



# 2008 *Annual Report*



**DELAWARE  
STATE POLICE**

# DELAWARE STATE POLICE TROOPER'S PLEDGE

Humbly recognizing the responsibilities entrusted to me as a member of the Delaware State Police, an organization dedicated to the preservation of property and human life, I pledge myself to perform my duties honestly and faithfully to the best of my ability and without fear, favor or prejudice. I shall aid those in danger or distress, and shall strive always to make my State and Country a safer place in which to live . . . . I shall wage unceasing war against crime in all its forms, and shall consider no sacrifice too great in the performance of my duty. I shall obey the Laws of the United States of America . . . . and of the State of Delaware . . . . and shall support and defend their constitutions against all enemies whomsoever, foreign and domestic. I shall always be loyal to and uphold the honor of my organization, my State and my Country.

# Mission Statement

To enhance the quality of life for all Delaware citizens and visitors by providing professional, competent and compassionate law enforcement services.



★ HONOR ★ INTEGRITY ★ COURAGE ★ LOYALTY ★  
★ ATTITUDE ★ DISCIPLINE ★ SERVICE ★

To the Citizens of Delaware:

Please join me in extending sincere thanks and congratulations to the men and women of the Delaware State Police (DSP) for a year filled with many accomplishments and successes. I truly appreciate their dedication, hard work and commitment to fulfilling the mission of the Delaware State Police.

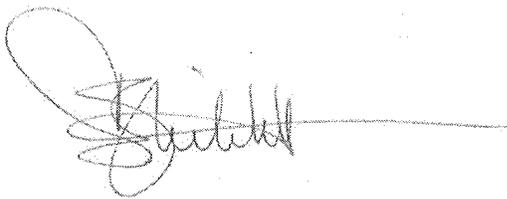
Under the leadership of Governor Ruth Ann Minner and with the support of our General Assembly, the Delaware State Police reached a milestone increasing its ranks to historic high levels. This year, the Delaware State Police increased the number of troopers from 656 to an all time high of 681 troopers. This increase provides DSP with more resources to protect and serve the citizens of this great State. Reaching this milestone was the result of much collaboration and cooperation on the part of the Delaware State Police and as well as State and local officials.

The debut of the State's Forensic Firearms Service Unit was another significant accomplishment for the Delaware State Police. The Forensic Firearms Services Unit, operated by the Delaware State Police, utilizes state-of-the-art equipment to identify weapons and ammunition used in a crime. This technology focuses on markings formed on spent ammunition as the markings are similar to fingerprints in that they are unique to an individual weapon. This technology is important because the information it provides can lead police to a suspect, rule out a suspect or better focus police investigative resources. A very important aspect of this project is that it benefits all law enforcement statewide including our federal partners.

In addition, the Delaware State Police took possession of a newly purchased Bell 412 twin-engine helicopter. The aircraft, now in service for more than a year, has enhanced the State's Emergency Medical Service as it can transport as many as six patients at a time. The additional transport capacity was needed to support an emergency or accident involving multiple injured parties. The twin-engines also provide increased lifting capability to aid in the transport of emergency equipment and specialized resources needed to support the Department's homeland security mission.

The men and women of the Delaware State Police have worked diligently to meet the increasing demands placed upon them. I commend them for providing professional, competent and compassionate law enforcement service to the citizens and visitors of this great State.

Sincerely,



David B. Mitchell, Esq., Secretary  
Department of Safety and Homeland Security



*David B. Mitchell  
Secretary, Department of  
Safety and Homeland Security*

To My Fellow Delawareans:

As the Superintendent of the Delaware State Police, I am pleased to present to you the 2008 Annual Report representing the hard work, dedication and commitment of the men and women of the DSP towards the citizens of Delaware. Our Mission Statement is “To enhance the quality of life for all Delaware citizens and visitors by providing professional, competent and compassionate law enforcement services.” In 2008, through the collaborative and synergistic efforts of DSP personnel and our partners throughout our communities, we had another successful year.

Under the leadership and support of Governor Ruth Ann Minner, Secretary of the Department of Safety and Homeland Security, David B. Mitchell and the members of our General Assembly, we had the necessary tools, equipment and foundation to provide efficient and effective services.

Last year, many distinguished achievements were accomplished across the state that resulted in a better quality of life for those we serve. For example, our highways were safer in 2008 than in 2007. The number of fatal crashes involving alcohol dropped from 45 in ‘07 to 37 in ‘08, an 11% decline. Moreover, we observed a reduction, however slight, in the number of fatal crashes overall.

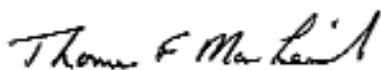
In addition to the enforcement aspect of policing, in 2008 DSP undertook a community outreach project aimed at helping Delaware citizens in need. Members of the Division collectively decided to form a partnership with the Delaware Food Bank and created “Troopers Target Hunger”. This DSP initiative was an overwhelming success that brought together the police and the public in a humanitarian effort to help the underprivileged people in our state. Together, we collected over 8,000 lbs. of food on behalf of the Food Bank.

As the country continues its strategic efforts on homeland security, the Delaware Information and Analysis Center (DIAC) remains in the forefront, ensuring Delaware’s homeland security is a top priority. DIAC, also known as the state’s fusion center, is an effective and efficient mechanism to exchange information and intelligence, maximize resources, streamline operations, and improve the ability to fight crime and terrorism by merging data from a variety of sources. DIAC personnel work diligently to gather, analyze and share intelligence with federal, state and local agencies in a collaborative effort to protect Delaware’s infrastructure and citizenry.

Finally, history shows that the law enforcement field undergoes constant change as new technology and innovative programs are developed. The Delaware State Police is no exception to this rule. We understand and anticipate the hyper-changing environment in which we serve. Through continuous research and development, we remain squarely focused on providing nothing but the best and most modern practices in law enforcement.

The citizens and visitors of Delaware can be proud of their state police force and feel confident that the uniformed and civilian staff of the DSP will continue to strive for excellence as we seek to fulfill our public safety mission.

Sincerely,



Colonel Thomas F. Mac Leish



*Colonel Thomas F. Mac Leish  
Superintendent*

# Executive Staff



*Lt. Colonel Mark Seifert  
Deputy Superintendent*



*Major Harry Downes  
Administrative Officer - Human Resources*



*Major Paul Eckrich  
Operations Officer - South*



*Major Albert "Skip" Homiak  
Operations Officer - North*



*Major Randall "RL" Hughes  
Administrative Officer - Budget*

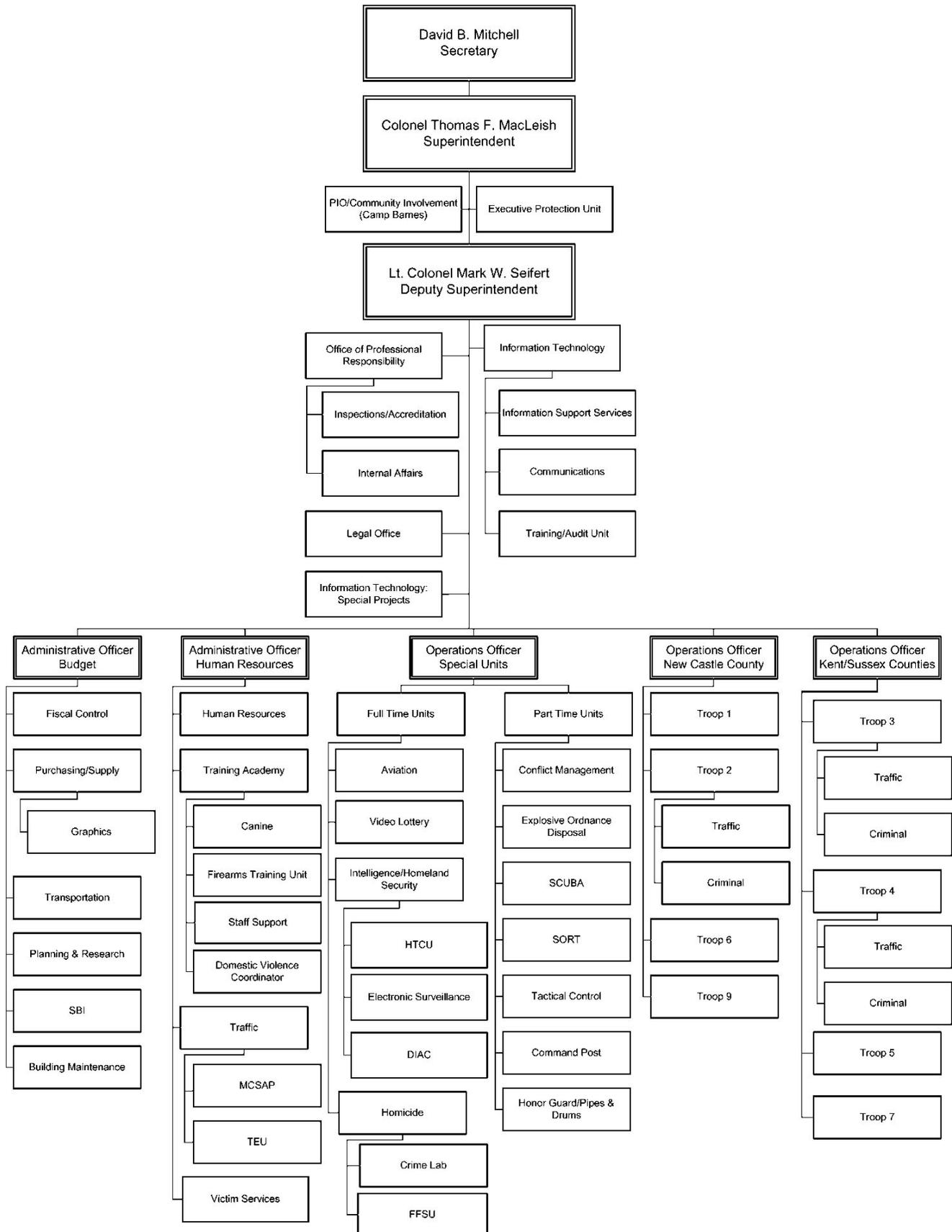


*Major Joseph Papili  
Operations Officer - Special Units*

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# Table of Organization





**Colonel Thomas F. Mac Leish**

On May 6, 2005, Colonel Thomas F. Mac Leish was appointed as the 23rd Superintendent of the Delaware State Police. The Superintendent of the Delaware State Police is selected by the Secretary of the Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security and serves at the pleasure of the Governor of the State of Delaware. A thirty-two year

veteran of the Delaware State Police, Colonel Mac Leish served as the Deputy Superintendent of the Delaware State Police immediately prior to being selected and appointed as Superintendent. Colonel Mac Leish began his tenure as Superintendent of the Delaware State Police with the motto "Service Before Self" and continues to personally adhere to and expects adherence to this value by all Division members.

Colonel Mac Leish is one of eight division directors who report directly to the Secretary of the Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security. Colonel Mac Leish is ultimately responsible for all operations of the Division of State Police. The Public Information Office, the Legislative Liaison and the Executive Protection Unit fall under the direct command of the Superintendent.

**Public Information Office**

*Sergeant Joshua A. Bushweller*

The Division's Public Information Office (PIO) is responsible for responding to media inquiries, coordinating press conferences and public events, assisting field personnel with local media relations, and serving as a liaison on public relations matters with other governmental agencies. Moreover, the office strives to educate the public, highlight the Division's accomplishments, and improve public relations by producing and disseminating accurate and timely information through field programs, media contacts, and public service announcements. The newsroom, which is maintained by the Public Information Office, on the Delaware State Police web page, greatly enhances the dissemination of information to the media and public.

Sgt. Joshua A. Bushweller is the Director of the Public Information Office and is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations and administrative duties that are associated with the unit. Coupled with these responsibilities, he serves as a co-coordinator for the Delaware Amber Alert Program and coordinates the division's community outreach efforts. In May, he also assumed primary responsibility for handling Kent and Sussex County media relations.

Working alongside Sgt. Bushweller is Cpl/1 Jeffery C. Whitmarsh II who serves as the primary New Castle County Public Information Officer. In addition to his daily responsibilities as a PIO, he manages the PIO Newsroom of the DSP website and

conducts numerous community service presentations throughout the state.

Collectively the unit worked aggressively in 2008 promoting the great work done daily by the division. Many great achievements were accomplished in 2008 through the hard work and dedication of unit members. In particular, the PIO office managed and successfully completed three Citizens Police Academies across the state, played an integral part in the DSP Website Renovation Project, initiated the "Troopers Target Hunger" program, conducted the 2nd Annual Coat Drive for the Needy and continued its production of the divisional newsletter the DSP Digest.

As public representatives of the Delaware State Police, the Public Information Office strives daily to represent the troopers of this division with excellence and to uphold the pride and tradition that has been with DSP since its inception in 1923.

**Legislative Liaison**

*Sergeant Richard E. Dennis*

The purpose of the Delaware State Police Legislative Liaison Office is to serve as a liaison between the Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security and Delaware's elected officials of the legislative and executive branches. There are six divisions within the DSHS which includes the Delaware Emergency Management Agency, the Office of Highway Safety, the Delaware Bureau of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement, the Division of Communications, the Capitol Police Department, and the Division of State Police. The Legislative Liaison Office helps prepare legislation and answers questions the Governor's Office, members of the General Assembly, and representatives from other Delaware departments may have in regard to legislation which impacts any of the Department's divisions.

During the most recent legislative session, the 144th General Assembly, the Division was fortunate to have the support of the Governor and legislators which resulted in the passage of the following bills that were of significant benefit to the Division.

