewards Bureau with Forfeiture Money:

The Bureau is responsible for enforcing illegal gambling and related activities occurring in establishments licensed by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board. Bureau personnel are trained in recognition and enforcement procedures for illegal gambling machines and devices. This initiative consists of 2 levels of enforcement. The first level is directed at individual licensed establishments, while the second level focuses on operations identified through intelligence information as corrupt organizations. In 1999, 762 investigations were conducted, resulting in 236 administrative citations, 54 criminal arrests, the seizure of 471 machines, and over \$76,000. In November, the Internal Revenue Service awarded the Pennsylvania State Police \$586,635.69 as a result of a forfeiture from a video gambling investigation conducted in Johnstown.

Nuisance Bar Program: A primary initiative of the Bureau is the Nuisance Bar Program. This program targets "nuisance" or "problem" establishments whose operations have a negative impact on the quality of life in the surrounding community. Bureau personnel participate on nuisance bar task forces in the Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Greensburg, Harrisburg, Punxsutawney, and Reading areas. These task forces are generally comprised of State Police personnel, representatives from local police departments, health inspectors, probation and parole

officials, sheriff departments, and other concerned agencies. In March, Operation Clean Sweep culminated in raids on 3 speakeasies, 8 licensed establishments, and the arrests of 9 individuals in the city of Reading. Operation Nuisance Sweep targeted 66 licensed and unlicensed premises in the city of Philadelphia. Forty-four administrative and 4 criminal arrests were made, 22 premises were given Cease Operations orders, and 2 premises were served with drug forfeiture orders. The Bureau created a Nuisance Bar Program Committee, which includes participants from the Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement, the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, the District Attorney of Allegheny County, the Assistant District Attorney of Philadelphia County, and a representative from the Philadelphia City Police Department.

Cops-in-Shops Program: Cops-In-Shops is a program operated in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board. It is designed for local police departments to work undercover inside licensed establishments to observe and enforce liquor laws relative to minors attempting to purchase and/or consume alcoholic beverages, while Liquor Enforcement Officers work outside the premises. This has been a positive and effective enforcement initiative, providing a vehicle for licensees to assist law enforcement agencies. This program has resulted in over 200 arrests for alcohol-related violations.



Liquor Enforcement Officer of the Year: Mary Lou Corbett

Liquor Enforcement Officer of the Year: In July 1999, Mary Lou Corbett of the Philadelphia District Enforcement Office was selected as the 1998 Liquor Enforcement Officer of the Year. Since her appointment in 1975, Officer Corbett has exhibited dedication, loyalty, and an intense work ethic. She is the liaison officer with the Philadelphia County District Attorney's Office Public Nuisance Bar Task Force, and serves as a representative on

other nuisance bar task forces. Through her affiliation with the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board Nuisance Bar Unit, 4 establishments have been closed or transferred and 25 licenses renewals have been denied. Officer Corbett formed a mini trigger-lock program which brought together representatives from numerous agencies in the city of Philadelphia that resulted in approximately 100 Cease and Desist Orders.

#### Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children Presents

Check: "Every 30 Minutes" is an anti-alcohol education program designed to target high school juniors and seniors. The program challenges young adults to think about drinking, personal safety, and the responsibility of making mature decisions. It is estimated that every 30 minutes a life is lost in the United States as the

direct result of an alcohol-related crash. The uniqueness of the program is that it involves students, school faculty and administrators, emergency responders, law enforcement, the community and parents. A partnership was established with the Pennsylvania DUI Association and Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), the Pennsylvania State Police, and the Pennsylvania Masonic Blue Lodge to make this program available to thousands of students throughout the Commonwealth. The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children funded the program with a \$50,000 donation to SADD.



(from left to right): James L. Ernette, Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania; Angela Segatti, State Coordinator for SADD; and Colonel Paul J. Evanko, Commissioner of the State Police.

### Bureau of Drug Law Enforcement Major Tyree C. Blocker, Director

The Bureau of Drug Law Enforcement (BDLE), located in Department Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, consists of the Operations Division and Administration Division. The Bureau is responsible for investigating the possession and sale of illegal drugs and narcotics. One hundred forty-four enlisted members and 7 civilian support personnel are assigned to 21 offices throughout the Commonwealth. Five BDLE Area Offices and 15 Tactical Narcotic Teams (TNT) are aligned with the Department's Area and Troop Commands. The Bureau also staffs 2 Interdiction Units, Eastern and Western. Members utilize undercover operations, surveillance operations, intelligence gathering, electronic surveillance, and various other investigative techniques to target middle to upper level drug trafficking organizations. The Bureau staff also includes a training officer who maintains a close working relationship with the Northeast Counterdrug Training Center and the Pennsylvania Army National Guard at Fort Indiantown Gap. The training officer coordinates training for Bureau members, other Department members, and municipal police officers.

Top Gun Training: For the third consecutive year, Top Gun, a unique hands-on training program for drug investigators and

prosecuting attorneys, was conducted on two occasions at Fort Indiantown Gap. Nearly 100 drug investigators and prosecuting attorneys attended each class. The course, which continues to receive praise from all attendees, is designed to provide investigators and prosecutors with the latest information and drug investigative techniques. In 1999, BDLE played a significant role in assisting the Maryland State Police with Maryland's first Top Gun Course.

Drug Abuse Response Teams (DART): Members of the Bureau of Drug Law Enforcement, working as a team, concentrate intelligence and investigative efforts in specific areas of the Commonwealth where street-level drug dealing is negatively impacting the quality of life for residents. Specific cities or towns are selected based on the requests of local law enforcement. Intelligence officers, assisted by local law enforcement, conduct surveillance and intelligence gathering operations to identify street dealers. Once identified, DART members target the dealers, purchase illegal narcotics from them, conduct criminal investigations, and subsequently file criminal charges. DART operations were conducted in 6 cities during 1999.

Information Sharing: During 1999, the Bureau of Drug Law Enforcement Intelligence Unit produced and disseminated numerous intelligence and information sharing products. Utiliz-

ing open and restricted information sources, the Unit compiled reports addressing, GHB, the date rape drug; Heroin; Methamphetamine; and MDMA, known as ecstasy. The Unit also produced a detailed report concerning Latin Kings and is compiling a database of clandestine laboratories and Heroin Brand names. These reports are available to law enforcement agencies and were widely disseminated throughout the law enforcement community in Pennsylvania.

Marijuana Eradication: The Bureau of Drug Law Enforcement coordinated Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression operations throughout the Commonwealth during 1999. Working with the Pennsylvania National Guard and the Drug Enforcement Administration, nearly 400 outdoor plots and 59 indoor growing operations were discovered. These operations resulted in 371 arrests, 9,273 marijuana plants eradicated and \$1,617,616 in seized assets.



### Bureau of Drug Law Enforcement Efforts

ARREST AND WARRANTS	
ARRESTS	740
SEARCH WARRANTS	140
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE SE	EIZURES
COCAINE	103.48 Kg
STIMULANTS	9.31 Kg
DEPRESSANT	4.51 Kg
HEROIN	11.01 Kg
LSD	957 Dosage Units
HALLUCINOGENIC	4.10 Kg

ASSETS SEIZED		
VEHICLES	50	\$466,100.00
AIRCRAFT	1	\$6000.00
BOATS	2	\$4000.00
REAL ESTATE	2	\$290,000.00
CASH		\$2,013,646.00
TOTAL		\$2,779,746.00
WEAPONS CONFISCA	ATED	
HANDGUNS*		54

\* 15 Revolvers, 39 Pistols



# AREA I

#### Major 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
Elizabethville, Dauphin County

Gettysburg, Adams County York, York County 399 enlisted and civilian personnel Total population of Troop area: approximately 1,060,573

Newport, Perry County

Total area served by Troop: 3,828 square miles Total number of incidents handled by Troop during 1999: 56,141

### Troop H Enforcement Efforts

Traffic Citations         31,045           DUI Arrests         1,534
MCSAP Inspections
School Bus Inspections
Criminal Arrests
Drug-Related Arrests
Fire Marshal Investigations



Troop H, Dedication of the Elizabethville Station



Troop H, Trooper Julius L. Grayer, fingerprinting children for Crime Stoppers Awareness

Trooper Enters Burning
Building: In February 1999,
Trooper Sean P. Taylor was dispatched to a structure fire at
23 North Front Street, Halifax, Dauphin County. Trooper
Taylor arrived at the scene
before fire personnel and
found the structure fully
engulfed. Trooper Taylor verified that Bernice M. Whitesel,
age 66, was trapped inside the

burning building. With no regard for his safety, Trooper Taylor

forced open a door, entered the burning house, and pulled the unconscious victim to a place of safety. The victim died at Lehigh Valley Hospital from smoke inhalation. For his courageous actions, Trooper Taylor received the Medal of Honor.

Troop H Camp Cadet: Troopers Joseph P. Nolte and Edward S. Asbury coordinated Troop H, South Central Camp Cadet for 1999. Area businesses, civic groups, and the annual golf tournament raised approximately \$25,000 to pay for expenses associated with the 80 boys and 40 girls to attend the weeklong coed experience. The Camp Cadet staff was comprised of members and employes of the State Police from Troop H, and 14 other law enforcement agencies. In addition to the standard Camp Cadet activities, the week included certification in basic boating safety by the PA Fish and Boat Commission.