- HB# 343 - Define "TASER" as a dangerous instrument. (class C felony/utilized against law enforcement or emergency personnel).
- HB# 375 - "Money Laundering". (class D felony)
- HB# 396 - "Bump Key". (Burglary tool)
- HB# 501 - Prohibit "Combative Fighting". (Tough Man or Mixed Martial Arts Contest)
- SB# 227 - "Gold Alert Program". (Notification of DIAC in locating senior citizen; a suicidal person; or person with a disability)

**Executive Protection Unit**

*Sergeant Robert Kracyla*

The primary mission as described for the Executive Protection Unit (EPU) is to provide security for the Governor against assassination, assault and accidental death or injury. Additionally, the

EPU is tasked with: Coordinating Governor's schedule, advance location and routes of future sites, investigate threats against Governor, liaison with other state and federal agencies in order to maximize the safety and efficiency of the Governor's travel.

Since November 4, 2008 the EPU detail essentially functioned as two separate units when Jack Markell was elected as Governor Elect. Governor Minner's detail provided services for the outgoing Governor and effective Election Day, November 4th Governor Elect Jack Markell was afforded Executive Protection from the State Police.

The transition team assigned to Governor Elect Markell consisted of 4 members: Sgt. Robert Kracyla, NCOIC, Cpl/3 Jim Rossi, Cpl/3 Kevin Mack and Cpl/2 Helen Zane. The first official assignment for the transition team was the Election Night event held at the Double Tree Hotel in Wilmington. Governor Markell was elected Governor that evening and the transition team worked out details with the new administration.

Governor Elect Markell's first major public appearance was at Return's Day in Georgetown on November 6th. The EPU team provided security for the Governor Elect and his family for all the events surrounding the celebration.

Governor Elect Markell's next big event was the President Obama visit to the nation's Governors at Congressional Hall in Philadelphia. EPU members advanced the event and coordinated the event with Secret Service. This event in Philadelphia on December 2nd was to have national significance. Governor Elect Markell attended the Philadelphia conference and immediately afterwards was transported by EPU to another event for Governors only in Washington DC.

The transition team has provided Governor Elect Markell a tactical mindset for survival and safety. EPU understands the mission of protecting the Governor and his family and providing him with the highest level of security possible.



**Lt. Colonel Mark W. Seifert**

Lt. Colonel Seifert was hired to the Delaware State Police on February 27, 1987. Lt. Colonel Seifert officially assumed the position of Deputy Superintendent of the Delaware State Police and was promoted to the rank of Lt. Colonel on June 3, 2006. Lt. Colonel Seifert was chosen for the position by Colonel Mac Leish with the concurrence of the Secretary of Safety and Homeland

Security. In March of 2008, Lt. Colonel Seifert retired as a twenty-one year veteran of the Delaware State Police.

Prior to his retirement, in his capacity as Deputy Superintendent, Lt. Colonel Seifert oversaw the operations of the Office of

Professional Responsibility, which includes the Internal Affairs and Inspections/Accreditation Units, the Legal Section, the Information Technology Section, and the Communications Section.

### **Communications Section**

*Chief William D. Carrow*

The Communications Section consists of three 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) and the Headquarters Communications Center. This section is staffed by 89 employees and 1 volunteer, reporting to the Chief of Communications, a civilian manager. The Section maintains a budget of approximately one million dollars, and is responsible for:

- Emergency complaint processing and radio dispatching operations
- Data communications and computer system helpdesk operations
- Radio, data, telephone, cellular phone, in-car camera & pager administration
- 800 MHz radio equipment inventory, programming and installation
- Enhanced 9-1-1 Administration, database management and public education

The Communications Section compiled the following statistics in 2008:

#### **RECOM**

Total Incidents Dispatched	112,744
Total Incidents Handled Without Dispatch	62,010
Total Incidents Handled	174,754
Miles Saved by Center Handled Incidents	558,090
Total 9-1-1 Calls Received	411,768
Total Admin Calls	182,213

#### **KENTCOM**

Total Incidents Dispatched	107,285
Total Incidents Handled Without Dispatch	17,730
Total Incidents Handled	125,015
Miles Saved by Center Handled Incidents	69,570
Total 9-1-1 Calls Received	105,674
Total Admin Calls	210,476

#### **SUSCOM**

Total Incidents Dispatched	115,833
Total Incidents Handled Without Dispatch	22,071
Total Incidents Handled	137,904
Miles Saved By Center Handled Incidents	196,578
Total 9-1-1 Calls Received	100,466
Total Admin Calls	135,379
Mobile Command Center Responses	43

2008 included increased training opportunities for our employees. Supervisor summits were held with specific instruction on key management topics being provided, and several employees partic-

ipated in the APCO International Conference in Kansas City and the APCO Fall Training Conference in Rehoboth Beach.

The Communications Section continued its enhanced community outreach program. This program involves 9-1-1 presentations to Citizen Police Academies and technical college classes. Open houses were held at both SUSCOM and KENTCOM in 2008, and each was attended by hundreds of school children and local citizens, who were treated to public safety displays, food and tours of the communications center. The Section also continued its Citizens 9-1-1 Academy in New Castle County and received rave reviews.

During 2008 the following Section employees were honored by receiving awards from the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials International (APCO) during National Public Safety Telecommunications Week in April:

Line Supervisor of the Year:  
Randal Scott Nay (SUSCOM)

Telecommunicator of the Year:  
Mary Harvey (RECOM)

Telecommunicator of the Year:  
Jonathan Pearson (SUSCOM) (Runner Up)

Telecommunicator of the Year:  
Robert W. Hairgrove (KENTCOM) (Runner Up)

Unit Citation RECOM  
Samantha Riale, Nevin Steffy, and Cindy Blair (Runner Up)

Unit Citation SUSCOM  
Heather Baer, Timothy Finkbiner, Dennis Swain, and Bryan Schieferstein (Runner Up)

Unit Citation SUSCOM  
Ethel Robinson, Brian Dickerson, Timothy Finkbiner, Scott Nay, and Dennis Swain (Runner Up)

Communications Chief Bill Carrow continued to serve on the APCO International Board of officers and in August moved to First Vice President. Chief Carrow will become Association President August, 2010. The Communications Section will continue to maintain a high work ethic and provide excellent customer service in 2009.

### Command Center

The Command Center Unit is a civilianized team consisting of 12 members broken down into two teams from the Communications Section statewide and supervised by an Operator in Charge who reports to the Communications Section Chief.

The unit has two vehicles, a 2004 LDV custom body on a Freightliner chassis with a radio call sign of COMMAND 1, and a 1994 Ford Econoline RV Cutaway identified with a radio call sign of COMMAND 2. COMMAND 1 is our primary response vehicle and is housed at Headquarters in Dover. COMMAND 2 is utilized as a primary vehicle for sting operations and as a back-up to the primary vehicle and is housed at Troop 2.

Command 1 is a 39' LDV body configuration on a Freightliner chassis. This vehicle is utilized for all callouts, and special events. The vehicle is equipped with Two 12 kw diesel generators, 800 MHz radios, cellular phones and laptops with cellular and hard-wire capabilities, microwave video downlink, 42' mast camera, 6,000 watt stadium lighting, and a 100' live reel. This vehicle has full dispatch capabilities and is housed on the HQ complex.

Command 2 is a 24' Ford F450 with a conversion body which has been set up (equipped with three tie down rings to secure prisoners) for sting operations and DUI check points. The vehicle is equipped with a 6.5kw diesel generator, 800 MHz radios, cellular phones, Laptop computer, 40' mast camera, and an Intoxolizer unit. This vehicle also has full dispatch capabilities and is housed at Troop 2.

The following is a list of events handled during 2008:

Pres. Visit	0
Sort/CMT	5
Sting	3
Crowd Control	7
Drill	0
Demo	13
Pay job	6
DUI	6
Assist	1
Escape	2 (2 day event)

### Information Technology Section

*Major Michael J. McDonald (DSP Ret.)*

Information Technology for the Division falls under the management control of the Director of Information Technology. The Director is a retired DE state trooper whose responsibilities include planning, acquiring or developing, and implementing all information technology solutions for the Division. The administrative offices for the section are located at the Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) building in Smyrna. This section oversees the State Police local and wide-area network, all hardware components attached to or capable of connecting to the network and all end user software applications used in the course of its business. The Information Technology Section also oversees the statewide Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) operated by the State Bureau of Identification and all local law enforcement agencies within the State.

Organizationally, the Information Technology Section falls directly under the Lieutenant Colonel in the table of organization. The acquisition and implementation of all technology solutions are coordinated, reviewed, and approved by the Director of Information Technology. The annual budget for support of and investments in technology projects is approximately 1.3 million dollars, not including salaries or federal grants assistance awarded to the Division.

The Director is the primary resource appointed to be the liaison to the FBI's National Crime Information Center (NCIC), to Nlets, the International Justice and Public Safety Information Sharing Network, and to the Delaware Criminal Justice Information System, (DELJIS). The State Police is one of 11 voting members on the DELJIS Board; the legislatively responsible body for the oversight of the database containing the numerous tables, files, and electronic records of the Criminal Justice System including criminal history records.

Reporting to the Information Technology Section is the Information Support Services (ISS) Section. This section is responsible for technology implementation, support, and immediate oversight of the State Police network and all nodes on that network. ISS is housed in the lower level of the State Bureau of Identification Building on the Headquarters complex. There are 13 personnel in ISS who support the entire Division's computer infrastructure and network. This group is also responsible for application development that is not contracted out to third party vendors as well as help desk support. In addition, a Captain is assigned to ISS who is responsible for managing any special technology projects pursued by the Division. This sworn position acts as a liaison between ISS and the uniform members of the Division as well as the Executive Staff.

The Training and Audit Unit is also assigned under the management control of the Information Technology Section. The Training/Audit Unit is responsible for NCIC and Nlets user training and the statewide auditing of NCIC records. Normally a two person unit, this unit saw the retirement of its lone trainer and she hasn't been replaced as of this update. The Training Audit Unit handles all training and auditing of the criminal justice agencies having access to NCIC or Nlets which equates to approximately 7,000 users statewide.

Due to the Division's ongoing dependence on technology to complete its mission, the Information Technology Section continues to experience a high level of demand for training and help desk support. In addition, local law enforcement also receives the assistance of ISS as many of these agencies do not have technical support personnel. There are many challenges ahead but also many opportunities to embrace technology solutions that create value for the Division by providing more real time information for decision makers. Furthermore, our continued emphasis on capturing data as close to the source of the data, while empowering officers to harness the technology solutions of the mobile office, allows them to remain on the street and be more efficient and productive. The discretionary time gained as a result of embracing these technology solutions affords our troopers and local law enforcement partners additional time to conduct proac-

tive policing strategies that positively impact the quality of life for our citizens and those who visit or travel through our state.

### **Legal Section**

*Ms. Patricia Murphy, Esq.*

*Ms. Stephani Ballard, Esq.*

The Attorney General's Office designated two full-time Deputy Attorney General positions to represent the Division. In order to better facilitate this representation, a civil DAG is also available to assist. The deputies represent the Division and its employees in civil rights, employment and Constitutional litigation in the federal and state courts; provide day-to-day general counsel on issues of law pertaining to personnel, FOIA, legislative and regulatory matters; teach courses at the Training Academy on the laws of search and seizure and use of force; make presentations at in-service sessions on developments in the law; handle grievance and administrative hearings; and represent Internal Affairs and Divisional Trial Boards in disciplinary proceedings.

### **Office of Professional Responsibility**

*Captain Paul E. Smentkowski*

The Office of Professional Responsibility consists of an Internal Affairs function and an Inspections/Accreditation function. The Division's policies and standard operating procedures are maintained by the Inspections/Accreditation office. Internal Affairs investigations frequently stem from allegations relating to these same policies and procedures. By merging these two sections under the command of one Section Chief, necessary revisions to the Division's policies and procedures are identified and implemented through a more timely process. Conflicts with CALEA standards are also readily identified and addressed.

### **Internal Affairs**

The citizens of Delaware hold the Delaware State Police in high regard. Members of the Delaware State Police must set the tone for all law enforcement agencies in the state. The public expects members of the Division to act with integrity, reliability and trustworthiness. To accomplish and maintain the esteem placed upon its members, Delaware State Troopers must acknowledge, uphold, and revere the core values of the Delaware State Police: Honor, Integrity, Courage, Loyalty, Attitude, Discipline and Service.

The citizens we serve have an expectation that those who are vested with the responsibility of enforcing the laws of this state, as well as civilian employees, will hold fast to the standards of professional and individual conduct to preserve the respect, confidence and cooperation of society.

The public image of the Delaware State Police is, to a large degree, determined by the way the Internal Affairs Office responds to allegations of misconduct of its employees. The Internal Affairs Office is an essential function designed to

maintain professional conduct, integrity, and discipline of each employee. Internal Affairs is responsible for investigating allegations of misconduct and conducting investigations to ensure compliance with Divisional rules and regulations and the Code of Ethics. The Internal Affairs Office is readily accessible to citizens via telephone, letter, Internet, or in person. Captain Paul E. Smentkowski, Lieutenant John Slank, Lieutenant Melissa Hukill and Sergeant Alexander Peterson III are assigned to the office.

In addition to its primary duties, the Internal Affairs Office maintains an active role in training supervisors and recruits. Supervisors are instructed on the proper handling of citizen complaints and investigative protocol in accordance with the Law Enforcement Officer's Bill of Rights. Recruits are also acquainted with the function of Internal Affairs, including an overview of rules, regulations and job performance standards.

In 2008, the Internal Affairs Office investigated 21 citizen's complaints and 16 administrative complaints.

### Staff Inspections and Accreditation

The Staff Inspections and Accreditation Office's primary responsibility is to assure that the Division's policies and procedures comply with well over 400 standards established by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

CALEA was formed to establish a body of standards designed to promote "Best Practices" in policing by: (1) increasing agencies' capabilities to prevent and control crime; (2) increasing agency effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of law enforcement services; (3) increasing cooperation and coordination with other law enforcement agencies and with other agencies of the criminal justice system; and (4) increasing citizen and employee confidence in the goals, objectives, policies, and practices of the agency. In addition, the Commission was formed to develop an accreditation process that provides agencies an opportunity to voluntarily demonstrate that they meet an established set of professional standards.

In 1988 the Delaware State Police became the first department in Delaware to attain accreditation by CALEA. This is an on-going commitment consisting of a self-assessment, mock assessment, and a comprehensive on-site inspection by three CALEA assessors every three years. During the on-site inspection by the assessors, the Division must demonstrate compliance with all of the standards, at every facility, and be able to prove we have complied with all standards during the previous three years. Staffed by Lieutenant John A. Campanella and Sergeant Wendy S. Nichols, the office accomplishes this task by maintaining files and proofs for each standard, continuously updating written directives, reviewing all new policies for compliance, and conducting troop, vehicle and evidence storage locker inspections.

The Staff Inspections and Accreditation Office facilitated personnel, vehicle and administrative inspections during the last quarter of 2008. Troopers, wearing their winter Class A uniforms, stood in formation at the respective troops and were inspected by Colonel

Thomas MacLeish. As in years past, the Troopers went above and beyond to ensure that their uniforms, vehicles and facilities were in top form.

Utilizing the Division's advancing technology and recommendations from the CALEA Assessment Team, the Division's Policies and Procedures underwent a significant modification making them easier to access and navigate. The old two-part Administrative and Divisional Manuals were combined to form one resource now known as the Divisional Manual. Bookmarks and search features were added to the on-line version to assist in the navigation of the Divisional Manual. In addition, the Inspections Office facilitated the development of one Statewide Patrol Standard Operating Procedure to ensure consistent performance across the state.



### Major Albert "Skip" Homiak

Major Homiak began his career with the Delaware State Police in 1982 and on October 1, 2005 was appointed by Colonel Mac Leish as Operations Officer - North and promoted to the rank of Major. In August 2008, Major Homiak announced his retirement from the Division. Prior to retirement, Major Homiak was directly responsible for the operation of four troops operating in New Castle County. These troops are responsible for all patrol and criminal investigations in New Castle County.

Prior to his appointment as Operations Officer - North, Major Homiak served as the commander of Delaware State Police Troop 6, one of the largest and busiest troops in the state. Major Homiak has also served as the Director of Training and the Director of Planning.

### Troop 1

*Captain Patrick A. Ogden*

The "First Troop in the First State" has been an icon, located at the top of Penny Hill since 1923. The fraternity of Penny Hillers has a rich history of tradition and outstanding public service. The forty-four troopers currently assigned to Troop One performed diligently during this past year to provide professional and compassionate public service to an increasingly diverse population. This diversity spans from Wilmington to Claymont, and Brandywine Hundred to Centreville. The patrol area also



includes two interstate highways, as well as the Concord Pike corridor, which has become a regional Retail Mecca and the site of the world-wide headquarters for Astra Zeneca.

Since the fall of 2003, Troop 1 crime fighting and prevention efforts have been directed by Lieutenant Michael Eisenhardt. He has targeted areas of high criminal activity and focused on repeat criminal offenders, all while maintaining vigilance on homeland security. In January, the Claymont Drug Initiative was formed by teaming Corporal Dave Diana with New Castle County Police Officer Rand Townley for the first quarter of the calendar year to address quality of life issues in the Claymont area. The Claymont area is in the midst of a revitalization project which includes new construction projects as well as restoration to existing structures. This once run down drug area accounted for a large portion of the average Troopers patrol time. A partnership was forged with the Claymont Renaissance Organization and during this temporary assignment, the officers investigated 70 drug related incidents and arrested 81 suspects for a total of 145 criminal charges. Their efforts led to the recovery of \$995.00 in stolen property, as well as the seizure \$13,310 in cash, three vehicles and eight firearms. The Troop One retail theft efforts were again spearheaded by Master Corporal Brian Mulvena and Senior Corporal William Murray. During the calendar year, these troopers investigated 585 complaints, arrested 378 suspects for a total of 1,043 criminal charges. They also seized \$560.00 in counterfeit property, \$672.00 in cash and recovered \$86,995.98 in stolen property.

In April, Traffic Lieutenant William Alexander was promoted to the rank of Captain and reassigned to the headquarters complex as the Director of Traffic. He was replaced by Lieutenant Michael Reader, who quickly assumed the highway safety reigns. The primary goal of enhancing law enforcement visibility along our roadways in an effort to deter aggressive driving and keep our law abiding citizens safe was formed. This endeavor proved effective as traffic arrests increased and fatal crashes decreased for the second straight year in a row (2006-16, 2007-8 and 2008-5) in the Troop One patrol area. Although it is impossible to predict when the actions of a drunk driver or speeding motorist are going to result in a crash, it is reasonable to believe that this high visibility/zero-tolerance philosophy played a major role in the decrease of fatal accidents. This was indeed a true team effort which included the Troop administration as well as cooperation from the road Troopers.

On Friday, July 11, 2008, Penny Hillers enjoyed a night with the Blue Rocks at Frawley Stadium, as the team played the Potomac Nationals. The event was coordinated with the Blue Rocks organization and was used as a venue to announce the Troop 1 Award winners. The award recipients were as follows: Troop 1 Trooper of the year- Cpl. David Diana, Traffic Ace- Trooper Joseph Joannides, DUI Ace- Trooper John Day, and Crime Fighting Ace- Trooper David May. In addition, for the first time in our history, the Trooper Ronald L. Carey Award was awarded to Cpl. Marty McWilliams. This award was established by the troop administration for the trooper who displays integrity, leadership, teamwork, and pride while executing the duties of a state

trooper. Sergeant Mark DiJiacomo was also recognized for responding quickly to a scene where an 80 year old man had become unresponsive. Sergeant DiJiacomo used the skills he possessed from training in basic first aid and CPR to save the victim's life.

Due to the hard work and professionalism of Troop 1 personnel, 2008 has proved to be a productive and successful year. The men and women of Penny Hill sincerely appreciate the active support of a concerned community in helping us to meet the challenges of the past year. Our citizens can be assured that we will continue to build upon our relationships by providing professional police services with concern and compassion, as we have done since 1923.

## **Troop 2**

*Patrol - Captain Nathaniel McQueen Jr.*

In 2003 Troop 2 was dedicated to the rapidly growing Bear/Glasgow community. It is the largest and one of the busiest troops in the state and is home base for over 140 troopers and civilian employees. Troop 2 operates as a fully functioning patrol facility and as a New Castle County wide Criminal Investigations Unit. Troop 2 also provides a satellite office for the State Bureau of Identification and a community room which serves as a venue for numerous events and meetings conducted by civic groups and community organizations.

In 2008, Troop 2 patrol personnel included an average of 45 uniformed troopers, three administrators, and three civilian staff members, one cadet and one student intern. Troop 2 patrol personnel with the assistance of communication center personnel managed 38,587 calls for service in 2008. Troop 2 patrol troopers increased their productivity and made significantly more criminal arrest and traffic arrest per trooper.

During the past year, Troop 2 patrol operations were very productive. A proactive approach to addressing citizen's fear of crime and safety concerns, and a focus on addressing quality of life issues were at the forefront.

In 2008, Troop 2 crime fighting and crime prevention efforts resulted in a 25 percent increase in per trooper arrest rates. There was also a slight increase in Part A Crimes in 2008, this was preceded by two years of overall crime reduction. Troop 2 patrol troopers averaged 477 complaints, per trooper. In addition to the heavy complaint load, troopers averaged individually 82 criminal arrests and a combined Troop total of 3,678 criminal arrests.

Troop 2 crime enforcement efforts were coordinated by Lieutenant Timothy Lamarche. Troop 2 patrol personnel increased our focus on quality of life concerns, and continued to focus on homeland security and crime prevention. In 2008 Troop 2 patrol worked in conjunction with the intelligence unit and conducted several gang initiatives in the Troop 2 patrol area. In an effort to address the Troop 2 communities' quality of life concerns patrol troopers in addition to their daily duties

increased their focus on quality of life concerns such as prostitution, loitering, and trespassing. Patrol troopers also assisted the Criminal Investigative Unit with several prostitution initiatives resulting in several hundred arrests of local prostitutes and their clients.

In June 2008 Troop 2 enhanced the Two-Trooper Criminal Car Initiative (TTCCI). During the period from June- December the Troop (TTCCI) two troopers were assigned full time to the unit. This enabled the assigned troopers to increase their community presence and their focus and familiarity with targeted areas on a daily basis. Their enforcement efforts were phenomenal. During this period the (TTCCI) handled a total of 273 complaints resulting in a total of 773 criminal charges. The unit also seized \$20,364.00 in U.S. Currency and made numerous drug, and local fugitive arrest.

The TTCCI continues to provide the foundation for Troop 2's partnership with the Attorney General's Office in the enforcement of the Nuisance Abatement Law. The objective of this initiative is to hold locations and businesses accountable for their actions and conduct that foster criminal activity that deteriorates the quality of life for our citizens.

The troop traffic enforcement and daily directed patrols were coordinated by Lieutenant Paul Taylor who retired in August 2008 after more than 30 years of dedicated service. His initiatives were continued by Sgt. Joseph Spagnolo. Our traffic enforcement efforts have had a significant impact in making our highways safer. By actively focusing on collision reduction and traffic enforcement Troop 2 Troopers actively targeted aggressive drivers, dangerous moving violations and Drunk Driving violators. Troopers also participated in a host of public safety and enforcement initiatives sponsored in partnership with the Office of Highway Safety. Troopers conducted numerous seatbelt, DUI and safety checkpoints during this period.

As result of our collective traffic enforcement efforts, traffic fatalities were reduced by 8% from 2007. In addition, alcohol related accidents decreased by 13% and alcohol related injury accidents decreased by 28%. In 2008, total collisions decreased by 9%. Troop 2 patrol troopers increased per Trooper traffic arrest rates by 10 percent. Troopers averaged 383 traffic arrests per Trooper and combined for a total of 19,992 traffic arrests. Troop 2 Troopers also led the entire state averaging 16 DUI per trooper for a total of 770 DUI arrests.

Troop 2 personnel also continue to participate in many community based programs. Troopers supported programs such as the Special Olympics' Torch Run and Pigskin Pass, and the Law Enforcement Memorial Run. Several Troop 2 troopers also attend Special Olympics events. The troopers interacted with the participants and presented their medals.

In May 2008, Troop 2 hosted its Annual Public Safety Awareness Open House. As in the past, this occasion was a cooperative effort with the Delaware State Police, Christiana Fire Company, Middletown Fire Company and the Aetna Fire Company. This successful endeavor provided the public with an opportunity to

view the many Delaware State Police special units and to tour Troop 2, the Division's state-of-the-art facility. The Fire services also provided fire safety awareness and demonstrated emergency response techniques.

In December 2008, Troop 2 hosted an eight week Citizens' Police Academy. The attendees were educated about the responsibilities and tasks of a trooper. On December 17, 2008 twenty-four citizens graduated from the academy with a new and unique perspective about the Delaware State Police.

There were many exemplary performances by members of Troop 2 during 2008. Corporal/2 Suzanne Lowman received the Troop 2 Traffic Ace Award for her tireless work ethic in the area of traffic accident investigation and traffic enforcement. Corporal Christian Hevelow and Trooper First Class Jason Russo received the Crime Fighters of the year award for their proactive enforcement and their relentless efforts to enforce quality of life concerns. Corporal/1 Patrick Wenk was recognized as the Troop DUI Ace for the third year in a row for his concerted efforts to combat drunk drivers. Corporal/1 Wenk has lead the entire state in DUI arrest for the last three years. In 2008 he amassed 97 DUI arrests. Corporal Anthony Tenebuso was named Troop 2 Trooper of the Year. His commitment to service and his work ethic in all areas of enforcement was truly outstanding.

Several other troop personnel were also recommended for Departmental awards for their outstanding performance, distinguished acts of courage and heroic life saving efforts.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Troop 2 supervisors and personnel, 2008 proved to be a productive and successful year. Troop 2 personnel remain committed to serving the residents and visitors to the state while placing emphasis on building and maintaining lasting relationships and partnerships.

## **Troop 2**

### *Criminal Investigative Unit - Captain Robert Coupe*

The Troop-2 Criminal Investigative Unit (CIU) is under the command of Captain Robert Coupe, assisted by Lieutenants Jason Sapp and James T. Hulings.

CIU is comprised of over 70 Troopers who operate in New Castle County to support the four patrol troops (Troops 1, 2, 6 and 9), specifically in the area of criminal investigations. CIU has the investigative responsibility for everything from quality-of-life issues that affect our citizens to any serious criminal offenses that occur in New Castle County.