Troopers Investigate Hit and Run: In the early morning hours of September 29, 1999, in Straban Township, Adams County, a body was discovered lying on State Route 3001. The body had suffered severe trauma and appeared to have been struck by a vehicle. Troopers Steven R. Heidel and Gregg M. Dietz were initially assigned the investigation and Trooper James R. Graham was assigned to assist. The deceased was identified as Charles Alford Alvarez Jr., 41, from Baltimore, Maryland. Alvarez was homeless, had a history of mental problems, and had been seen regularly walking on or near the roadway where the incident occurred. The day after the incident, Trooper Graham received a call about a dump truck owned by Ricky Emig, that traveled daily along that highway early in the morning. Trooper Graham went to the residence of Ricky Emig to inspect his dump truck and interview him. Emig stated during the interview that he recalled the date and time of the incident and that the conditions were wet and foggy. He thought he saw a trash bag in the middle of the roadway, straddled it with his truck, and felt a bump as he went over it. He thought nothing of it. With assistance from Trooper Michael B. Weaver, the undercarriage of the truck was inspected and brain and body matter was discovered. An autopsy conducted on Alvarez was consistent with Emigs statement that the victim was laying down at the time he was struck. Emig was charged with Title 75, section 3746, Immediate Notice of Accident to Police and pled guilty as charged.

Bomb Threat in Perry County: In May 1999, West Perry High School, Perry County, received a bomb threat. Trooper Richard D. Foltz was assigned to investigate the incident after a cafeteria worker notified administrators that a bomb was in the building. While passing through the lunch line, a student told the cafeteria worker that a bomb was to go off in school that day. The worker notified the administration and the school was evacuated. Trooper Foltz immediately interviewed the 17-year-old student about the incident and obtained a full confession. This successful investigation and well-publicized arrest are believed to have ended a rash of bomb threats in area schools.



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
224 enlisted and civilian personnel
Total population of Troop area:
approximately 617,404
Total area served by Troop: 2,007 square miles
Total number of incidents handled by Troop
during 1999: 31,228

### Troop L Enforcement Efforts

Traffic Citations
DUI Arrests
MCSAP Inspections
School Bus Inspections
Criminal Arrests
Drug-Related Arrests
Fire Marshal Investigations

Camp Cadet: The 15<sup>th</sup> annual Troop L Camp Cadet Program was conducted in August 1999, at Camp Manatawny, along State Route 562, in Earl Township, Berks County. The 1999 camp enrolled 80 boys and 20 girls from the 3-county Troop area; the ages were 12 through 15 years of age. This camp is unique because it provides an opportunity for prior campers to attend the camp in the capacity of junior staff. Last year, 24 junior staff members were taught leadership and developmental skills and assisted during the camp. Law enforcement and correction officials from throughout Troop L volunteered to assist at the camp and Troopers from the Hamburg, Frackville, Jonestown, and Reading Stations acted as State Police instructors. A variety of agencies, including the FBI and Postal Inspectors, served as part-time staff and provided lectures. To date, approximately 2,000 kids have participated in the Troop L, Camp Cadet Program.



Troop L, Citizens' Police Academy

Citizens' Police Academy: On September 15, 1999, Captain Michael J. Marcantino, Commanding Officer, Troop L Reading, opened the first session of the Troop L Citizens' Police Acad-

emy. Twenty-nine Berks County residents, ages 23 to 69, representing 20 municipalities, participated in the program. The course was 10 weeks, with classes meeting at Troop L Headquarters from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. The syllabus included presentations on: State Police History and Organizational Structure, Aviation Division Helicopter Demonstration, Women in the State

Police, Firearms Training System (FATS); Patrol Procedures Techniques: Radar, Patrol Car Demonstration, Marked Traffic Stops, Intoxilizer; Domestic Violence Procedures, Criminal Investigation Overview and Assessment, Arson Investigation, Forensic Crime Scene Processing, Polygraph, Suspect Identification, Evidence Van, K-9 Section, Drug Identification, Community Services, Police Communications, Court Procedures, and Liquor Control Enforcement. On November 17, Captain Marcantino awarded each participant a certificate of completion at a graduation ceremony. Over 115 people, including Department personnel, the participants, and their guests, attended the ceremony.

Diligent Police Work Solves 1992 Homicide: On June 4, 1992, members of the Schuylkill Haven Station were assigned to investigate a criminal homicide in Manheim Township, Schuylkill County. The victim, Roy Bensinger, 37 years of age, was shot while standing next to his pickup truck parked in his driveway. The next day, investigators received information that the victim's wife, Beth Bensinger, and Ronald Grant Champney may have planned the crime. Champney absconded from Pennsylvania on June 5, 1992, and traveled to Oregon and North Carolina before returning to Pennsylvania in 1997. The investigation was reassigned 4 times over the next 5 years. On October 29, 1997, a task force of investigators was assigned to actively pursue solvability factors in this case. As a result of diligent investigative methods, evidence surfaced about Champney's part in the 1992 homicide. With the assistance of other law enforcement agencies, including Schuylkill County DA's Office, the FBI, the US Marshall's Office, and agencies from Oregon and North Carolina, sufficient evidence was collected to arrest Ronald Champney on October 8, 1998, for his part as the shooter in this incident. On October 25, 1999, a jury found Champney guilty of first degree murder and sentenced him to death.



Troop L, Fatal accident along Interstate 78

Hamburg Station Blitz: On September 22, 1999, a truck tractor combination flipped over the median along Interstate 78 and struck a minivan killing 4 people. The operator of

the truck tractor was charged with Homicide by Vehicle after numerous logbook violations were discovered. Interstate 78 became a major focus of the Hamburg Station enforcement activities in an attempt to reduce speeding and aggressive driving on this busy highway. Troop L began an aggressive enforcement initiative involving speed enforcement by aircraft, nonconventional vehicles, marked units, and Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) inspections targeting Interstate 78. The problem is being addressed with all Troop L resources bearing down on the most heavily truck-traveled interstate in the Commonwealth. This effort is a long-term program that will address the problems of speeding and aggressive driving on this limited-access highway.

Sexual Assault of a Juvenile Victim at State Correctional Institute: Officials from the State Correctional Institute (SCI) Mahanoy suspected criminal activity was occurring between an inmate, his wife, and an 8-year-old stepdaughter. An investigation was started by Trooper Michael J. Gownley to determine what the inmate was doing with his stepdaughter in the visitors' area. Surveillance cameras, interviews with suspects and the victim, and a search warrant, revealed the facts of the crime. The inmate, John Odell Mims, with the knowledge and consent of his wife, Georgette Mims, would place the 8-year-old victim on his lap in the visitors' area of the prison and sexually molest her. The victim would wear a large overcoat to conceal the crimes. John Mims was charged with Sexual Assault of his 8-year-old stepdaughter and pled guilty to rape and related charges. He was sentenced to 10 to 20 years consecutive to his current sentence. Georgette Mims pled guilty to conspiracy charges and received a 2- to 4-year sentence in a State Correctional Facility. The 8-year-old victim was placed in foster care in York County.

### 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 240 enlisted and civilian personnel Total population of Troop area: approximately 234,879 Total area served by Troop: 1,476 square miles Total number of incidents handled by Troop during 1999: 34,561

Troop N Enforcement Efforts	
Traffic Citations	19,967
DUI Arrests	523
MCSAP Inspections	995
School Bus Inspections	990
Criminal Arrests	3,312
Drug-Related Arrests	41
Fire Marshal Investigations	97

Troop N Web Site: In October 1999, Troop N published its own web site on the Internet. The Troop N home page is located at <a href="http://troopn.50megs.com">http://troopn.50megs.com</a>. The web site was developed to provide the various communities of Troop N with a method to learn more about the Troop by providing a profile of Troop Headquarters and each of the Stations. The profiles include a brief overview of the Station, its location, contact information, and the officer in charge. The new web site also highlights several special enforcement programs, the Troop's Community Ser-

vices programs, and Camp Cadet. The web page is updated regularly to include newsworthy items such as unsolved cases, missing persons, wanted persons, and news releases from all five Troop N Stations.

Double Homicide Featured on America's Most Wanted: On July 19, 1999, in Hollenback Township, Luzerne County, the bodies of Diana Lynn Algar and Jose Julian Molina were discovered beaten and huddled in the corner of a bedroom in a trailer at the Paradise Resort Campground. They were shot execution style with a .22 caliber weapon. Evidence at the scene showed that after the killings, the trailer was ransacked and a vehicle registered to Algar was stolen. An intense investigation was launched and it was discovered that the victims picked up 2 hitchhikers near the Pilot Truck Stop, Sugarloaf Township, Luzerne County. Witnesses who saw 2 men around the Algar residence and the campground provided a description of the hitchhikers. On August 2, 1999, the Algar vehicle was recovered in Winchester, Virginia. Interviews in Virginia disclosed that the vehicle arrived as early as July 19 and that 2 males seen around the vehicle matched the description of the hitchhikers. It is believed that the hitchhikers were trying to reach the state of Georgia. This investigation continues and has been featured on the television show "America's Most Wanted."

Operation Triggerlock in Columbia County: Beginning in late summer 1997, Berwick Boro, Columbia County, experienced a rapid increase in criminal activity. Analysis of the crime trend indicated that the drug trade in the Berwick area was playing a major role in the escalating activity. Local and State Police officials decided to activate Operation Triggerlock to isolate the causes and quell the criminal activity. On May 12, 1999, over 107 State and Local Police in conjunction with several federal agencies conducted a raid throughout Columbia County. Operation Triggerlock resulted in the arrest of 87 adults and 1 juvenile and the confiscation of guns, vehicles, and cash. In addition, a fugitive listed on the Puerto Rican ten most wanted list and 2 individuals wanted by New York City Police for drive-by shootings were located.

Two-Year Fire Investigation Nets Suspect: On December 5, 1997, a house fire occurred in Wiessport Borough, Carbon County. The fire resulted in the death of 2 children, ages 1 and 5. The Troop N, Fire Marshal, started the tedious work of gathering evidence and interviewing witnesses associated with the fire. During the 2-year course of this investigation, members from Troop N, Lehighton and Hazleton, spent numerous hours analyzing and scrutinizing evidence, leading them to the conclusion that the fire was intentionally set. The evidence gathering and interview process exposed a suspect. On December 1, 1999, a suspect was arrested and charged in the death of the children.

Bootleg Videotapes Confiscated: Transportation of contraband continues to be a pervasive problem along the Interstate 80 corridor. The illegal cargo that passes through the Commonwealth is not always a narcotic. On December 5, 1999, Corporal Thomas E. Hothouse confiscated \$40,000 in bootleg videotapes during a traffic stop. The videotapes contained current movies that have not yet been released to the public.

# AREA II

#### 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 289 enlisted and civilian personnel

Total population of Troop area: approximately 412,063

Total area served by Troop: 5,977 square miles Total number of incidents handled by Troop during 1999: 33,022

### Troop F Enforcement Efforts

Traffic Citations	360
DUI Arrests	909
MCSAP Inspections	)93
School Bus Inspections	372
Criminal Arrests4,9	936
Drug-Related Arrests	156
Fire Marshal Investigations	129

Backhauling Nets \$12,000 in Fines: Backhauling has been a major initiative in Troop F since the implementation of the program in November of 1996. Backhauling is the hauling of waste on one route and then later using that same trailer to haul food stuffs. In 1999, this program produced the confiscation of 55,000 lbs. of coffee, 44,000 lbs. of juice, 2 commercial trailers, and \$12,000 in fines.



Troop F, Trooper Kerby L. Young and the Lycoming County DUI Coordinator, Officer William Soloman

DUI Partnership Increases Arrests:
Troop F has developed a strategy to combat drunk driving by developing enforcement partnerships with local police and members from Troop F. Expanded DUI Enforcement Teams throughout Troop F have sucessfully

utilized combined resources to combat drunk driving at Lycoming County Sobriety Checkpoints and with saturation patrols. Recently, the County Enforcement Team and Troop F were instrumental in acquiring the new Lycoming County DUI Booking Center. Currently, Troop F Commanders and the Union County District Attorney's Office are planning another joint DUI enforcement program and the acquisition of a DUI Booking Center for Union County. This partnership strategy has expanded into the northern area of the Troop to include Tioga County and the southern area of the Troop to include Snyder and Northumberland Counties. These partnerships have increased the number of drunk driving arrests throughout Troop F, and developed positive relationships among the participating agencies.

Operation Bus Watch: In an effort to address the safety of school children, Troop F initiated a program called "Bus Watch." Targeting violations of Title 75, The Vehicle Code, Section 3345, Meeting or Overtaking School Bus, two Troopers are assigned to the detail. One Trooper is assigned to ride with the children on a school bus during its route and the second Trooper is assigned in an unmarked car to observe the bus. The Troopers are in radio contact with each other and their Station, monitoring the safety of the children and looking for violations of Section 3345. The program has provided an excellent opportunity for traffic enforcement and has been well received by school officials, parents, and children.



### Troop P, Wyoming

#### Quick Facts

Captain Carmen R. Altavilla, Commanding Officer Headquarters is located in Luzerne County. 4 additional Stations:

Laporte, Sullivan County Shickshinny, Luzerne County Towanda, Bradford County Tunkhannock, Wyoming County 194 enlisted and civilian personnel Total population of Troop area: approximately 425,230

Total area served by Troop: 2,864 square miles Total number of incidents handled by Troop during 1999: 18,331

### Troop P Enforcement Efforts

Traffic Citations	,725
DUI Arrests	457
MCSAP Inspections	560
School Bus Inspections	
Criminal Arrests2	,396
Drug-Related Arrests	
Fire Marshal Investigations	127

Computer Stores Evidence of Crime: On March 20, 1999, a 38-year-old male from Wysox, Pennsylvania, was arrested for multiple sexual charges involving minor children. The charges stemmed from an investigation involving an 8-year-old and 13year-old victim. The investigation uncovered criminal conduct with the juveniles and child pornography activity on a personal computer owned by the suspect. Investigators served a search warrant on the residence of the suspect and seized 2 computer systems and several sexual-related items. The computers were forwarded to the Hazleton Computer Crime Unit where specialists were able to retrieve more than 2,300 graphic images containing some form of child pornography. Children in the photos were ages 3-18. Charges brought against the suspect include: Sexual Abuse of Children - 7 counts of Photographing, Videotaping, Depicting on Computer or Filming Sexual Acts; 7 counts of Dissemination of Photographs, Videotapes, Computer Depictions and Films; 2,305 counts of Possession of Child Pornography; 15 counts of Rape; 5 counts of Statutory Sexual Assault; 15 counts of Involuntary Deviate Sexual Intercourse; 27 counts of Aggravated Indecent Assault; 47 counts of Indecent Assault; 5 counts of Indecent Exposure; and 11 counts of Corruption of Minor. Due to the nature of the investigation, the Federal Bureau of Investigation will apply the federal guidelines involving the use of computers for sexually graphic materials.

Citizens' Police Academy: In June 1999, Troop P conducted its First Citizens' Police Academy. The program was 10 weeks long with instruction in the procedures and methods of the State Police. A variety of speakers participated in the programs and all were well received by the participants. The Citizens' Police Academy graduated 31 people; 17 females and 14 males.



Troop P, Citizens' Police Academy



Troop P captures escaped prisoner

**Troop P Members Track** Escapee: On August 16, 1999, at 10:30 a.m., Troop P Headquarters received a telephone call from the State Correctional Institution (SCI) in Dallas informing the State Police that 2 inmates were unaccounted for and may have escaped from the yard. State Police Patrol Units were immediately dispatched to S.C.I.

Dallas. As officers searched for the inmates, it was learned that

a makeshift ladder was used to breach the outer fence, and prison officials activated the emergency escape plan. A Command Post was established, staffed by the Area II Commander, Troop P Commander, and prison officials. Assistance was requested from the State Police Aviation Division and canine tracking dogs were called to task from the Luzerne County Sheriff's Department. Municipal police departments set up checkpoints at preestablished locations around S.C.I. Dallas and Troops F, N, and R provided equipment and Troopers for the search. As darkness approached, a State Police helicopter with Forward Looking Infra-Red was utilized to search for the escapees. The following day State Police began to use intelligence information about the escapees. On August 19, 1999, a State Police helicopter located the escapees wading in the Susquehanna River. Troopers responded and apprehended the escapees without incident.

Drunk Driver Threatens Trooper's Life: On October 9, 1999, Nancy Miller assaulted Trooper David C. Pelachick, while she was being transported in the back seat of the patrol vehicle. Miller kicked Trooper Pelachick in the back of the head several times before she was removed from the vehicle and subdued. When Miller was placed back in the vehicle, she continued to kick Trooper Pelachick in the back of his head. Miller was subdued again and returned to the patrol car. She became very violent and kicked out the side window of the cruiser. Upon arrival at the Bradford County Prison, Miller charged at Trooper Pelachick, kicked him, and threatened to kill him and Trooper Robert W. Hutchison. This incident started as a Hit and Run, DUI Crash, and ended with Miller being charged with the following: 4 counts of Aggravated Assault, 4 counts of Simple Assault, 1 count of Terroristic Threats, 1 count of Criminal Mischief, 1 count of Hit and Run, and DUI.



### Troop R, Dunmore

### **Ouick 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

210 enlisted and civilian personnel

Total population of Troop area:

approximately 336,143

Total area served by Troop: 2,557 square miles

Total number of incidents handled by Troop

during 1999: 28,225

### Troop R Enforcement Efforts

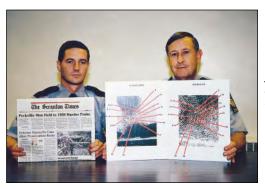
Traffic Citations
DUI Arrests
MCSAP Inspections
School Bus Inspections
Criminal Arrests
Drug-Related Arrests
Fire Marshal Investigations

Auto Theft Ring: During a routine traffic stop in April 1999, Troopers from the Honesdale Station discovered that the vehicle was stolen from New York. With the assistance of the Troop R Auto Theft Unit, investigators developed a suspect and made an arrest. The investigation revealed that the accused was responsible for multiple thefts of motor vehicles in Kentucky and New York and was also responsible for manufacturing and altering Vehicle Identification Numbers (VIN) for stolen vehicles. The investigation led to the recovery of 4 stolen vehicles valued at more than \$200,000. The accused is also a suspect in an International Auto Theft Ring.

Stinger Spikes Stop High Speed Pursuit: In March 1999, a Lackawanna County local police department was engaged in a high-speed pursuit that continued onto Interstate 81, in Lenox Township, Susquehanna County. A coordinated law enforcement effort provided an opportunity for Trooper Craig A. Purdum to deploy the Department issued "Stinger Spike System" that are mounted in Department vehicles. The Stinger Spikes resulted in the end of the pursuit by disabling the vehicle and capturing the suspect. It should be noted that earlier that same day, Trooper Purdum viewed the "Stinger Spike Demonstration Film" as part of in-service training.

Trooper Uses First Aid Training to Help Injured Boater: On June 19, 1999, a saturation patrol with Troop R, Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement and the Fish Commission, was conducted on Lake Wallenpaupack, Wayne County. While on patrol with an officer from the Fish and Boat Commission, Corporal Danny R. Martin arrived at a boating accident with injuries. The victim had a compound fracture of his left leg and was bleeding. It was apparent from his symptoms that the victim was going into shock and was in danger of becoming unconscious. Corporal Martin utilized his ASP Baton as a splint for the injury and attempted to stabilize the victim. The victim was removed from the water and taken to shore for more advanced medical attention.

Troop Identification Unit Help Catch 1958 Cop Killer: On August 12, 1999, members from Troop R, in conjunction with the Blakely Borough Police Department, Lackawanna County District Attorney's Office, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, made an arrest for the 1958 murder of a Rahway New Jersey Police Officer. Troop R's involvement in the investigation started after members received a lead that the accused was residing in Peckville, Lackawanna County. A search warrant and fugitive warrant were executed and the accused was arrested.