CIU detectives are selected both for their skills as investigators and their motivation to solve crimes. They are assigned to specialized investigative units designed to maximize their effectiveness in their area of expertise. These units include Robbery, Property Crimes, Financial Crimes, Major Crimes, Polygraph, Youth Aid, Evidence Detection and Drugs. In addition, CIU investigators participate full-time in several task forces with federal agencies such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the

U.S. Marshals, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Three additional units who are not so easily defined are The Governor's Task Force (GTF), the Career Criminal Unit (CCU) and the School Resource Officers (SROs). GTF is a unit comprised of DSP Troopers and officers from Delaware Probation and Parole. Their combined efforts focus on offenders who are on probation and violating conditions of their release from prison through continued criminal activity. CCU has a similar mission; however they focus on repeat offenders who are often involved in some type of organized crime or pattern-type crime. Lastly, twenty-one SROs are assigned full-time to specific high schools or middle schools in New Castle County. They also work closely with detectives from the Youth Aid Unit to cover over sixty additional schools in the county.

The Drug Unit and GTF often-times work on hot spots to minimize street-level drug dealing and crime. In 2008, combined, these two units seized 3,013 grams of cocaine, 90.0 grams of crack cocaine, 93.44 grams of heroin, 239 lbs. of marijuana and a large assortment of other drugs. In addition, they seized 48 firearms, made 1,294 criminal arrests and apprehended 54 fugitives.

In March of 2008, the Delaware State Police named the 2007 Trooper of the Year. Detective Mary L. Bartkowski was awarded this honor for her extraordinary performance during that year. As an investigator assigned to the Major Crimes Unit in CIU, she (along with her unit members) solved a college campus shooting, an abandoned child case that was tied to a murder investigation in a neighboring state, and a serial rapist investigation with over a dozen separate victims.

In closing, CIU serves as a well-trained and productive investigative arm of the Division. The unit continues to operate under the belief that teamwork is the key to success. The primary focus remains on the quality of the investigations through the utilization of all available resources to accomplish the goal of solving crimes. Investigators assigned to CIU also act as resources themselves and are immediately available to assist other DSP units and colleagues in other law enforcement agencies should the need arise. The demanding work conducted by these investigators is pivotal to the effectiveness of the Division in serving the public.

## **Troop 6**

*Captain Richard C. Pulling*

Delaware State Police Troop 6 has been a fixture in the Prices Corner area of Wilmington for the past 29 years. Troop 6 has an authorized strength of fifty-two sworn troopers and three civilians. Troop 6 is currently under the command of Captain Richard C. Pulling, Lieutenant Michael Wintermantel and Lieutenant Peter Sawyer. The four shifts at Troop 6 are led by sergeants, perhaps the most important rank within DSP, and include Sergeant Jeff Giles, Sergeant Doug Deveney, Sergeant Jack Tsai and Acting Sergeant Jeff Smith. The troop is supported

daily by two administrative assistants, Joni Melvin and Donna Haines and a troop mechanic, Scott Ferguson.

Troop 6 has policing responsibility for approximately 82 square miles of northwestern New Castle County from the Wilmington city limits west to Maryland, and north to Pennsylvania. The troop area is very diverse racially, ethnically and economically, with an estimated population of approximately 225,000 people. The policing responsibility in the troop territory is shared with several other police departments; Elsmere Police Department, New Castle County Police Department, Newport Police Department, Newark Police Department and the University of Delaware Police Department.

The uniform and civilian staff at Troop 6 provide professional, courteous services to the citizens they serve. The troopers assigned to Troop 6 are young, energetic and highly motivated professionals who perform above and beyond on a daily basis. The troopers manage a criminal and traffic complaint load that is traditionally the highest in the state. It is no easy task for the uniform side of the house, nor is it easy for the civilian staff to process the workload of the troopers in the field. The civilian staff is the backbone of the DSP and without their support the uniform side of the house could not function.

Troopers at Troop 6 respond to approximately 36,000 calls for service each year, involving more than 24,000 criminal complaints and the investigation of nearly 3,000 automobile crashes. Tragically, sixteen (16) people lost their lives on the highways of Troop 6 during 2008. Pedestrian violations, motorcycle violations, speed and alcohol were the primary contributing factors in the vast majority of the deaths. It is the philosophy of DSP that aggressive traffic enforcement has a direct correlation related to a decrease in fatal accidents. To that end, troopers at Troop 6 issued nearly 20,000 traffic citations including nearly 10,000 that were for aggressive driving behavior, a leading cause of traffic fatalities in Delaware.

Troop 6 personnel have distinguished themselves over the past few years at crime scenes by taking the time to thoroughly process crime scenes for forensic fingerprint evidence. Troop 6 developed more latent fingerprints of value at crime scenes than any other patrol troop. When the prints were entered in the Automated Fingerprint Identification System Troop 6 had twice as many suspects identified than any other patrol troop statewide. This is just another example of the quality work performed by Troop 6 personnel.

Two high profile homicides occurred in the Troop 6 area in 2008. In May 2008, Malak Sam Michael, was shot and killed at the Christiana Hilton in the Newark area. The incident occurred in one of the meeting rooms during a private fund raiser for a local church group. The suspect in the case was physically apprehended at the scene by family members of the victim at the party, and by all accounts prevented a significant loss of life. The case is pending trial in New Castle County.

In August 2008, Kanubhai Patel, was shot and killed during a robbery in the parking lot of the Christiana Skating Center near Newark during the early morning hours. The suspects in the case picked the victim at random as he was walking to his place of employment. The Delaware State Police Homicide Unit was able to identify the suspects within hours through aggressive police work and outstanding forensic work by the evidence technicians at the scene. The case is pending in New Castle County.

This is just a snapshot of the rigorous, daily efforts by the dedicated men and women of Delaware State Police Troop 6 who provide a safe environment for the citizens of Delaware. The citizens of Delaware can be assured of quality service and professional assistance during the years to come.

## Troop 9

*Captain James Paige*



Troop 9, located in Odessa's historic district, has been proudly serving the southern portion of New Castle County since 1971. Troopers assigned to Troop 9 continue their dedicated service to the citizens and visitors of southern New Castle County. Troop 9 is respon-

sible for well over 200 square miles of patrol area, extending from the Kent County line to about half way between the C & D Canal and US 40. Patrol coverage also includes all of State Route 1 in New Castle County and the Christiana Mall.

Enveloping the Middletown/Odessa/Townsend area, Troop 9's territory is one of continued growth. With this growth has come additional traffic and crime. In 2008, staffing included an average of 29 uniformed troopers, three administrators, and three civilian staff members. First line supervision is key to the success of any organization. The supervision and leadership provided by Sergeants Bond, McCarthy, Peden and Samis enabled personnel to meet the mission of the Delaware State Police.

Troop 9 has maintained SR 1 and the 896/301 corridor as areas of priority enforcement, along with a number of primary rural thoroughfares. Troopers directed their enforcement efforts toward "The Big Three:" DUI, seatbelt and speed/aggressive driving enforcement. Troopers are responsible for the security of critical infrastructure along Delaware Route 9, the four bridges crossing the C&D Canal, and the Christiana Mall.

Troop 9 personnel managed 15,550 service calls in 2008, a two percent increase over 2007. Troop 9 personnel were committed to addressing the aggressive driver in 2008. With a partnership with the Delaware Office of Highway Safety, efforts focused on the major thoroughfares including State Route One, the 896/301 corridor and several routes in the southwestern portion of the county. During 2008, troopers generated a total of 15,695 traffic

arrests, including 9,086 aggressive driving related arrests and 318 DUI arrests. Total crashes remained unchanged from 2007 with a slight reduction in fatal crashes. Troopers made a total of 1,397 criminal arrests. These totals were the result of individual contributions, shift teamwork, and various operations throughout the year.

Exemplary performances by individuals at Troop 9 throughout the year contributed to the cumulative outstanding results. Trooper Thomas Gaul, Trooper First Class Nicholas Shovlin and Cpl/3 Erik Lochstoer were Troop 9's top traffic performers. Trooper First Class Nicholas Shovlin, Cpl/3 Daniel Oliphant and Trooper First Class James Agnor were Troop 9's top seatbelt enforcers. Trooper First Class Thomas Gaul, Trooper First Class James Agnor and Trooper First Class Nicholas Shovlin were Troop 9's top DUI enforcers. Corporal Antoine Deloach, Trooper First Class James Agnor and Trooper First Class Geoffrey Biddle were Troop 9's top criminal performers.

Many of the initiatives and operations throughout 2008 were successful because of community involvement. The Troop 9 administration has remained active in Odessa and Townsend, reporting on criminal and traffic enforcement monthly at town council meetings, and availing themselves for questions, remarks or problem-solving. Participating in these meetings has continued a strong rapport with town officials and has affirmed the approachability of the Delaware State Police to the town citizens.

As the community continues to grow, the dedicated men and women of Troop 9 will adapt to the area's needs for service with pride, loyalty, excellence and professionalism.



## Major Paul Eckrich

Major Eckrich was appointed to the Kent and Sussex County Operations Officer in October 15, 2006 after serving four years as the Administrative Officer for the Delaware State Police. In June 2008, Major Eckrich retired from the Delaware State Police as a twenty two year veteran. Prior to his retirement, Major Eckrich was directly responsible for the operations of one troop located in Kent County and three troops located in Sussex County. The troops under Major Eckrich's command were responsible for all patrol and criminal investigative activities in Delaware's lower counties.

## Troop 3

*Captain Robert C. Hawkins*

Delaware State Police Troop 3 is located on US Route 13A between Woodside and Camden. Currently commanded by

Captain Robert C. Hawkins, Troop 3 consists of 91 sworn officers and four civilians. Troop 3 is the only troop in Kent County and houses both uniform troopers and criminal detectives. Out of the 628 square miles in Kent County, Troop 3 provides police services to 595 square miles -- the largest of all state police troops. The population of Kent County is 140,000 people. As with all Delaware State Police troops, Troop 3 is a full-service police agency.

On a yearly basis, Troop 3 supports the operations of the Delaware State Fair, the NASCAR races at Dover Downs International Speedway, and the Dover Air Force Base Air Shows along with the community events "Safe Summer Day" at Brecknock Park and "Delaware Night Out" in Camden.

The Troop 3 Patrol Section is under the command of Lt. Joseph E. Huttie. The Patrol Section includes four shifts, each supervised by a sergeant. In addition to the four shifts, there is a two-person Direct Response Unit. During 2008, the Patrol Section made 18,181 traffic arrests, 532 DUI arrests, 4,961 criminal arrests, and handled 22,890 complaints. Three troopers are assigned to the Crash Reconstruction Unit (CRU). In 2008, 19 fatal crashes were handled by the CRU.

The Criminal Investigative Unit (CIU), under the command of Lt. James P. Fraley, consists of twenty-four detectives who are assigned to several units including Major Crimes, Property Crimes, Domestic Violence, Fraud, Youth Aid, and the Evidence Detection Unit. In 2008, the CIU handled 3,442 cases and made 5,385 arrests, and recovered \$558,577.00 in stolen property.

Troop 3's Drug Unit and Governor's Task Force were commanded by Lt. Brian J. Fitzpatrick. The GTF and Drug Unit made 1,706 criminal arrests. In addition, they recovered \$71,279.00 in stolen property, seized \$368,558.00 in U. S. currency that were drug proceeds, seized over 258 lbs. of marijuana, over 9 lbs. of powdered cocaine and over 3 lbs. of crack cocaine during the year. These units took 88 firearms off the streets in Kent County.

Of the many incidents handled by Troop 3 in 2008, several stand out. On February 22, 2008, a high-stakes poker game was robbed at the Wild Quail Country Club in Wyoming. Detectives investigating the case learned that Tpr. HyunJin Kim was present during the robbery, but had fled prior to police arrival. Detectives linked pillowcases that were placed on the heads of victims to individuals who had purchased the same pillowcases from the Camden Walmart. Troopers from Troop 3 brought it to the attention of investigators that the photo of a male who had purchased pillowcases had a strong resemblance to Tpr. Kim. As the investigation continued, Tpr. Kim's personal vehicle was identified on a Walmart video. A search warrant was obtained for Tpr. Kim's personal residence. Outside the residence, evidence was found in a burn pile that was directly related to the Wild Quail robbery. This led to the arrest of Kim and five of his associates, some of which were childhood friends from Philadelphia. All suspects were incarcerated and have since pled to robbery charges.

On February 28, 2008, Cpl. Jon Wood and Tpr. Mark Thomas stopped a 1999 Chevy Blazer driven by a Norfolk, VA, woman,

near Harrington for a traffic violation. A consent to search the vehicle was obtained after conflicting information was given. The search yielded three laundry bags of marijuana weighing 140 lbs. This was the largest seizure in recent years in Kent County.

On September 9, 2008, an unveiling ceremony of a memorial to the six troopers from Troop 3 who had died in the line of duty was held at Troop 3. This beautiful memorial was presented to Troop 3 from Pippin's Funeral Home. Relatives, classmates and friends of the fallen troopers were in attendance.

On November 10, 2008, the most devastating accident on Delaware roadways occurred. Two Ford Explorers collided head-on two miles west of Frederica causing both vehicles to burst into flames. Five members of the Crow-Rinaldi family perished in one vehicle and Michael Miller, the operator of the second vehicle, also perished.

In December, 2008, the Troop 3 Needy Family Fund provided Christmas for six families who had been recommended by the Victim's Service Unit or Troopers from Troop 3. This fund is supported by donations and the sales of Troop 3 and other Delaware State Police memorabilia.

For 2008, the Troop 3 award winners were:  
Trooper of the Year: Cpl. /2 Jon F. Wood  
Detective of the Year: Detective Kristin L. Willard  
Drug Investigator of the Year: Detective Mentino M. DiSilvestro

#### **Troop 4**

*Captain Charles J. (Chip) Simpson*



The jurisdiction of Delaware State Police Troop 4, located on US Route 113 in Georgetown, encompasses a 335 square mile service area, covering the south central and eastern corridor of Sussex

County. Troop 4 houses criminal investigators, Governor's Task Force, the Sussex Drug Unit, as well as uniformed patrol personnel. The criminal investigation units are responsible for investigating all significant and/or serious crimes committed throughout the entire county. The Drug Unit and Governor's Task Force concentrate on quality of life issues prevalent in many communities throughout the county.