Troop R, Troopers Joseph J. Cocco and George P. Scochin, Identification Unit

Using latent fingerprints taken from the scene of the 1958 murder, members of the Troop R Identification Unit performed a comparison of the latent prints and the known "inked" prints of the accused to show a "positive match." The fingerprint comparison provided additional evidence that the right man was arrested.

Child Pornographer Caught in World Wide "Web": In September 1999, the Dunmore Station Criminal Investigation Unit arrested an 18-year-old Blakely Borough, Lackawanna County, resident on 66 counts of Sexual Abuse of Children. The arrest resulted from an investigation initiated by the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, with the assistance of the Computer Crime Unit and the Troop R Intelligence Officer. The accused was involved in the possession and dissemination of "child pornography," through the use of a home computer via an Internet connection.

Safety and Community Programs: During 1999, concerted efforts by the members of Troop R increased criminal arrests by 8%, and decreased the number of fatal accidents by 45%. In addition to the hard work on the highways and in the courts, members participated in various community service activities throughout the Troop. The twelfth annual Camp Cadet Program was conducted at Camp LaDore, in August, with 50 boys and girls participating. A lot of time and effort is expended to ensure the success of Camp Cadet. In addition, the sixth annual "Blue Mass" was celebrated on Sunday, September 26, with members from Troops R, P, and N; the Ceremonial Unit; and the Mounted Detail participated. The tradition of the Blue Mass involves law enforcement officers from throughout northeast Pennsylvania.



Troop R, The Sixth Annual Blue Mass



Troop R, The Twelfth Annual Camp Cadet

# AREA III

#### Major Lyle H. Szupinka, Commander

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





#### 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 305 enlisted and civilian personnel Total population of Troop area: approximately 707,071 Total area served by Troop: 3,615 square miles Total number of incidents handled by Troop personnel during 1999: 45,076

#### Troop A Enforcement Efforts

Traffic Citations	24,797
DUI Arrests	975
MCSAP Inspections	. 1,274
School Bus Inspections	. 1,329
Criminal Arrests	. 5,886
Drug-Related Arrests	290
Fire Marshal Investigations	300

Trooper Shot at Domestic Incident: While investigating a report of a Protection From Abuse Order (PFA) violation, in Hempfield Township, Westmoreland County, where the actor forcibly entered the home of his estranged wife, responding Troopers entered the house and found the actor and his wife inside a bathroom with the man holding a pistol to his wife's head. The Troopers ordered him to drop the gun, but he shot his estranged wife in the head and then shot Trooper Dean A. Kerklo in the face, striking him in the chin. Corporal Christopher L. Karnes returned fire, striking the actor twice and effectively stopping the action. The bullet that struck Trooper Kerklo in the chin traveled along his jaw and lodged next to his spine. Trooper Kerklo was flown by medical helicopter to the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center for emergency surgery. Following his hospital stay, Trooper Kerklo was transferred to the Harmarville Rehabilitation Center for the conclusion of his recovery. There was a complete recovery by the actor's wife.

Shots Fired at a Trailer Park: Upon the release of a Hempfield Township, Westmoreland County, man from an involuntary mental health commitment, his mother gave him a new shotgun as a gift. The actor dressed in his blaze orange hunting apparel watched the movie Kelly's Heros in his trailer. After the movie, he went outside the trailer and began firing shots towards the neighboring trailers. When 2 of the neighbors came out to investigate, he shot them. He was detained by another resident of the trailer park, and held until the arrival of the State Police. The actor and his mother were arrested for the incident. She was charged with providing a weapon to a person who, by reason of his mental health status, is not permitted to possess a firearm.

Citizens' Police Academy: The second annual Citizens' Police Academy was held at Troop Headquarters, with 20 citizens in attendance. The students, who went back into their communities with a favorable opinion and an in-depth understanding of the Pennsylvania State Police, returned positive critiques.

Safe Schools Program: After Columbine High School and various school violence incidents across the nation, members of the Greensburg Station traveled to New York State for an updated version of the "Safe Schools' program." Captain W. John Pudliner, Jr., Lieutenant Robert W. Weaver, Trooper Jeanne M. Martin and Trooper Thomas F. Spallone returned with updated information related to dealing with school violence. This information was shared at the Command Conference for possible use by the Department and a Troop Drill was held at the Hempfield High School with the western SERT Team, and local and county emergency officials. The drill included a role-play and mock school violence scenario to demonstrate the preparation for such an incident.

Troopers Overpower Three Attackers: Troopers Steven D. Colo and Christopher A. Adams responded to an alleged shooting in Burrell Township, Indiana County. Upon arrival, a bleeding subject met them and stated that three men assaulted him and stole a shotgun from him. The Troopers observed the 3 men across the road at a residence before they fled into a wooded area. The Troopers pursued them into the woods, and were ambushed by the 3 suspects. Trooper Colo was punched in the face, sprayed with pepper mace, and choked while Trooper Adams was being punched in the face. The Troopers persevered, in spite of being out numbered, overpowering 3 men, arresting them, and securing the scene. The men were charged with Criminal Attempt - Homicide and Aggravated Assault.

# 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 Waynesburg, Greene County 392 enlisted and civilian personnel Total population of Troop area: approximately 1,715,442 Total area served by Troop: 2,953 square miles Total number of incidents handled by Troop

# Troop B Enforcement Efforts Traffic Citations 40,124 DUI Arrests 1,664 MCSAP Inspections 1,588 School Bus Inspections 3,297 Criminal Arrests 6,914 Drug-Related Arrests 534 Fire Marshal Investigations 246

during 1999: 54,380



Troop B, Findlay Station Personnel

Drug Investigation Nets Seventy-Two Arrests: In January of 1999, the Troop B Vice Unit began an investigation in the Washington County area into illegal distribution of controlled substances. During the next several months, undercover officers were able to make numerous buys of cocaine, heroin, and marijuana from dealers throughout Washington County. Many of the purchases were documented as having occurred within a school and/or bus zone, which mandates a 2-year sentence enhancement. The investigation culminated on November 9, 1999, when approximately 80 officers from both PSP and local police departments began the service of warrants on 69 adults and 3 juveniles for illegal delivery of controlled substances.

Belle Vernon Citizens' Training Academy: Belle Vernon Station Commander, Lieutenant Mary L.S. Powell, held the first State Police Citizens' Training Academy at the Belle Vernon Station. Fifteen citizens from the Belle Vernon Station area graduated from the training. The training presented the citizens with the different aspects of what a police officer does in their daily routine to keep communities safe.

Uniontown Patrol and Vice Units Shut Down Speakeasy: In Dunbar Township, Fayette County, two speakeasies were put out of business as a result of a joint effort between the Troop B Vice Unit and the Uniontown Station Patrol Unit. After investigating 3 fatal accidents in 1997, the Patrol Unit began to focus on the speakeasies. It was determined each of the fatalities involved young men who patronized both establishments. More than 50 DUI arrests were made in a 2-mile radius of the speakeasies during an 18-month period from late 1997 to early 1999. While Uniontown patrol members were aggressively pursuing the patrons, Troop B Vice Unit members, Troopers Jeffrey P. Dombrosky and Richard D. Burger, were pursuing the owners. Their hard work resulted in the arrest of Ronald Sines, the speakeasy owner. The investigation also showed that the speakeasies were being used as "Crack Houses," and for the distribution of cocaine and marijuana. One kilogram of cocaine, 3½ pounds of marijuana, and \$56,000 in cash were seized during the search/arrest. In August 1999, Sines plead guilty in federal court to the distribution of more than 5 kilograms of cocaine and other related charges, and received a 7½-year sentence.

Composite Sketch Catches Suspect Across State Lines: On March 12, 1999, in the village of Mount Morris, Greene County, a white male driving a green Toyota passenger car attempted to physically abduct 13-year-old Shirley Lynn Yucha while she was shoveling snow at her grandmother's residence. The suspect was seen circling the block before pulling into the driveway to ask the victim for directions. In an attempt to subdue the victim, the suspect struck her in the head with a metal pipe when she turned her back. Fortunately, the victim sustained only moderate injuries, maintained her consciousness, and was able to flee her attacker. The suspect fled undetected from the scene. The investigating officer, Trooper Raymond C. Stewart, immediately set up a news conference featuring the suspect's composite sketch, physical and vehicle description information, and details related to the actor's method of operation. An Assistant District Attorney from the state of West Virginia saw the news media reports, including the composite sketch of the suspect, and contacted Trooper Stewart to provide the name of David Todd Deak as an individual who bore a striking resemblance to the suspect. Trooper Stewart arranged a meeting with the victim and provided an opportunity for her to view a photo line-up from West Virginia, as well as a photo-arrangement which included Deak's vehicle. The victim positively identified Deak as her attacker and his vehicle. When confronted with the evidence, Deak waived his right to a preliminary hearing and plead guilty. He is currently serving a 7- to 14-year sentence in a State Correctional Facility.

#### 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 Philipsburg, Centre County 266 enlisted and civilian personnel Total population of Troop area: approximately 437,779 Total area served by Troop: 4,763 square miles Total number of incidents handled by Troop

#### Troop G Enforcement Efforts

during 1999: 35,166

86th Member Dies in the Line of Duty: On January 3, 1999, in Dublin Township, Fulton County, Sergeant Arthur L. Hershey, Troop G, Bedford, and Trooper David P. Thomas, Troop T, Everett, were standing along the eastbound side of the Pennsylvania Turnpike at the scene of a vehicle crash. Another vehicle traveling east along the Turnpike went out of control on the snow-covered roadway and struck a patrol vehicle at the scene, instantly killing Sergeant Hershey. Trooper Thomas avoided injury by running and diving out of the way to avoid the crash. Sergeant Hershey was the 86<sup>th</sup> member of the Pennsylvania State Police killed in the line of duty.