During 2008, Troop 4 was staffed by 80 sworn personnel comprised of patrol officers, criminal investigators, School Resource Officers, Governor's Task Force members, Drug Unit members, and administrators. Five civilian personnel were also assigned to the troop.

In 2008, Sussex County's population continued to increase dramatically, resulting in a proportionate increase in demands for

police services by Troop 4 personnel. Troop 4 patrol troopers continued to be at the forefront of several proactive law enforcement initiatives. During 2008, patrol personnel made 12,116 traffic arrests and 423 driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs arrests. Additionally, patrol troopers handled 11,950 traffic and criminal complaints and made 1,730 criminal arrests. Troop 4's criminal investigators made 4,927 criminal arrests and recovered approximately \$290,523.00 worth of stolen property. Troop 4 personnel continued to solve crime and produce outstanding clearance rates, which far surpassed the national averages in both major crimes and property crimes. Detectives investigated over 2,251 cases in 2008.

Troop 4 was instrumental in developing the School Resource Officer (SRO) program in Sussex County. Since the mid 1990s, this program has positively impacted the lives of children and their families, by addressing concerns at pivotal and developmental ages. In 2008, Troop 4 had two School Resource Officers assigned to the Indian River School District. SRO and Youth Aid Division members were also responsible for security during the Senior League Girls World Series Softball Tournament held in August at the Lower Sussex Little League complex located in Roxana. Teams from across the country, as well as, from Canada, the Netherlands, Puerto Rico and the Philippines were in attendance.

Members of the Governor's Task Force (GTF) continued to serve the entire Sussex County community, working closely with the Sussex Drug Unit. During 2008, these units seized firearms, currency and a significant quantity of illegal drugs destined for area communities. Through their combined efforts, the units handled 640 cases and made a total of 1,848 criminal arrests. They seized 30,397 grams of cocaine, 2,130 grams of crack cocaine, 12 grams of heroin and 82,896 grams of marijuana. Additionally, these teams seized in excess of \$359,103.00 in suspected drug proceeds. The units worked in known high drug and crime areas, and were called upon to assist with several significant multi-jurisdictional crime sweeps. In February of 2008, a significant investigation culminated with the arrest of three defendant's who were involved in the transportation and distribution of multi kilos of cocaine from Texas to Delaware. This joint investigation with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency resulted in the seizure of over 20 kilos of cocaine and \$152,000.00 in currency.

Numerous troopers were recognized for their outstanding performance both at the troop and division level during the year. Corporal/1 Mark Little was selected as the Troop 4 Patrol "Trooper of the Year" in recognition of his productivity and exemplary investigative efforts. Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Awards were earned by Corporal/1 Andrew Partyka and Tfc. Todd Buchert.

Troop 4 continued its longstanding tradition of facilitating Division programs at Camp Barnes. From its inception in 1947, the camp has provided deserving youth with the opportunity to experience life at a traditional summer camp, with the hope of reducing and eliminating juvenile crime and delinquency. During the summer of 2008, under the direction of Master Corporal Randy Ramirez, 360 children between the ages of 10-13 were

able to attend the camp free of charge. The camp season runs for six weeks and is staffed by troopers from throughout the state. In July, the 36th Annual Camp Barnes Stock Car Race was held at Delmar International Speedway. The race committee is spearheaded by School Resource Officer Preston Lewis. The race raised \$39,000.00 for Camp Barnes and featured drivers from several states.

Troop 4 personnel continue to maintain steadfast in their commitment to the Delaware State Police mission of "providing the citizens and visitors of Delaware with professional, competent and compassionate law enforcement services." The year proved to be very productive for both patrol and criminal investigative units and the men and women at Troop 4 look forward to the many new challenges they face during the upcoming year.

## **Troop 5**

*Captain Gregory D. Nolt*

Delaware State Police Troop 5, located on US 13 east of Bridgeville, is responsible for full service policing to the citizens of western Sussex County. Troop 5 is responsible for patrolling approximately 450 square miles making up the majority of Sussex County. The area served by Troop 5 has historically been a rural region with farmland scattering the landscape. A substantial portion of this farmland has given way to development, placing a larger demand on police services.

Troop 5 is comprised of 38 uniformed officers, three school resource officers, three civilian personnel and a victim services officer. One Troop 5 member, Corporal 1 Eric Whitelock, was called to serve in Iraq with his Army Reserve Unit. Corporal Whitelock was activated on July 11, 2008 and will serve for 13 months.

In 2008, Troop 5 saw decreases in overall complaints and criminal arrests. There was a nine percent decrease in complaints handled and criminal arrests made. Despite the decrease in complaints, felony complaints rose by one percent.

Traffic arrests also saw a decrease of 12% during 2008 when compared to 2007. However, total crashes and fatalities were down. This was the second consecutive year that Troop 5 saw a decrease in fatal crashes.

In December at Troop 5's Annual Christmas Party, Troop 5 awarded its 2008 Trooper of Year. The nominees for the award were Corporal Amy Hrupsa, Corporal Kenneth Rogers, Trooper First Class Gregory Cartwright and Trooper First Class Anthony Andrews. Each of these Troopers did an excellent job in 2008 in all areas; however, Corporal Kenneth Rogers was named Troop 5's Trooper of Year for his dedication, discipline and overall productivity.

As in previous years, Troop 5 participated in numerous community events such as Community Night Out's in Blades, Bridgeville, Milton and Seaford. Troop 5 also assisted Seaford Police Department with the Seaford River Fest, and the AFRAM

Festival as well as Bridgeville's Apple Scrapple Festival. Punkin Chunkin held its second annual event in Troop 5's territory and it appears to have found a home at the site west of Bridgeville.

Troop 5 continued to support other statewide projects such as the Delaware State Fair, NASCAR events at Dover Downs, the Law Enforcement Torch Run, the Colonels 1st Annual Camp Barnes Chili Motorcycle Ride to benefit Camp Barnes and the Camp Barnes Stock Car Race. Troop 5 also provided officers for recruitment events for the Human Resources Sections.



Community outreach expanded in 2008 as Troop 5 received a donation of \$5,000.00 from an anonymous donor to help throughout the year with families and individuals in need. With this dona-

tion Troop 5 was able to provide year round assistance with payment of utility bills, purchasing of appliances, rent, support of Nanticoke Memorial Hospital Prescription Drug Program and other items for those in need. The program was so successful that the same donor contributed an additional \$5,000.00 at Christmas to help with the annual Christmas Needy Family Project and others as we locate during 2009.

As we begin 2009, the men and women of Troop 5 are prepared to face the challenges of an uncertain economy and budget shortfalls. We stand ready to face these new challenges as we continue to provide professional, competent, and compassionate law enforcement services to the people they serve.

## Troop 7

*Captain Ronald W. Hagan*

Delaware State Police Troop Seven, located on State Route 1 just outside Lewes provides full service policing to the residents on the eastern third of Sussex County. This area continues to be one of the fastest growing regions in the state. Currently, there are forty-seven uniformed officers, three civilian personnel and two volunteers assigned to Troop 7. Included in the forty-seven uniformed officers are three Troop Administrators and the four members of the Sussex County Crash Reconstruction Unit (CRU).

Troop Seven's territory encompasses over four hundred and fifty square miles of very diverse communities. Much of the inland area consists of farmland and retirement communities. In contrast, the area is also home to the Rehoboth Outlets which is one of the largest outlet centers in the world with more than one hundred and forty retail stores. Bounded on the east by the Delaware Bay and Atlantic Ocean, the area is a major vacation resort drawing thousands of people from the Washington, Baltimore, Wilmington and Pennsylvania metropolitan areas. This area continues to grow at a rapid pace as more people make this

area their year-round residence. This has increased the demand for police services.

During 2008, the men and women of Troop Seven investigated 18,856 complaints, made 17,254 traffic arrests, 624 DUI arrests and 2,640 criminal arrests. In addition, the CRU investigated 34 fatal accidents resulting in 42 deaths and 24 serious injury crashes, 12 of those fatal crashes occurred in Troop 7's area.

Traffic safety is always one of Troop 7's top priorities. During 2008 Troop 7's personnel employed directed patrols, DUI assignments, seatbelt assignments, school bus enforcement and public awareness programs to enhance the safety of our roadways. The Troopers Educating About Roadway Safety (T.E.A.R.S.) program administered by the CRU team continues to be a big success with high school students. An initiative began several years ago and continued in 2008 was a cooperative effort between Troop 7, DelDot and Sussex Cyclist, Inc. which provided safety equipment and education to cyclists in and around the Route 1 corridor during the summer months. This initiative has been very successful in reducing the number of vehicle versus bicycle related crashes. All of these efforts go together to foster a good relationship with the communities we serve.

Troop 7 continues to have a very strong and active Neighborhood Watch Program. The communities meet every other month to discuss any current issues and problems occurring in their neighborhoods with the Troop Administration. The Program continues to be very well accepted as the public feels they have a legitimate avenue to express their concerns in a very informal atmosphere with the one person who can effect change in police services. Our Citizens Assisting Police Services (CAPS) program which currently has two volunteers is an instrumental part of organizing and running the Neighborhood Watch Program. During 2008 our two citizen volunteers logged over 640 hour assisting Troop 7 with the Community Watch Program along with several other initiatives.

Troop Seven will continue to focus on crime reduction, highway safety and community relations in 2009 as a means of providing the best possible services to the citizens and guests of our great state.



**Major Joseph A. Papili**

Major Papili is a twenty-four year veteran of the Delaware State Police beginning his career on September 3, 1985. Major Papili was promoted to the rank of Major on October 15, 1999 and currently serves a dual role as the Division's Operations Officer-Special Units, and the Operations Officer-North and South since August of 2008.

Under the command of Major Papili are the Division's special

operations units including the Aviation Section, the Homicide Unit, the Intelligence Section and the Video Lottery Unit. Also under Major Papili's command are the Division's part-time units to include the Conflict Management Team, the Tactical Control Unit, the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team, the SCUBA Team, the Special Operations Response Team, and the Honor Guard and Pipes and Drums.

With the retirement of two Majors in the summer of 2008, Major Papili became responsible for the operations of all eight troops statewide. These troops under Major Papili's command are responsible for all patrol and investigative activities in the state.



**Aviation Section**  
*Captain Jeffrey R. Evans*

In January of 2008, Captain Jeff Evans, Sgt. Dave Valeski, Cpl. Scott Valeski and Cpl. Keith Mark took the newly received Bell 412 helicopter to the Helicopter

Association International exposition being held in Houston Texas. The aircraft was being highlighted by Bell Helicopter as a high-tech workhorse for law enforcement, EMS and search and rescue missions. As a result of this show, the Delaware State Police received worldwide attention.



In the spring of 2008, the 412 was placed in service with the radio designator of "heavy". On April 9, 2008, there was an official unveiling of the aircraft, attended by the Governor, the

Secretary of Safety and Homeland Security, the Executive Staff, legislators, representatives from the medical community and several survivors.

A majority of our pilots have received their 412 initial training at Flight Safety International in Texas, as well as intensive in-house training by Bell Helicopter. During the late summer and early fall months of 2008, the Aviation Section was involved with outreach training as well. We conducted training with the Delaware Fire Service and several state agencies. In addition, the Section contracted with a training company called Priority - 1 Air Rescue to conduct rescue training for our members. The members have become certified as hoist rescue specialists.



The Section has undertaken a new initiative to better our efforts with regard to rescue. In a cooperative effort with select members from the Wilmington Fire Department, the Delaware State Fire School and the Delaware Volunteer Fireman's Association, we have established the Helicopter Emergency Action Team (HEAT). These members train with us in basic helicopter operations as well as becoming certified as hoist rescue specialists. These members will augment our manpower and make us more able to handle complex rescue missions.



We also welcomed two new members to our Section this year. Tfc. Ted Stipa and Cpl. Mike Branch attended an intense 18 month training program at Delaware Technical Community College to become certified as nationally registered paramedics.



As always, in addition to the new and exciting programs that were going on in 2008, the Section continued to provide emergency helicopter service for law enforcement, EMS and search and rescue, as well as provide fixed wing services to many state and local agencies.

The helicopters flew 2,572 missions in 1,331.2 flight hours. Emergency medical missions continue to be our largest mission category, followed by criminal support flights. Our fixed wing unit flew 22 extradition flights with the Attorney General's Office, bringing 51 prisoners back to the state. We also flew 14 non-extradition flights, transporting 35 passengers.

Our tactical medics were activated 58 times to support the Special Operations Response Team and 12 times to support our Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team.

The Section is also responsible for medical training for the Division, the AED program and communicable disease control. We trained 726 people in CPR as well as approximately 250 people in First Responder. There were 8 AED utilizations this year, with 2 confirmed lives saved. There were 10 exposure to communicable disease call-outs.

## Crime Lab

Mrs. Julie F. Willey

The Delaware State Police Crime Lab is located on the State Police Headquarters campus in Dover, DE. Since its inception, the lab has provided services for numerous local and municipal police departments, federal agencies, and the Delaware State Police. Under the direction of Mrs. Julie Willey, the Crime Lab is staffed by five civilian employees. The lab is composed of four units specializing in blood and breath alcohol analysis, hairs and fibers analysis, questioned document analysis, and forensic and general photography.

### 2008 Highlights:

#### Blood and Breath Alcohol Unit:

*Forensic Chemists- David Sockrider & Julie Willey*

Since November 2007, the blood and breath alcohol program was operating at 50% staffing because of the absence of Forensic Chemist, Joy Tengonciang due to unexpected illness. The Crime Lab Director, Julie Willey, assumed the blood and breath alcohol responsibilities for law enforcement agencies within New Castle County; and Dave Sockrider, forensic chemist, is responsible for agencies in Kent and Sussex Counties. In November 2008, the Crime Lab welcomed new forensic chemist, Mrs. Deb Louie. Ms. Louie was assigned to the agencies in Kent and Sussex Counties.



On October 1, 2008, all law enforcement agencies within Delaware began to submit both suspect DUI/alcohol and DUI/drug cases to the DSP Crime Lab for alcohol analysis (except fatal accidents). If a suspect DUI/drug case requires drug toxicology analysis to be completed, the case will be forwarded to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner Laboratory in Wilmington, DE. As such, the DSP Crime Lab is the sole state lab performing alcohol analysis in DUI cases as well as the sole state lab responsible for the calibration checks of the intoxilyzer instruments utilized for breath alcohol analysis.

Statistics for 2008 include:

- Blood alcohol cases: 1,099
- Intoxilyzer calibration and certifications: 295
- Intoxilyzer operators trained: 70
- Intoxilyzer malfunctions and repairs: 29

#### Questioned Document Unit:

*Questioned Document Examiner- Georgia Carter*

In 2008 Ms. Carter analyzed twenty-five cases including such crimes of identity theft, burglary, prescription forgery, forgery, felony theft, bomb threat, homicide, rape, terroristic threatening, graffiti and insurance fraud. She also prepared for testimony in numerous cases, instructed "Questioned Document Analysis" to students at the DSP Academy and the Attorney General's Office for the State of Delaware.

#### Photography Unit:

*Photographer- Elisa Vassas*

During 2008, Ms. Vassas provided 35mm photograph reproductions and transmissions of digital media to provide photographs on behalf of the state to civil, defense, and prosecuting attorneys as well as other state agencies. She also received and filed five hundred and sixty-one photographic CD's from units utilizing Divisional assigned digital cameras (Evidence Units, Collision Reconstruction Units). Ms. Vassas also photographed studio portraits of numerous retiring troopers and new recruits and provided seven hundred and seven copies of photos for Attorney General's Office and/or other attorney's offices. During 2008, Ms. Vassas took four hundred and eighty-four photographs for the Division including ceremonial photographic assistance, promotional ceremonies, Superintendent's Special Award, Secretary's cabinet members, troop commanders' special requests, Public Information Office, Graphics, DSP Newsletter, awards banquets, Annual Memorial Service, Trooper Youth Week and Governor's special assignments. She also instructed the "Crime Scene Photography" class to students at the DSP Academy.

#### Hairs & Fibers Unit-

*Forensic Microscopist- Julie Willey*

During 2008, Ms Willey performed analysis inclusive of homicides, hit and runs, fatal accidents, rape, bank robbery and burglary investigations. Due to the time commitment required for assisting the alcohol program, Ms. Willey continues to work on outstanding hair and fiber cases prioritizing based upon trial date. She also prepared for testimony in numerous cases and instructed "Hair and Fiber Analysis" to students at the DSP Academy.

#### Crime Lab Director-

*Julie Willey*

As Crime Lab Director, Julie Willey has many different responsibilities. As described above, she is currently the forensic chemist responsible for the blood analysis and breath alcohol instruments in New Castle County. She likewise researches and works closely with the Attorney General's Office in an attempt to make enhancements to the blood and breath alcohol program. She has written and managed an Office of Highway Safety grant specifically to benefit the blood and breath alcohol program. Another responsibility is the chemist responsible for the calibration checks of the Delaware National Guard's Ionscan instruments. Julie performed twenty-four calibration checks of the instruments to assure they are properly detecting drugs.

The Crime Lab Director is also responsible for the purchase and distribution of criminalistic supplies to the entire Division including; supplies such as evidence envelopes, fingerprint powder and fingerprint brushes which are sent to the troops on a weekly basis upon request. Restocking likewise needs to occur so responsible purchasing of said products occurs throughout the year. Included within the realm of criminalistic supplies, Ms. Willey has ordered supplies for and constructed buccal swab collection kits for DNA collection solely for use by DSP until such time that such kits are available from the DNA lab at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. Another criminalistic supply which is purchased and used by the sexual assault nurse examiners throughout hospitals statewide are rape kits. Ms. Willey

coordinates with the sexual assault nurse examiners and the Attorney General's Office the review and changes to the State of Delaware Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit. She likewise obtains funding for the purchase of these kits. The DSP Crime Lab has secured funding to provide for minimal laboratory improvements (hood replacement and construction). This is a result of research and review of improvement plans throughout the year, with actual construction scheduled to occur in 2009. The Crime Lab Director is also Cost Center Manager. As such, she is responsible for the funding allocated to the Crime Lab cost center. Creative funding opportunities are constantly sought (grants, etc.) to incur the cost of the Crime Lab cost center expenses.

Due to the popularity of currently televised forensic shows, Ms. Willey has been requested to speak to various groups on the topic of forensic science. She has delivered numerous presentations regarding careers in forensics at the request of elementary, middle, high schools, colleges and libraries.

### **Forensic Firearms Services Unit**

*Captain John R. Evans*

The Forensic Firearms Services Unit (FFSU) is a full service ballistics lab, which provides services to all law enforcement agencies in Delaware. The (FFSU) is staffed with three sworn troopers and one civilian firearms expert. The unit is responsible for the analysis of ballistic evidence, as well as serial number restoration, trajectory, distance determination, tool mark examinations and gun powder residue analysis.

The (FFSU) lab is equipped with state of the art technology related to the forensic analysis of ballistic evidence. The (FFSU) Integrated Ballistic Identification System (IBIS) is connected to the National Integrated Ballistic Identification Network, which is managed by the ATF. The end goal of the (IBIS) process is to link guns recovered from crime scenes to other crimes in hopes of assisting investigators in solving violent gun activity in our state and the surrounding states.

In 2008, the (FFSU) received a total of 653 firearm related cases, 51 of which involved homicides. 492 guns were examined by the (FFSU) including 313 pistols, 150 revolvers, 19 rifles and 10 shotguns. These examinations resulted in 70 confirmed matches linking guns to various gun crimes. The firearm examiner testified as an expert witness on 14 occasions.

In addition to completing the ballistic examinations, the (FFSU) provided training at the Delaware State Police Academy for other law enforcement agencies in Delaware, as well as local colleges and high schools. Several college interns continue to work in the (FFSU) and receive training.



*Students from Sussex Technical High School process a mock crime scene.*

Through the examination of casings left at crime scenes, the (FFSU) was able to link two separate 9 mm handguns and one .32 caliber handgun to five separate shootings in Wilmington. The incidents occurred over a nine month period and all three guns remain on the street.

As another example of the (IBIS) process, a 9 mm handgun has been linked to seven shootings in Wilmington, including two homicides, three assaults and two criminal mischief complaints. This information has been shared with investigators and has resulted in new leads and interviews. To date, the weapon has not been recovered and it remains on the streets.



*Firearm Examiner Carl Rone using a grid pattern to search a homicide scene for a missing bullet.*

In 2008, the (FFSU) handled an average of 63 cases per month. 74% of the cases were from crimes in New Castle County, while 15% were from Sussex County and 11% from Kent County. The FFSU will continue to provide all law enforcement in Delaware with the highest level of service using the latest technology and will partner with those agencies to fight violent gun activity in Delaware in 2009.

### **Homicide Unit**

*Captain John R. Evans*

The Delaware State Police (DSP) Homicide Unit was established in 1989. The DSP Homicide Unit is comprised of six sworn members of the Delaware State Police and one civilian administrative assistant. The DSP Homicide Unit is under the command of Captain John R. Evans.

The primary responsibilities of the DSP Homicide Unit include the investigation of homicides, suspicious deaths (including suspicious suicides), and missing persons (in which the person is suspected to be deceased). The DSP Homicide Unit also investigates officer involved uses of deadly force, attempted murders (until it is determined that the victim will survive his/her attack), and selected assaults. In addition to new investigations, the DSP Homicide Unit is responsible for investigating "cold case" homicides. Cold case homicides include any homicide in which the original investigating officer is no longer assigned to the Homicide Unit.

During 2008, the Homicide Unit handled a total of 28 new cases. In addition, the Homicide Unit cleared three cold cases. The overall clearance rate for homicides investigated in 2008 is 104%. Arrests have been made in thirteen of the fifteen homicides. The overall clearance rate reflects three cold case homicides, which occurred in previous years and were cleared by arrest in 2008. The statistics in this report include only cases in which DSP Homicide was the investigating unit. The statistics do not include assisting the criminal troops in numerous death investigations and missing person investigations throughout the year.

In addition to the new cases handled by the Homicide Unit in 2008, ten murder cases from previous years were adjudicated in the Court system. This process resulted in five defendants receiving life terms, while the remaining defendants received a combined 75 years in prison for their actions in committing murder in Delaware.

This year, the Homicide Unit hosted the 13th Annual Homicide Conference in Dover. This annual event continues to gain recognition and respect in the medico-legal community. Approximately 140 criminal investigators from the northeast region attended the conference, which included several nationally recognized speakers. Topics included case and scene management, domestic related homicides, interview and interrogation, forensic pathology and others.

Historically, the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit has an overall clearance rate of 98%, which is well above the national average of 61%. This clearance rate is a direct reflection of the dedication and hard work of the past and present members of the Homicide Unit.

As we move into the New Year, the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit remains committed to serving the residents and visitors of our State with the highest quality of service possible. The Delaware State Police Homicide Unit is looking forward to meeting the new challenges in crime fighting through continued and specialized training as well as utilization of the latest advanced technology in forensics.

## **Intelligence Section**

*Captain William T. Harris*

The Delaware State Police Criminal Intelligence Section is made up of several units. Each of these units has statewide

responsibility for their operations and assists patrol and criminal investigative troops further their investigations. Intelligence investigators handle an array of investigations from gangs to domestic and international terrorism. The Electronic Surveillance Unit is responsible for all overt and covert electronics equipment throughout the division. The High Technology Crimes Unit and Delaware Child Predator Task Force are responsible for identifying on-line crimes and their follow-up forensic investigations. And finally the Delaware Information and Analysis Center is Delaware's state designated fusion center, responsible for the information sharing of multiple disciplines, in an "all-hazards, all-crimes" approach.

The following is a breakdown of the highlights of each unit's activity in 2008.

### Criminal Intelligence Investigations:

Criminal Intelligence Investigators participate in professional organizations, both regionally and nationally. Regionally, the section is a member of the Combined Law Enforcement Intelligence Group, or CLEIG, which is comprised of members from Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. Nationally, the section is a member of the Law Enforcement Intelligence Unit, or LEIU, which has a strong national membership and been in existence since 1958. Other national memberships are GLOBAL's Criminal Intelligence Coordinating Council, the International Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigators Association (IOMGIA), the National Bunco Investigators (NABI), the Mid-Atlantic Gang Investigators Network (MARGIN), and the East Coast Gang Investigators Association (ECGIA). Membership to these organizations ensures the Criminal Intelligence Section and the Delaware State Police are maintaining professional standards in the area of intelligence management, staying abreast of current threat issues, and obtaining the most current intelligence information available from credible sources.

The investigations conducted by this section are very confidential in nature. The duties of this small element within the Intelligence Section are many. They assist with all gun traces, provide material for the weekly intelligence bulletins and manage the use of confidential informants. Additionally, they routinely attend monthly meetings hosted by the Maryland State Police dealing with Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs, New Castle County Police Intelligence sharing meetings, the Delaware Department of Corrections Threat Groups Meeting and The Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council.

### Electronic Surveillance Unit:

The Electronic Surveillance Unit assists investigative units within the division of State Police in addition to local and federal agencies. The Electronic Surveillance Unit procures and distributes all video and audio equipment for the Division and is tasked with the maintenance of the electronic equipment throughout the Division. In the course of criminal investigations, detectives within the Unit also supply detectives in the field with specialized electronic equipment that may be required for a successful case conclusion and prosecution. Case specifics and equipment used by the Electronic Surveillance Unit are of a confidential nature to

protect the integrity of the investigations and methods used to gather investigative leads.

#### High Technology Crimes and Delaware Child Predator Task Force:

In response to the sophistication of computer technology and resources challenging Delaware law enforcement to investigate high technology and computer crimes, the Delaware State Police established the High Technology Crimes Unit (HTCU). HTCU provides all Delaware law enforcement agencies technical and investigative expertise on computer-related crimes. Its mission is to provide computer and high technology forensic capabilities, become a resource for law enforcement and government agencies on computer or high tech crime issues, provide training to the public, law enforcement and government agencies on the threat and awareness of computer crime, and proactively work to identify computer criminals and prevent future cyber crimes.

In September 2007, the Delaware Department of Justice, United States Department of Justice for the District of Delaware, Delaware State Police and 40 state, county and local Delaware law enforcement agencies joined in a multi-agency work group, the Delaware Child Predator Task Force to conduct investigations regarding allegations of child sexual exploitation including: child sexual solicitation, possession and distribution of child pornography and all related criminal conduct.



In May 2008 Det. Ronald Garland of HTCU was one of fifteen law enforcement officers throughout the United States who was recognized by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children for his efforts in the arrest of Paul Thielemann who was the leader of a child pornography ring. The investigation resulted in 10 defendants arrested and convicted on various child pornography charges.

Further, the Divisional "Exceptional Performance" award was earned by HTCU members Det. Ronald Garland and Det. Daniel Willey for their investigative effort in the Thielemann investigation.