Troop G, Funeral for Sergeant Arthur L. Hershey

Troop Creates Domestic Violence Offender Database: Troop G instituted a new policy for incidents of domestic violence including a consistent and coordinated response to domestic violence incidents, promoting victim and officer safety.

A Domestic Violence Response Coordinator and Task Force were created with members from Troop G. As part of instituting the policy, members attended an intensive training class covering the Protection from Abuse Act, officer safety and response, collection of evidence, distinguishing the primary aggressor, evidence-based prosecution, determining self-defense and defensive wounds, stalking, and strangulation. A Domestic Violence Offender Database was created to track repeat abusers and collect information about the history of violence; known weapons and their location within the residence; and types of vehicles the abuser is known to operate. This information is dispatched to responding Troopers of domestic violence incidents to increase officer safety and preparedness.



Troop G captures escaped inmate

Escaped Inmate Captured: On August 2, 1999, Huntingdon Station received a telephone call from the State Correctional Institution (SCI) Huntingdon, reporting that an escape had occurred. It was discovered that one inmate from the restrictive housing unit was not in his cell. Investigators from the Huntingdon Station were dispatched to SCI Huntingdon and confirmed that Norman Johnston,

a convicted quadruple murderer, was not in his cell. The initial investigation determined a mannequin was placed in his bed, the cell window was removed, and two prison fences were cut. Further investigation revealed that Johnston crawled under the concertina wire between the first and second fences and stole a motor vehicle from a residence across from the prison. As the investigation progressed, an Investigative Command Post was established at the Huntingdon Station. The Bureau of Emergency and Special Operations, Aviation Division, dispatched a helicopter to patrol the highways and remote areas in search of Johnston. Members of the State Police, Huntingdon County Sheriff's Office, and Department of Corrections staff searched the probable escape route and surrounding areas. Johnston's photographs and other information about the escape were placed on the State Police Web Site, making it instantly available to law enforcement agencies, media outlets, and citizens. On August 6, Park Rangers sighted Johnston in the Nottingham County Park, Chester County. Troop G Investigative Team Members went to Chester County to assist with the search, apprehension, and investigative effort. On August 20, Johnston was captured and returned to Huntingdon County.

Community Policing Program: In January 1999, Troop G initiated a Community Policing Program to better serve the citizens of Troop G area. Each Station selected a Patrol Unit member as the Community Policing Trooper dedicated to municipalities within their area for an assigned number of hours each week. This dedicated time allows the Community Policing Troopers to develop an intimate knowledge of the problems and concerns of each community. The selected members attended special training on the community policing philosophy and met with the Troop Commander bimonthly to discuss and evaluate the program.

# AREA IV

Major Terry L. Seilhamer, Commander

Area IV Headquarters is located at Troop D, Butler.

Area IV is comprised of Troop C, Punxsutawny;

Troop D, Butler; and Troop E, Erie.





#### Troop C, Punxsutawny

**Quick Facts** 

Captain James R. Tripp,
Commanding Officer
Headquarters is located in Jefferson County.
6 additional Stations:

Clarion, Clarion County
Clearfield, Clearfield County
DuBois, Clearfield County
Kane, McKean County
Ridgway, Elk County
Tionesta, Forest County
255 enlisted and civilian personnel
Total population of Troop area:

Total area served by Troop: 4,639 square miles Total number of incidents handled by Troop during 1999: 28,634

#### Troop C Enforcement Efforts

approximately 256,649

Traffic Citations	
DUI Arrests	
MCSAP Inspections	
School Bus Inspections	
Criminal Arrests	
Drug-Related Arrests	
Fire Marshal Investigations	

Homicide of Kane Borough Police Officer: On February 20, 1999, in Wetmore Township, McKean County, Kane Borough Police Officer Steven Michael Jerman was shot and killed while conducting a traffic stop along Pa. Route 66. Timothy James Williams of Coudersport, Pennsylvania, was charged with Criminal Homicide, Aggravated Assault, Firearms Not to be Carried Without a License, Simple Assault, Resisting Arrest, and Recklessly Endangering Another Person. At a trial by jury in October of 1999, Williams was found guilty of Murder Three, Carrying a Firearm Without a License, and Recklessly Endangering Another Person and was sentenced to 22–47 years in prison.

Homicide Investigation by the Clarion Station: On August 30, 1999, the Clarion Station was requested by the New Bethlehem Borough Police Department to investigate a homicide that occurred in the borough at approximately 2:00 a.m. The deceased, Terri M. Adams, of New Bethlehem, died as a result of a fatal gunshot wound. Kevin Mangiantini, Adams' live in boyfriend, had been arguing with Adams in the car as they were driving home. Mangiantini assaulted Adams and dragged her from the car, into their house, and shot her in the head. Mangiantini dropped the murder weapon and ran into a wooded



Troop C, Clarion Station Dedication: Left to Right: Lt. George A. Kuzilla, Captain James R. Tripp, Lt. Col. Joseph H. Westcott, Major Terry L. Seilhamer, Lt. Robert A. Martin, Lt. David W. Neal

area behind the house. Bloodhounds were requested from the Westmoreland County Sheriff's Department and Mangiantini was located a few hundred yards behind his home. Mangiantini was arrested for Criminal Homicide and Possessing Instruments of a Crime. On May 6, 1999, in Clarion County Court, Mangiantini was found guilty of First Degree Murder and sentenced to life in prison.



Trooper Dirk A. Neal, Area IV and Troop C's Trooper of the Year

Area IV Trooper of the Year: The Area IV Trooper of the Year was Trooper Dirk A. Neal from Troop C, Punxsutawney Station. His conscientious dedication and commitment to duty were recognized along with his exemplary community involvement. Trooper Neal organized a benefit basketball game to raise money for the Red

Cross, volunteered to work with a local recreation department, and coached youth basketball teams.

Rainbow Gathering in Allegheny National Forest: The "Rainbow Family of Living Light," a loosely knit organization of alternative lifestyle subgroups, held a national gathering in the Allegheny National Forest in Elk County. An estimated 22,000 people gathered from June 26 to July 11, 1999. The State Police, in an effort to provide protection for the public and natural resources in the area, created a task force plan under the command of Major Terry L. Seilhamer, Area IV Commander, comprised of members of Troops C, D, and E; US Forest Service; and other affected agencies. The State Police employed high-profile, aggressive patrols in the surrounding area, and utilized manpower in overlapping shifts to provide maximum coverage. The Bureau of Emergency and Special Operations, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Bureau of Drug Law Enforcement, and the Mounted Unit provided additional support.

#### CONSOLIDATED SUMMARY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY THE 1999 RAINBOW GATHERING

Misdemeanor Arrests
Felony Arrests
Traffic Arrests
Non-Traffic Arrests
Field Interviews
DUI
Drug Incidents
Weapon Incidents5
Motor Vehicle Crashes
Medical Emergencies
Runaway Juvenile Recoveries
Recovered Stolen Vehicles
Other Responses/Incidents
Game and Fish Violations6



#### Troop D, Butler

#### **Quick Facts**

Captain Sidney A. Simon, Commanding Officer Headquarters is located in Butler County. 4 additional Stations:

Kittanning, Armstrong County Mercer, Mercer County Beaver, Beaver County New Castle, Lawrence County 283 enlisted and civilian personnel Total population of Troop area: approximately 643,534

Total area served by Troop: 2,908 square miles Total number of incidents handled by Troop during 1999: 40,000

#### Troop D Enforcement Efforts

Traffic Citations	24,313
DUI Arrests	917
MCSAP Inspections	. 1,077
School Bus Inspections	. 1,359
Criminal Arrests	. 4,998
Drug-Related Arrests	361
Fire Marshal Investigations	245

Centipede and TAG-D: Troop D conducted Centipede and TAG-D enforcement details utilizing both regular and overtime hours. Each Station in the Troop targeted specific areas to reduce speeding and aggressive drivers.

	Total Hours <u>Worked</u>	Traffic Citations <u>Issued</u>	Written Warnings <u>Issued</u>
Centipede Regular Hours	732	859	714
Centipede Overtime Hours	682	1,031	610
TAG-D Regular Hours	310	185	372
TAG-D Overtime Hours	294	268	472

MCSAP Program: Troop D has a total of 12 MCSAP Inspectors, 2 of which are full-time weight detail members. The MCSAP Inspectors performed 1,077 inspections, issued 850 citations, and 3,535 written warnings. A total of 1,523 hours were dedicated towards the inspection of motor carriers in 1999. Two special details involving Troop D MCSAP Inspectors were conducted during 1999. The first was performed for 48 continuous hours along Interstate 79 during the International Highway Transportation Week, June 1 through 6, 1999. Seventy-seven commercial vehicles were weighed or inspected. During the detail, 3 overweight violations, 87 safety violations, and 245 written warnings were issued. A total of 31 vehicles and 9 drivers were placed out of service. The second detail, Operation Air Brake, was conducted September 13 and 14, 1999. Troop D MCSAP members, along with the Department of Transportation and the Public Utility Commission, focused their efforts on commercial vehicle braking systems. A total of 71 vehicles had their brakes inspected and 9 vehicles were placed out of service due to brake-related violations.