As computers and electronic communication devices flourish in our society, so does the use of those devices in conducting criminal activities. The HTCU officers must possess knowledge and equipment to effectively investigate today's cyber criminal. HTCU will continue the task of identifying, investigating and prosecuting individuals and organizations that use these and other emerging technologies to support their criminal operations and to victimize our citizens.



#### Delaware Information and Analysis Center:

The Delaware Information and Analysis Center (DIAC) completed a very successful and eventful year in 2008. The DIAC continues to serve as Delaware's State Designated Fusion Center. The DIAC has become an integral part of

Delaware's Homeland Security, criminal intelligence, criminal investigation and Information sharing mission. The DIAC ascribes to an all crimes all hazards concept bringing together information from law enforcement, other public and governmental entities and the private sector fusing the information and putting it back out as useful intelligence to the various decision makers and leaders in Delaware who possess both a need and right to know. Armed with credible intelligence and information provided by the DIAC, Delaware's leaders in Government, Law Enforcement, Emergency Services and the Private Sector are better able cooperate and protect the citizens, property and business interests of all Delawareans.

The heart of DIAC continues to be the analytical staff. The DIAC is staffed currently by four full time analysts. In addition the Delaware National Guard continues to be a key partner by providing two National Guard Analysts to the center on a full time basis. In the spirit of truly moving to an All Crimes All Hazards methodology the DIAC was fortunate to gain a part time Public Health Expert from the Department of Public Health in 2007. This partnership has already proven valuable with the added expertise and knowledge of the Public Health expert contributing to weekly bulletins and sitreps in the area of Public Health.

The DIAC also is home to the Critical Infrastructure Protection Unit. This unit is staffed by two sworn and one civilian employee and is responsible for protecting Delaware's Critical Infrastructure and keeping the trusted partners and decision makers in the various Public and Private Sector informed through a variety of mechanisms to include a Silent Partner Alert system as well as the Regional Information Sharing System - Automated Trusted Information Exchange (RISS - ATIX).

#### **Video Lottery Enforcement Unit**

*Lieutenant Jeffrey G. David*

The Video Lottery Enforcement Unit (VLEU) has been in place since video lottery terminals were permitted at Delaware's three horse racing tracks, Delaware Park near Wilmington, Dover Downs in Dover and Harrington Raceway and Casino in Harrington. The VLEU maintains offices at all three tracks and the main office is located next to the state lottery office on McKee Road in Dover.

The VLEU is currently under the direction of Lieutenant Jeffrey David. Sergeant Joseph Ferrera supervises the VLEU investigative staff. The investigative staff includes Master Corporal Neal Potts, Master Corporal Mark MacMicking, and Master Corporal Timothy Gallagher. Ms. Betsy McIntosh is the unit's Administrative Assistant.

Delaware video lottery & horse racing venues are among the largest tourism destinations in the state. The revenue generated contributes in excess of 200 million dollars to the State's general fund each year and is the State's fourth largest revenue source. The industry has contributed more than 2 billion dollars in the past 13 years since legislation was enacted.

The VLEU is unique in that most of the job tasks are specific to the Video Lottery Enforcement Unit. The Unit investigates all criminal activity involving video lottery proceeds and video lottery terminal operations.

One of the primary functions of the VLEU is the licensing of all employees at the three tracks and the associated background investigations. The VLEU continually monitors the more than 2,159 employees at the three tracks for regulatory compliance and criminal activity. All reports of violations of state law or the Delaware Lottery Rules & Regulations are investigated and acted upon if necessary. The licensing background investigations include the owner and operators of the three race tracks, major shareholders if publicly traded, any labor union affiliated with the tracks, the management service providers, the central computer system vendor and the five video lottery game manufacturers currently contracted by the state lottery. The VLEU assists the lottery with regulation and compliance duties such as the delivery and removal of video lottery terminals to Delaware insuring compliance with the federal Johnson Act, conducting surveillance inspections of the gaming floor and jackpot verifications in excess of \$50,000.

In February of 2008, Harrington Raceway and Slots completed the final phase of their expansion project that started in 2007. The expansion project nearly doubled the size of their facility. During the final phase the VLEU inspected the surveillance system and over 500 additional video games which were installed in the new expanded area insuring compliance with Video Lottery Rules and Regulations. In July of 2008, Dover Downs unveiled their new casino floor expansion consisting of 412 new Video Lottery Terminals. The expansion required a compliance inspection by the VLEU prior to their Grand Opening. There are a total of 8327 Video Lottery Terminals in full operation at the tracks.

The VLEU assisted the Lottery office with a Request for Proposal (RFP) to bring fully automated roulette games to Delaware's gaming venues. This was a year long process, from the first meeting in January 2008 until the installation of the first roulette game in December the same year. These games simulate a live roulette game with an authentic automated wheel and spinning ball, video display, and touch screen eliminating a person to deal the game. These games were approved by the Delaware Lottery to compete with neighboring states that have gaming, or are in the process of implementing gaming in their state. The state Legislation enacted (HB494) in 2008 to modify the casino hours to a full 24 hour operation except Christmas Day and Easter.

The VLEU frequently receives calls for assistance from other police agencies throughout the state and country regarding

licensing and criminal investigations that have a nexus to video lottery. The VLEU conducted training seminars through out the year for Video Lottery personnel on criminal activity and lottery rules and regulations.

In 2008, representatives from Georgia Lottery, Anne Arundel County Sheriff's Office, and the Maryland State Police participated in an on site training and guidance regarding Delaware's law enforcement and regulatory responsibilities and the interaction with the Lottery, tracks, vendors and employees.

The Video Lottery Enforcement Unit members are a unique investigative unit dedicated to maintaining a sound and crime free video lottery operation within the state. The unit continually works with lottery officials, tracks, gaming and equipment manufacturers, and other gaming jurisdictions throughout the country in order to provide an honest and safe gaming environment for all patrons and employees throughout the state of Delaware.



### **Conflict Management Team**

*Sergeant Bernard Miller*

The Conflict Management Team consists of troopers who have been specially trained in crisis & suicide intervention, hostage negotiation and kidnap mediation. Their training emphasizes the communication skills needed to resolve crisis situations without violence. These skills combine loose psychological principals and accepted police practices to safeguard all individuals involved and responding. Under the direction of Unit Commander Sgt. Bernard Miller and Assistant Unit commander Cpl/3 Kelly Wells, team members respond to hostage, barricaded, suicidal and kidnapping incidents throughout the state.

The team's proficiencies are developed through operational experiences and critiques, participatory training and facilitating training for others. The exercises include seminars, role-play scenarios, semi-annual joint training with the Special Operations Response Team (SORT) members of the command post and regular monthly training.

For the 7th consecutive year, team members instructed a 40-hour Basic Crisis Intervention and Hostage Negotiations course, as well as several 16-hours Crisis Intervention for Communications Specialists courses. The combination of advanced training and some of the most sophisticated equipment available in the state continues to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the team.

In 2008, members of the team attended the twenty-ninth annual Hostage negotiation Seminar sponsored by the F.B.I. in conjunction with the Baltimore County Police Hostage Negotiations in Baltimore Maryland. This conference was attended by approximately 800 negotiators from all over the United States and Canada. This years conference marked a first for the Delaware State Police when Captain Ron Hagan, along with F.B.I. Special Agent Michael Helms presented a block of instruction on "coaching during crisis negotiation".

The DSP Conflict Management Team was activated a total of 7 times in 2008, which is an increase of calls for service from 2007. Of the 7 incidents, 1 was a reported domestic related hostage situation, while the other 6 callouts involved suicidal/barricaded subjects. Each of these incidents was handled with a full team response which included S.O.R.T and the command post. Unfortunately two (2) of the barricaded suicidal subjects ended in a victim precipitated homicide or (Suicide by Cop). All incidents for the year 2008 occurred at the home of the person in crisis.

In the coming year the CMT will continue to focus on improving the team's skills and abilities through continued training and collaboration with other teams and agencies. We will continue to support the division and work to improve the knowledge of all police officers interested in learning more about crisis intervention and hostage negotiations.



### **Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team**

*Sergeant Christopher R. Ennis*

The Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Team's mission has evolved immensely since 9/11. Not only do our bomb technicians continue to place themselves in harms way responding to hazardous calls but today our EOD team serves in multiple roles. Our team has been tasked with providing assistance in the emergency preparedness discipline and is frequently called to assist the U.S. Secret Service with protective details for our most famous Delawarean, Vice President Joe Biden.

Each Delaware trooper was issued Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) to be used in the event of a terrorist attack. Our team was tasked with developing standardized procedures for its inspection, storage and deployment. Mr. Kurt Reuther, the Delaware Weapons of Mass Destruction Coordinator, worked with the EOD Team to develop and implement a systematic policy during the 2008 spring firearms session.



Along with members of the Division's Special Operations Response Team, EOD members inspected, trained and tested every trooper in the Division on their issued PPE. Our personnel can be confident that their equipment meets the national standard for certification and will successfully protect them should the suits ever need to be deployed.

Each of our ten bomb technicians operate with a part time assignment. Every member is required to attend the monthly, three-day training sessions to keep their skills honed. Considering the technically advanced equipment needed to perform our mission, little down-time is found during training days. Fortunately, our efforts have paid off.

On May 28, 2008, officers from the Milford Police Department responded to a residence for a routine check on the welfare complaint. Concerned family members believed the subject to be depressed and a danger to himself so they requested police assistance. Officers inspected the home looking for the subject. During their inspection, officers discovered an assembled and fully functioning pipe bomb.

The DSP/EOD Team responded, and used our bomb disposal robot to remove the device from the residence and render it safe. During the render safe procedure, the device exploded. Fortunately, no one was hurt. Our robot wasn't so lucky. The explosion seriously damaged the robot, rendering it inoperable. During the 24-hour call-out, our technicians located and rendered safe seven explosive devices and various bomb making materials. The subject was later apprehended in West Virginia and extradited to Delaware where he is waiting trial in U.S. Federal Court.

In the fall of 2008, our EOD Team began assisting the United States Secret Service with their protection detail for Vice President Joe Biden. Needless to say, the election season was a busy time for the team. Our EOD Team is prepared to assist our new partners for the next four years.

Throughout the year, members of the EOD Team were called for service a staggering 234 times, 87 more than the previous year. Seventy-one of these calls for service were to assist the United States Secret Service with security details related to Vice President Joe Biden. Other notable statistics are, eight call-outs for live Improvised Explosive Devices, seven Suspicious Packages, thirty-two times assisting other units within the division, twenty-three incidents where explosives, fireworks and ammunition were recovered, thirteen calls for the recovery of Military Ordnance and forty-eight times where two or more team members conducted fit testing on divisional members Personal Protection Equipment. All of this activity was in addition to their normal full time assignment.

The Delaware State Police EOD Team has shown adaptability and perseverance by growing with this continuously evolving field and threats against our way of life. Today's threats are more alarming than ever before due to the ingenuity of our adversaries and easy access to explosive components worldwide. In fact, DSP has been recognized as being a leader in the industry by using techniques outside of the traditional EOD paradigm. While continuing to utilize specialized equipment and attending advanced training our EOD Team will remain prepared to face threats against our communities and critical infrastructure facilities on a moments notice. Our motto of "Initial Success... Or Total Failure" is a constant reminder to our technicians of the perilous challenges we must successfully conquer with each and every mission. Failure is not an option.



### **Honor Guard Unit**

*Captain Nathaniel McQueen Jr.*

The DSP Honor Guard Unit currently consists of 58 active members statewide. In order to

participate in the Honor Guard, troopers must demonstrate sound character, good military bearing, exceptional maintenance of their uniforms and be willing to give their time to represent the Division. In 2008, the Honor Guard conducted six training sessions and recruited several new members.

In 2008, the Honor Guard Unit participated in 29 events. The unit participated in DSP annual memorial service events in May at the DSP Academy and Legislative Hall and in December during the St. Polycarp's Memorial Service. In addition, the unit participated in several other events sponsored by the Division, including ceremonies, conferences, graduations, a service in Delaware County, Pennsylvania recognizing fallen police officers and a September memorial service establishing a permanent monument to fallen Troop 3 Delaware troopers. The unit also participated in 14 funerals, including the services of five retired DSP members: Captain William Hutchison (Ret.), Lieutenant Edward Petka, Sr. (Ret.), Lieutenant Homer Bramble, Jr. (Ret.), Major Leo Daney, Sr. and State Speaker of the House Colonel John P. Ferguson (Ret.).

In 2008, the DSP Honor Guard Unit represented the Division at the funerals of four Philadelphia Police Department officers:

- Sergeant Stephen Liczbinski, who was shot and killed while responding to a bank robbery call;
- Police Officer Isabel Nazario, who was killed when her patrol car was struck by a stolen vehicle;
- Sergeant Patrick McDonald, who was shot and killed during a violent struggle following a traffic stop; and
- Sergeant Timothy Simpson, who was killed when his patrol car was struck by a vehicle driven by an intoxicated driver. Sergeant Simpson was formerly patrol partners with the late Sergeant Liczbinski.

Troopers also attended two funeral services of two Maryland troopers killed when their medevac helicopter crashed while evacuating accident victims: Corporal Stephen Bunker (Ret.) and Trooper First Class Mickey C. Lippy.