Troop D is Awarded Silver Buckle Award for Promoting Seat Belt Use: As a result of continuous efforts in promoting seat belt use and child safety, Troop D was awarded the Silver Buckle Award for the third consecutive year at the Governor's Highway Safety Conference. Troop D personnel participated in several initiatives focusing on the use of seat belts and child restraints during 1999. The Child Passenger Safety Week, February 14 through 20, 1999, involved regulatory checkpoints and child seat inspections. A total of 22 citations and 215 written warnings were issued for restraint violations. Troop D members, certified as NHTSA-Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians, inspected 16 child seats and found 13 of them to be improperly secured. Buckle Up America! Week was conducted from May 23 through 31, 1999. A total of 403 vehicles were checked at regulatory checkpoints with 5 citations and 34 written warnings issued for seat belt violations. Troop D NHTSA-certified members inspected 70 child seats and found 65 to be improperly secured. One regulatory checkpoint and 3 child seat inspection programs were conducted during Drive Smart - Buckle Up Week, from August 29 through September 6, 1999. NHTSA-certified members from Troop D inspected 58 child seats and 47 were found improperly secured. Two regulatory checkpoints and 1 child seat inspection program were conducted during the America Buckles Up Children initiative from November 22 through 28, 1999. A total of 243 vehicles passed through the 2 checkpoints resulting in 20 citations and 52 written warnings for a variety of violations, including restraint violations. The child seat inspection program resulted in the inspection of 19 child seats with 16 improperly secured.

Troop D Stays "Tuff" With DUI Offenders: The enforcement of DUI violations continues to be a top priority in Troop D. During 1999, members initiated 2,350 DUI contacts, made 917 DUI arrests, and issued 170 citations for other violations. Trooper Alfonso A. Santucci, Jr., from the Troop D, Kittanning Station, was recognized as the top enforcement officer in the State Police for 1998 with 87 arrests. Trooper Santucci's DUI



Troop D, Carl McNee, President, DUI Association and Trooper Alfonso A. Santucci, Jr.

enforcement received considerable media attention featuring the State Police in a very positive manner. Most recently, Trooper Santucci was presented with the Top Gun Award from the DUI Association and was awarded the Armstrong County ARC Manor Police Officer of the Year Award. Trooper Santucci continued his DUI enforcement efforts for 1999 and, as of October, has compiled 60 arrests. This is the second consecutive year that a Trooper from Troop D had the highest number of DUI arrests in the State.

Troopers Share Information to Catch Child Abuser: On July 23, 1998, Trooper Donald O. Neill, Beaver Station, contacted Trooper Raymond J. Melder, Butler Station Crime Unit, with information about an obituary for Desarae Marie Climo. The obituary stated that Desarae Climo was preceded in death by three other siblings. Trooper Melder and Trooper Paul R. Epps examined Children and Youth Service records on the Climo family and discovered that Jessie Fresh, the stepdaughter of Gregory Climo, was treated on August 28, 1989, for injuries being consistent with child abuse. Jessie Fresh was removed from her parents' custody for 18 months. An investigation was started into the deaths of the Climo children. The Climos' agreed to sign medical release forms to the various hospitals to

facilitate the Troopers obtaining medical records for all of the deceased children. As the investigation progressed, polygraph examinations were administered and Gregory Climo was reinterviewed about the child abuse incident. He admitted that he may have shaken the child, but stated that he was unsure because he was a heavy drinker at the time. Trooper Epps requested another interview with Gregory Climo and when he appeared at the Butler Station on April 14, 1999, he confessed to shaking and slapping Jessie Fresh about the head and buttocks because he was tired of the baby's crying. Subsequently, Gregory Climo was questioned about the death of Harley Davidson Climo that occurred in September 1992. He initially denied any involvement in the baby's death; however, as the interview continued, Mr. Climo began to explain the day's events. It started with the alarm and Harley (the baby)

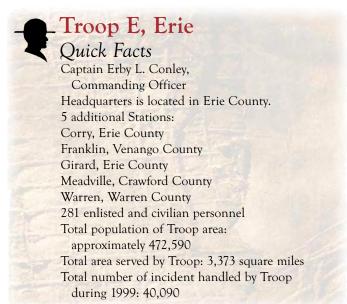
crying. Mr. Climo related that he became upset with the crying, retrieved a blanket from the bassinet and proceeded to place the blanket over the infant's head. He held the blanket over her face with his hand until such time that the baby stopped crying. He left for work and was later notified to go immediately to the hospital. The investigating officers contacted the Medical Advisory Board in Harrisburg and presented the details with regard to the deaths of the Climo children. In April 1999, Troopers Melder and Epps arrested Gregory Henry Climo for Criminal Homicide for death of Harley Davidson Climo and with Aggravated Assault for injuries to Jessie Lee Fresh. On December 8, 1999, Climo pled no contest and was sentenced 7½ to 15 years.

Untaxed Liquor Seized in Lawrence County: In April 1999, in Pulaski Township, Lawrence County, Troopers Eric T. Weller and John R. Ludwig, from the New Castle Station, conducted a joint investigation with the Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement and the Bureau of Drug Law Enforcement. At the conclusion of the investigation, Donald Lee Leise and a juvenile accomplice were arrested for various Liquor Code violations and 144 cases of untaxed liquor, valued at \$21,000, were seized. Further investigation led to the seizure of 15 more cases of untaxed liquor. In November 1999, Leise pled guilty to Liquor Code violations and was sentenced to 12 months probation and a \$1,500 fine, contingent on his continued cooperation with authorities in the state of Michigan relative the origin of the liquor. The juvenile also pled guilty in Lawrence County Juvenile Court and was placed on probation.

Troopers Adopt Needy Families: During the 1999 Christmas season, members of the New Castle Station "adopted" families in need from the Lawrence County area. Toys were provided to children, utility bills paid, and meals prepared for the members of the needy families. This is becoming a continued tradition of caring for the community during the holiday season and demonstrates the commitment to the citizens of Lawrence County by the members of the New Castle Station.



Troop D, Identification Unit members process a crime scene



Troop E Enforcement Efforts	
Traffic Citations	22,733
DUI Arrests	975
MSCAP Inspections	1,206
School Bus Inspections	974
Criminal Arrests	5,915
Drug-Related Arrests	148
Fire Marshal Investigations	135

Interstate Police Agency Cooperation Nets Robbers: In January 1999, Warren Station received notification of a burglary and robbery in progress along State Route 62, Pine Grove Township, Warren County. While inside the house, the suspects encountered a 15-year-old male and his 3-year-old brother. The suspects bound the teenager to a chair with a tow strap and locked the 3-year-old in a room. Neither victim was harmed in the crime. Information about the suspects and the vehicle used in the crime were broadcast to neighboring departments. Within 45 minutes, Sheriff Deputies from Chautauqua County, New York, stopped and apprehended the suspects along Route 17 in



Troop E, Daimler Chrysler Corporation, drunk driving simulator

New York. The suspects were placed under arrest and the vehicle was impounded. A search of the vehicle produced a map to the victim's house, 2-way radios, tools used in the crime, and over \$10,000 in cash.

Operation Hammer: During October 1999, members from Troop E, Erie Station; Harrisburg Aviation Unit; Troop D, New Castle Station Weight Team; and members from the Canine Unit participated in a joint enforcement initiative with members of Erie City, Lake City, Girard, Wesleyville and Millcreek Police Departments. The enforcement initiative targeted speed and weight violations along Interstate 90, State Route 5, and State Route 20 in Erie County. The program was named Operation Hammer and successfully reduced speed and weight violations in the targeted areas. The initiative was well received within the community and participating local police departments. Operation Hammer resulted in 1,012 citations, 1,053 written warnings, and 2 criminal arrests.

Operation Safe-Guard: Two Stations in Troop E are participating in Operation Safe-Guard. This program provides high visibility day and night patrols in business areas, and foot patrols checking businesses. Cards are left at businesses that are checked after hours and visits are made to establishments during business hours to provide contact with Troopers and develop a rapport with the Department. As part of the program, business owners are encouraged to join the crime prevention effort by requesting a security survey by a Community Services Officer. There has been a measurable reduction of business burglaries since the start of Operation Safe-Guard.

Holiday Enforcement: On the day before Thanksgiving 1999, Troop E engaged in an enforcement detail along Interstate 90. Troopers who participated humorously referred to the effort as Operation Turkey Shoot. Sixteen Troopers from Troop E saturated the heavily traveled Interstate 90 with patrols for a 16-hour period and issued 74 Citations and 53 Written Warnings. Interstate 90 is one of the heaviest traveled roadways in the Commonwealth and has historically produced numerous accidents. During this enforcement activity, no accidents occurred along Interstate 90.

Students Taught to "Think, Don't Drink": In September 1999, the Meadville Station Community Services Officer, Trooper David C. Randall, working closely with a local dealership, successfully secured the Neon Drunk Driving Simulator from the Daimler Chrysler Corp. The Neon Drunk Driving Simulator is a hands-on program that allows high-school students to operate a vehicle that mimics the slowed physical and mental responses of a driver under the influence of alcohol. Students drive through a course established in a parking lot with cones and "pop-up" figures. Students from Crawford County who participated in the program have a better understanding of the message, "Think, Don't Drink."

# AREA V

#### Major Roger C. Peacock, Commander.

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





#### Troop T, Highspire

#### Quick Facts

Captain Richard A. Stein,

Commanding Officer

Headquarters has been temporarily relocated to Silver Spring Township, Cumberland County, while the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission Administration Building gets a multi-million-dollar face-lift. Return to Highspire is scheduled for the year 2001. The Operations Center has remained in Highspire. Troop T is unique among Troop Headquarters because no patrols originate from the Headquarters building.

Covers entire 503 miles of the Pennsylvania Turnpike System, including 52 Interchanges.

#### 8 Stations:

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

234 enlisted and civilian personnel More than 155,000,000 vehicles used the Pennsylvania Turnpike last year.

Odor of Burnt Marijuana Results in Seizure of \$7,700 in Cash: On February 22, 1999, Trooper Brian R. Overcash, Troop T, Newville, observed a vehicle travelling eastbound near milepost 214. The vehicle was clocked on radar and stopped for speeding at 75 mph. During the stop, Trooper Overcash noticed the odor of burnt marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. A consent search was obtained resulting in the seizure of \$7,700 in cash.

Drugs and Guns Seized From Traffic Stop: On September 22, 1999, Trooper Brian R. Overcash, Troop T, Newville, stopped a vehicle for speeding and obtained a consent search from the 2 occupants. The search resulted in the discovery and seizure of 1,072 baggies of Heroin with a street value estimated at \$40,000, a fully loaded 7.62X39mm semiautomatic rifle, with armor piercing ammunition, and a .380 semiautomatic pis-



Troop T, 1,072 baggies of heroin and weapons seized from a traffic stop

tol. The investigation was turned over to the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency and the 2 subjects were indicted in federal court. A guilty plea was entered and they received a 30-year sentence for the drug possession and an additional 10 years for the weapons charges.

Intoxicated Driver Calls and Turns Himself In: On February 17, 1999, Trooper Corey D. Williams, Troop T, Everett, respond-

ed to a call box request for police assistance at milepost 168.2 eastbound. The subject who activated the call box was intoxicated and in possession of a stolen beer truck. Upon arriving at the scene, the subject informed Trooper Williams that he wished to turn himself in for various crimes he had committed since he walked away from a rehabilitation center in Altoona, Pennsylvania. Trooper Williams subsequently arrested the subject for Driving Under the Influence and Receiving Stolen Property.

Cost of Toll Catches Car Thief: On February 17, 1999, Trooper Samuel Rodriguez, Troop T, King of Prussia, was called to the Valley Forge Interchange for an insufficient funds incident. The subjects were in a 1994 Dodge Intrepid bearing an Illinois registration and did not have any cash for the toll. After an extensive investigation, it was discovered that the vehicle was stolen in a car-jacking incident in Chicago, Illinois, on February 12, 1999. The Chicago Police Department never entered the vehicle into NCIC and the 3 involved individuals were illegal aliens. The illegal aliens were arrested and detained by Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Furtive Movements by Disabled Motorist Yields Heroin: On April 5, 1999, Trooper Richard E. Heiserman, Troop T, King of Prussia, stopped at the Allentown Service Plaza to assist a disabled motorist. The motorist was very nervous, making furtive movements towards the back seat of the vehicle. A consent search was obtained, yielding 117 packets of heroin and drug paraphernalia.

208 Pounds of Marijuana Seized: On August 12, 1999, Trooper Anthony M. Todaro, Troop T, Newville, stopped a vehicle at milepost 188.6 westbound for a traffic violation. Trooper Todaro was alerted to the suspicious behavior of the vehicle

occupants; and a subsequent consent search of the vehicle was conducted, revealing approximately 208 pounds of marijuana with an estimated street value of \$208,000. Two individuals were arrested.

Two Suspects, Two Drugs, Two Days Apart: On November 9, 1999, Trooper James E. Williams, Troop T, King of Prussia, stopped a vehicle for minor traffic



Troop T, 208 pounds of marijuana seized from a traffic stop

violations. A further investigation resulted in the seizure of 100 baggies of heroin and 7 baggies of crack cocaine. Two individuals were arrested. On November 11, 1999, Trooper Williams, again stopped a vehicle for traffic violations. A consent search was obtained, resulting in the seizure of 116 baggies of heroin and 74 baggies of crack cocaine. Two individuals were arrested.



# AREA VI

#### Major Robert G. Werts, Commander

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





#### Troop J, Lancaster

#### **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
265 enlisted and civilian personnel
Total population of Troop area: approximately
840,001
Total area served by Troop: 1,912 square miles

Total number of incidents handled by Troop

#### Troop J Enforcement Efforts

during 1999: 36,238

Traffic Citations	19,343
DUI Arrests	565
MCSAP Inspections	1,686
School Bus Inspections	1,967
Criminal Arrests	3,925
Drug-Related Arrests	338
Fire Marshal Investigations	210



Troop J, Lancaster County, Law Enforcement Day

Marijuana Seized From Residences: In April 1999, while responding to a false burglary alarm and checking the residence, Trooper Patrick J. Provence observed marijuana plants growing inside the house. A search warrant was obtained based on the observations from the burglary alarm and a subsequent search yielded 30 plants, cultivating equipment, ½ pound of processed marijuana and other drug paraphernalia. The owners were arrested and charged with drug-related offenses. A similar incident occurred in November 1999, when Troop J personnel

responded to a suspicious person/activity incident. After observing criminal activity at the residence, a search warrant was executed. Troop J Lancaster personnel seized 48.6 pounds of marijuana and arrested the homeowners.

Seven-Hour Stand-Off Ends Peacefully: In April 1999, members of the Troop J, Lancaster responded to the residence of a burglary suspect who had an outstanding bench warrant. Upon entry to the residence, the suspect who had a .357 revolver refused to surrender and confronted Trooper William H. McCune and Trooper Douglas J. Burig. The situation did not allow the Troopers to advance, because the suspect threatened to kill himself, and they could not risk loosing control of the situation by retreating. The situation was at a stalemate and the tension level was very high. The Troopers were less than 5 feet from the suspect when negotiations started. After 4 hours, it was apparent that he was not going to surrender. SERT was activated and members from the Tactical Negotiations Section negotiated with the suspect for an additional 3 hours and convinced him to surrender without incident.

AFIS Identifies Victim: In April 1999, an unknown female victim was located in a rural area of southern Lancaster County. She was found naked with no identification. Her body had been beaten, shot, and burned. Members of the Troop J Identification Unit processed the scene and lifted fingerprints from the body and processed them through the Department's AFIS computer system. A match was made and she was identified. Three days of intensive investigation by the Troop J Major Case Team developed a suspect in New Jersey who was arrested and charged with this brutal crime.

Suspect Arrested With Help of Fire Department: In September 1999, Corporal Raymond C. Guth and Trooper William H. Shirk III acted on a tip and waited for a dangerous felon to arrive at the Lancaster train station. When the train arrived, the suspect who was wanted for 4 robberies, 7 burglaries, 4 car thefts, and 2 escapes in 4 states was not on it. The Troopers remained at the train station and checked the next few trains for the suspect. An individual fitting the suspect's description was observed getting off a train. When the Troopers approached the suspect, he fled on foot and attempted to carjack an unsuspecting victim. The Troopers chased close behind and the suspect was forced to abandon the carjacking to flee the approaching officers. Corporal Guth "acquired" the vehicle from the attempted carjacking and pursued the victim. The suspect continued into the city and Lancaster City Police assisted in the chase. The suspect dove through a plate glass door into a residence and ran to the second floor with Corporal Guth in close pursuit. The suspect, now badly bleeding, exited a window and crawled onto the roof. Lancaster City Police arrested the suspect on the roof with the assistance of a fire truck aerial ladder.

Task Forces, Special Enforcement Teams, and Special Programs: Members of Troop I continue to utilize the task force and strike team approach to efficient and effective police work. The Fire Marshal Unit started a task force to solve 24 arson fires that were started between October 14 and November 22, 1999. The investigation resulted with the arrest of a volunteer fireman in connection with 13 of the fires. The 4-member Troop J Special Enforcement Team, which was initiated in 1997, continues under the supervision of Corporal Michael P. King and Corporal Kevin R. Schmidt. The team has issued 1,205 citations, 1,010 warnings, made 16 DUI arrests, served 68 warrants, issued 70 non-traffic citations, and made 17 drug arrests. In addition, Troop J continues to work closely with the Lancaster County DUI Task Force and worked 3 joint sobriety check points this year resulting in 27 DUI arrests, 12 drug arrests, 10 underage drinking arrests, and numerous traffic citations/warnings. Troop J also continues to work with municipal departments in the Route 30 construction zone as part of the Lan-

caster County Safe Communities Project. Two efforts resulted in 274 speeding arrests usually involving speeds of 75-80 mph in a 40-mph construction zone.



Troop J, Lancaster, troop drill, riot formation

#### 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 253 enlisted and civilian personnel

Total population of Troop area: approximately 2,774,837 Total area served by Troop: 803 square miles Total number of incidents handled by Troop during 1999: 39,677

#### Troop K Enforcement Efforts

Traffic Citations
DUI Arrests
MCSAP Inspections
School Bus Inspections4,710
Criminal Arrests
Drug-Related Arrests
Fire Marshal Investigations

Homicide Investigator of the Year: In January 1999, the Pennsylvania Homicide Investigators Association honored Corporal Tedescung L. Bandy, Troop K, Philadelphia, as Homicide Investigator of the Year. Corporal Bandy and Detective Charles List, of the Delaware County District Attorney's Office, were recog-



Troop K, Homicide Investigator of the Year. Left to Right: Trooper James A. Tarasca, Lieutenant David B. Kreiser, Corporal Tedescung L. Bandy, Captain Thomas J. LaCrosse, Attorney General Mike Fisher, and Major Robert G. Werts

nized for their investigative efforts in connection with the Amy Willard Homicide.

Trooper Saves Secret Service Officer: On January 20, 1999, the President of the United States, William Jefferson Clinton, his wife Hillary, Vice President, Al Gore, and his wife Tipper visited Norristown Area High School, West Norriton Township, Montgomery County. The Pennsylvania State Police assigned more than 50 members to this detail to assist local police and Secret Service Agents. Sergeant Raymond Gillespie of the United States Secret Service Uniformed Division suffered a cardiac arrest during the detail and Trooper Glenn D. Daly, Troop K, Philadelphia, took charge of the situation. Trooper Daly placed the Sergeant on the ground and immediately began administering abdominal thrusts. The Sergeant had turned purple, his eyes were partially opened, and he was unconscious. Trooper Daly relied on his American Red Cross training and adminis-



Colonel Paul J. Evanko and Trooper Glenn D. Daly

tered CPR to the Sergeant. When the Sergeant was loaded in the ambulance he was breathing and talking. Officer William Cahill, United States Secret Service Uniform Division, kept Troop K personnel informed of the situation and related that Sergeant Gillespie is recovering from a quadruple bypass operation that was performed on January 21, 1999.

Troopers Fatally Wound Bank Robber: On April 20, 1999, at approximately 10:20 a.m., a male entered the Mellon Bank at the Granite Run Mall, Delaware County. The subject covered his face with a bandana and displayed a handgun. He cocked the handgun and pointed it around the bank and at the tellers while he demanded money. The actor fled the bank with \$11,000 in assorted currency. Responding Troopers from Troop K, Media arrived at the scene and found the actor crouched between two vehicles in the parking lot. Troopers Mark G. Jenkinson, Edward J. Kazlo, and Brian P. Cornibe challenged the actor and ordered him to drop his gun. The actor defied the order and fired a shot toward Trooper Kazlo. Troopers Kazlo and Jenkinson returned fire, fatally wounding the suspect.



Trooper of the Year, Trooper Mark D. Michaels

Trooper of the Year: Trooper Mark D. Michaels is the 1999 Trooper of the Year. Trooper Michaels became a member of the State Police on November 17, 1993, and has been assigned to Troop K since his graduation from the Academy. 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

woman involved in an argument. Trooper Stillwell radioed for backup, exited her vehicle, and attempted to separate the subjects. Trooper Alan J. Trees arrived and assisted Trooper Stillwell with separating the subjects. Trooper 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 removed Trooper Trees' firearm from the holster and 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. Trooper Michaels was awarded Trooper of the Year for his decisive action that prevented serious injury to others at the scene and for his heroism.

#### Aggressive Patrol/Criminal **Enforcement Team**

The Team began Enforcement Activities on June 1, 1999
Traffic Arrests:
Traffic Arrests DUI:
Written Warnings:821
Criminal Arrest Summary:
Criminal Arrest Misd./Felony:
Towed Vehicles:
Motorist Assisted:
Vehicles Searched:
Vehicle Pursuits:
U.S. Currency seized:
Fugitives From Justice Apprehended: 9
Search Warrants Executed:
Weapons Seized:
Recovered Stolen Vehicles:
Vehicles seized:



#### Troop M, Bethlehem

#### **Quick Facts**

Captain Theodore D. Kohuth, Commanding Officer Headquarters is located in Lehigh County. 4 additional Stations:

Dublin, Bucks County Trevose, Bucks County Fogelsville, Lehigh County Belfast, Northampton County 242 enlisted and civilian personnel Total population of Troop area: approximately 1,118,235

Total area served by Troop: 1,323 square miles Total number of incidents handled by Troop during 1999: 35,574

#### Troop M Enforcement Efforts

Traffic Citations	22,432
DUI Arrests	522
MCSAP Inspections	. 1,565
School Bus Inspections	. 1,995
Criminal Arrests	. 3,065
Drug-Related Arrests	164
Fire Marshal Investigations	87



Troop M, Aftermath of the Concept Sciences Explosion

Concept Sciences Explosion: On Friday, February 19, 1999, an explosion occurred at Concept Sciences, Inc., near Allentown, Hanover Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. The explosion killed 5 people, injured 12 people, and destroyed the Concept Sciences Building. The force of the explosion caused collateral damage to other buildings within the Lehigh Valley Industrial Park and disrupted electric power to approximately 1,188 PP&L customers. The State Police response included evidence collection, blast security, determination of cause and origin, and a full investigation into the deaths of the 5 victims. State Police Fire Marshals worked closely with federal and state agencies, and the Lehigh County District Attorney to determine cause and origin. Currently, the investigation has not determined the cause and origin of the explosion. In August 1999, Concept Sciences, Inc. was fined \$600,000 in civil penalties by OSHA.

Commitment to Reduce Crashes and Related Injuries: In conjunction with the 1998-1999 Department Goals and Objectives, Troop M personnel utilized various Department initiatives to achieve an 18.5% reduction in injury crashes. The reduction was accomplished through the use of federal overtime programs such as TAG-D, Centipede, S.T.E.A.D.-D. and special MCSAP Enforcement Details. The use of dedicated regular time hours

contributed to the success of accomplishing our goals and the continuation of the Troop M commitment to excellence.

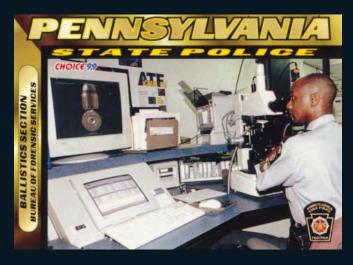
Zero Tolerance Along Interstate 78: In September 1999, the MCSAP Team from Troop M focused their attention on Interstate 78. Due to the increasing number of motor vehicle crashes involving commercial vehicles, the MCSAP Team utilized a zero tolerance approach in their enforcement efforts. The high visibility of the MCSAP Team appears to be paying off as the number of serious motor vehicle crashes involving commercial vehicles has decreased since the team started to saturate the area.

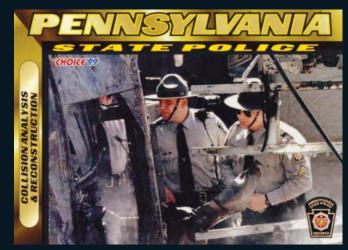
Seizure of 831 Kilograms of Cocaine: On March 20, 1999, members of Troop M, Bethlehem stopped a commercial vehicle from Texas for failure to use a turn signal on Interstate 78. Troopers noticed nervous behavior by the driver and started to ask questions. The driver gave consent to search the trailer and 831 kilograms of cocaine with an estimated street value of \$50 million was discovered and seized. The driver and passenger were arrested and committed to prison in lieu of \$800,000 cash bail. The seizure of 831 kilograms of cocaine is one of the largest by the State Police on an interstate highway. The cocaine was located in the trailer, packed in six wooden crates with each crate containing about 130 kilograms of cocaine. In addition to the cocaine, Troopers seized \$10,500 in cash and the vehicle.



Troop M, Seizure of 831 Kg of cocaine, Left to Right: Lieutenant Scott R. Snyder, Captain Theodore D. Kohuth, James B. Martin, District Attorney



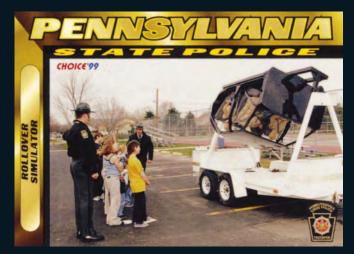




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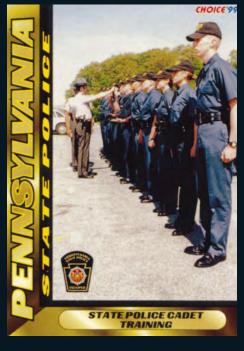


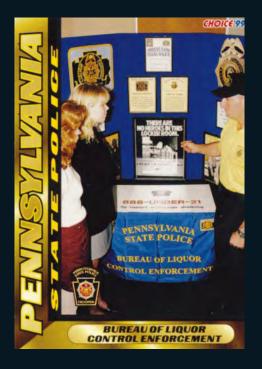
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We honor those members of the Pennsylvania State Police who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

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	
Private Francis A. Zehringer	09-02-06	Private Joseph A. Hoffer	
Private Timothy Kelleher	09-14-07	Private John J. Broski	
Sergeant Mark A. Prynn	02-09-09	Patrolman John D. Simoson	
Private John Garscia		Private Joseph M. Williams	
Private John L. Williams		Private Charles H. Craven	
Private Jack C. Smith		Corporal George D. Naughton	. 01-30-39
Private Robert V. Myers		Private Frederick J. Sutton	
Private Andrew Czap		Private George J. Yashur	
Private John F. Dargus		Private Thomas P. Carey	
Private Stanley W. Christ		Private Dean N. Zeigler	
Corporal Ben F. McEvoy	09-21-23	Private John A. Ditkosky	. 07-24-50
Private William J. Omlor		Private Floyd B. Clouse	
Private Francis L. Haley	10-14-24	Private Joseph F. McMillen	. 05-13-56
Sergeant Edwin F. Haas	10-17-24	Trooper Philip C. Melley	. 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		Trooper Francis M. Tessitore	. 08-05-60
Private Thomas E. Lipka	04-03-27	Trooper Anthony Bensch	
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	
Patrolman Sharon C. Wible	02-06-28	Corporal John S. Valent	. 12-09-71
Patrolman Andrew W. Miller		Trooper Robert D. Lapp, Jr	. 10-16-72
Patrolman Jay F. Proof	08-29-28	Trooper Bruce C. Rankin	
Patrolman Russell T. Swanson	04-19-29	Trooper Ross E. Snowden	
Patrolman Wells C. Hammond		Corporal Leo M. Koscelnick	
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	
Patrolman Arthur A. Koppenhaver	07-13-30	Trooper Albert J. Izzo	. 06-13-79
Private Charles L. Stewart		Trooper David D. Monahan	. 04-17-80
Patrolman Thomas B. Elder		Trooper Herbert A. Wirfel	
Sergeant Timothy G. McCarthy		Trooper William R. Evans	01-06-83
Patrolman Orville A. Mohring		Trooper Frank J. Bowen	. 10-26-83
Patrolman Joseph A. Conrad		Trooper Gary W. Fisher	02-03-85
Patrolman Charles E. Householder		Trooper John J. Brown	
Patrolman Herbert P. Brantlinger		Trooper Roark H. Ross	05-15-86
1st Sergeant James A. Seerey		Trooper Clinton W. Crawford	
Private Floyd E. Maderia	12-11-34	Trooper John A. Andrulewicz	
Corporal Joseph L. Fulton		Trooper Wayne D. Bilheimer	04-12-89
Sergeant Joseph B. Champion	07-15-36	Corporal Paul Almer	
Patrolman J. Lee Clarke	03-01-37	Sergeant Arthur L. Hershey	01-03-99
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