During 2008, the unit recognized two long-standing members of the Honor Guard Unit. Lieutenant Paul H. Taylor was a member of the Honor Guard Unit for 26 years. He served as the Officer in Charge from 1995 until his retirement in 2008. Captain Robert Coupe became a member of the Honor Guard in 1988. He eventually became the Deputy Officer in Charge of the unit, where he served until 2008. Captain Coupe will continue to serve as a member of the DSP Pipes and Drums. During the tenures of these leaders, the Honor Guard Unit underwent numerous changes, including: establishing an Honor Guard uniform pin, re-establishing summer britches for Honor Guard members, updating the unit's equipment and establishing formal training for unit members. Their years of commitment and dedication to the unit and to the Delaware State Police should be honored, as they both made significant contributions to the history of the Delaware State Police.



## Pipes & Drums

*Sergeant Daniel K. Meadows*

The DSP Pipes and Drums is a division of the DSP Honor Guard Unit and currently consists of 19 performing members, which includes one civilian drum instructor. Currently, the band has one bagpiper in training; Trooper Charles Armstrong III. Sgt. Dan Meadows has assumed the role of Bagpipe Instructor following the departure of long time civilian instructor Robert Galloway. Additionally, Sgt. Meadows handles the primary administrative duties for the band, and is assisted by Sgt. Millard Greer. Also in 2008, the band gained administrative support from Pam Coupe, who has assumed scheduling and event tracking duties.

In 2008, the band performed at a total of forty-nine events. Fifteen of these events were funerals. Two of the funerals were Line of Duty Deaths suffered by Emergency Medical Technicians who made the ultimate sacrifice for Public Safety. Additionally, band members traveled to Philadelphia, PA to perform with a mass band at the funeral of Philadelphia PD Sgt. Timothy Simpson who also suffered a Line of Duty death. A personal invitation was extended to the band to play at Sgt. Simpson's funeral following its performance at a fundraiser held by the Delaware Association of Police to assist Philadelphia with expenses following the department's fourth Line of Duty death in 2008.



In May of 2008, the DSP Pipes and Drums continued the tradition of performances during memorial services at the DSP Academy and Legislative Hall.

These events were

to honor our brothers and sisters in law enforcement who have made the sacrifice of their own lives in the preservation of public safety. Also during May 2008, the band made its annual journey to Washington, D.C. for performances in the National Law Enforcement Memorial Services. The band participated in the 13th Annual Law Enforcement Memorial Pipe Band March (Parade). The band also performed on the steps of the United States Capitol during the National Police Officers Memorial Service headlined by President George W. Bush.

Other notable performances of 2008 included; following Vice President- Elect Joseph Biden's carriage in the traditional Returns Day parade in Georgetown, DE, the presentation of Governor Ruth A. Minner to the annual Governor's Day at the Delaware State Fair and Opening Ceremonies for the State of Delaware Special Olympics at the University of Delaware.

The band continues to honor requests for playing at opening ceremonies of Divisional events. The band also makes appearances at community events that involve the Delaware State Police.



### SCUBA Team

*Sergeant Jeffrey A. Giles*

During 2008, 29 dives were conducted along with four Scuba demonstrations. The Delaware State Police SCUBA Unit currently consists of twelve members. Sgt. Jeff Giles currently leads the team. Each member of the Scuba Team has graduated as a military scuba diver from the United States Army/Navy Dive School. The Dive Team sought new members in 2008 due to current and future retirements. Cpl. Andrew Slutsky and Tfc. Jeffrey Gliem have been selected as the next future divers. They are currently participating in water training sessions and will attend training at the U.S. Army/Navy Dive School in 2009.

In February, Colonel Mac Leish led the SCUBA Team out into the chilly Atlantic Ocean to assist the polar bears in their charity dive in Rehoboth Beach.

In April, the SCUBA Team responded to the Salt Pond area of Mainsail Drive in Bethany Beach in an attempt to retrieve evidence from a robbery case for Detectives at Troop 4. Tfc. Guarini located a black nylon (scream) ski mask in the pond. This proved to be a link to a prior robbery.

In June, the Wilmington Police requested the dive team to search the Brandywine River under 12th Street for a weapon used in a shooting. Cpl. Greene and Cpl. Grasmick recovered a chrome slide, barrel and handle to a 380 automatic handgun along with Jennings Firearms Co. 380 automatic handgun. All property was turned over to WPD.



In October, several members of the SCUBA Team were requested to assist the Aviation Unit in hoist training exercises in the Delaware Bay. Also in October the team was called out to assist the U.S. Coast Guard at the Port of Wilmington. The Coast Guard requested a security check of the mooring/docking area in reference to a secured shipment bound for Iraq. A night dive was conducted just prior to the arrival of the Coast Guard ship.



In November, the SCUBA Team responded to the Appoquinimink River to assist Troop 9 on a vehicle that had been driven into the river. The vehicle, a 1993 Buick regal was located in the middle

of the channel. Cpl/3 Speed, Cpl/2 Fuscellerio, Tfc. Guarini and Tfc. Terranova were able to hook up the vehicle in difficult surroundings.

The SCUBA Team was most honored to have CM 1 McDowell participate in their dive training. CM 1 McDowell pointed out the need for the dive team to have a (Oxygen Delivery System) on all dives in case of a medical emergency. Cpl. Grasmick and Cpl. Surowiec took the initiative to research an Oxygen Delivery System. The medical research concludes that the most effective way to save an unconscious diver's life is by delivering 100% oxygen immediately. Both the civilian medical dive community as well as the U.S. Navy conducted studies and have concluded that the Oxygen Delivery System should be on hand for planned organized scuba dives. The revised U.S. Navy dive manual now points out the requirement for this system. With the assistance of Major Papili, the dive team was able to purchase two Oxygen Delivery Systems from DAN (Diver Alert Network), one for each dive van. Cpl. Surowiec instructed our dive team on its use and also wrote up an emergency safety sheet for each dive van. This sheet provides all the information necessary in the event of a dive emergency, including the nearest dive chambers for emergency personnel.

The SCUBA Team also received a three way communication system that connects to their Auga regulators. This equipment was provided through Homeland Security grant money. The equipment provides the tender and two divers to have open three way communication during a dive. Each communication line is 250' in length. The team has tested the equipment and it has proved successful. During a callout at the Port of Wilmington the divers utilized the equipment. At the conclusion of the dive, all divers and the tender praised the results and felt it was very beneficial in regards to their safety.

Sgt. Jahn Hitchens announced his retirement in February 2008. The team congratulated him on his 25 years of service, and thanked him for his leadership and dedication.

The 2008 Delaware State SCUBA Unit is a true team. Each individual brings their own positive attributes and strengths to the team. The team is eager and enthusiastic for 2009.



## Special Operations Response Team

*Sergeant Alfred W. Parton Jr.*

The Special Operations Response Team (S.O.R.T.) provides the Division with a tactical response to the following: hostage incidents, armed barricade incidents, high risk warrant service, high risk vehicle stops, dignitary protection, surveillance assistance and any crisis situation deemed appropriate by the Executive Staff. During 2008, the team continued at a pace rivaling some full-time tactical teams. Deploying 101 times, the team reacted to armed barricades, numerous high-risk warrants and vehicle stops. The majority of the team deployments involved high-risk warrant execution and vehicle stops for the state wide Special Investigations Unit. Critical incident deployments increased from 2007 with a total of 8 barricaded incidents. Barricades in 2008 took on a very violent character and as a result shots were fired by suspects during four incidents resulting in the death of three suspects: one suicide and two fatal interdictions by Sniper-Observers. Training and the use of specialty equipment such as the Explosive Ordnance Device robot and BEARCAT no doubt prevented serious injury or death to one or more team members.

In March 2008, the entire team was equipped with either the HK 416 or M-4 assault rifle. The decision to make the rifle the primary weapon system for entry was based on the ability to respond to active shooter and potential terrorist threats. A comprehensive three day course was developed by team rifle instructors to transition/train the team. The training days ranged from 10 - 14 hours culminating in a night proficiency course of fire using night vision. The course addressed basic marksmanship fundamentals, use of optics, position shooting, stress training, moving and shooting, low percentage shots (hostage), night vision as well as many other topics. At the end of three days each team member demonstrated an advanced level of proficiency as required for the mission. Monthly training continued to focus on the rifle to insure skills were maintained and improved.

To address the current terrorist threat against the United States, the Department of Homeland Security developed a typing system (I, II and III) for SWAT teams to insure inter-operability across the nation. One aspect of the typing system involves advanced training to develop skill sets associated with corresponding types. The Government Training Institute (GTI) in Boise, Idaho developed the first advanced curriculum to address these skill sets. Instructors were subject matter experts from both law enforcement and military Special Operations Groups. Techniques taught during this course have been battle tested and the instructors possessed real world experience fighting terrorists.

During 2008, a two year collaborative effort spearheaded by DSP came to a successful conclusion. In 2006, the first nine students graduated from the only DHS Advanced SWAT course in the nation taught by GTI. Five of those



graduates came from Delaware to include DSP, Dover PD and Wilmington PD. Realizing an opportunity existed to bring quality anti-terrorism training to Delaware a project was begun to make this reality. In order to do this a quality training site would need to be developed to host this training. The goal was to train every existing SWAT member in the State of Delaware to the same standard using the DHS model provided by GTI. Coincidentally, Colonel Mac Leish attended an IACP conference in Boston and returned with the solution. Colonel Mac Leish observed a demo by General Dynamics spotlighting a Mobile Tactical Training System (MTTS) that uses modified shipping containers to create a real world tactical training environment. The project information was given to Major Papili and no later than May 2009 the State of Delaware will own a state of the art training system. Funded by the Delaware DHS WMD Committee the system will be available for all state and local law enforcement to conduct Advanced SWAT training, Active Shooter training, EOD training, Recruit training as well as departmental training. By mid-summer Delaware will enter into a three year agreement with GTI, hosting Advanced DHS SWAT and DHS Active Shooter training at the Smyrna Range using the MTTS. The end result, 170 plus SWAT members throughout the state will be trained at the same level to promote inter-operability among all jurisdictions.



The team continued to provide support operations to the division at a tempo few can endure while maintaining high standards at their individual assignments. Since 2001 the Special Operations Response Team has deployed over 800 times on high-risk missions. The operational tempo of the team continues to rival that of full-time teams across the country with the anticipation of 2009 being no different. The training demands have also increased significantly with the introduction of advanced equipment and skill sets. The Special Operations Response Team will continue to react to the mission with enthusiasm, dedication and professionalism. First and foremost, the team will train and conduct operations to fulfill our motto: "Everybody In, Everybody Out"

## Tactical Control Unit

*Sergeant Alfred W. Parton, Jr.*

The Tactical Control Unit (TCU) provides the Division with a specially trained response to the following: mass protest events, active civil disturbances, labor strikes, mass arrest events and support for specified Homeland Security details. There are 44 personnel assigned to TCU. Two personnel in Command and Control, Thirty-Six personnel assigned to four Maneuver Squads and Six personnel assigned to a Less-Lethal Squad.

During 2008, the unit deployed to and provided security at the Delaware State University Homecoming event, security during two Mass Vaccination Events in Dover and New Castle County and Returns Day in Georgetown. The deployment in Dover and New

Castle served as a valuable training tool in support of Delaware's Homeland Security initiatives serving as a dress rehearsal for future operations. The unit provided security as flu vaccinations were administered to the public. Working in rotating shifts the unit received high praise from officials at the event and brought credit to themselves and the Delaware State Police. The event in New Castle was unique in that the vaccinations were given in a drive-by capacity at the DMV inspection lanes.

The unit conducted training on alternating months in 2008 as a result of the restructure. Training primarily focuses on rapid response to civil disturbance events to include: tactical formations, cordon operations, delivery of chemical and less-lethal munitions and specified security details for large scale events. Additionally, assigned K-9 units are integrated into the training as a force multiplier.

In 2008, selected team members traveled to Aniston, Alabama where they received training at the Federal Training Center for Domestic Preparedness. Training was specific to the TCU mission and all members are expected to attend the course in 2009.

In 2008, the unit continued to make changes to enhance their capabilities and mission. The restructuring of the unit provides several challenges for unit members and will bring several new members to the unit. Training will be the key to success in 2009 with a broadened mission statement, newly assigned personnel and a condensed training schedule. Through dedication, devotion and professionalism the unit will meet the challenges and continue to provide the Division with a response to civil disturbance events if they occur.



#### **Major Randall "RL" Hughes**

Major Hughes currently serves as the Administrative Officer - Budget for the Delaware State Police. Major Hughes began his career with the State Police in 1985 and was promoted to the rank of Major and joined the Delaware State Police Executive Staff on November 1, 2003.

In his capacity as Administrative Officer, Major Hughes is tasked with the fiduciary responsibility and management of the Delaware State Police operating and capital budgets totaling approximately \$120,000,000.

Major Hughes directly oversees the operations of Fiscal Control, Purchasing and Supply, Transportation, Planning and Research, Building Maintenance and the State Bureau of Identification. Prior to assuming the duties of the Administrative Officer, Major Hughes was also the Kent and Sussex Operations Officer.

## **Building Maintenance Section**

*Mr. Robert L. Zook*

The Building Maintenance section of the Delaware State Police is under the direction of Mr. Robert Zook. His duties and functions include oversight and/or completion of minor repairs, project manager and quality control for the DSP for minor capital improvements and construction projects at Troops and facilities throughout the state. He also manages 2 personnel assigned to Headquarters and helps them with various parts of their work, scheduling vacation and daily duties.

Highlighted projects undertaken in 2008 include:

### Troop 3

- Installed new weather proof gas box at gas pump

### Troop 4

- New sewer system installed and grinder pumps to tie in evidence, GTF offices and Court house to main building drain line system.
- New evidence storage and processing area
- New offices, rolling file room, processing areas, loft for storage, new gun lockers, car bay processing area
- New alarm system and smoke detector
- New HVAC system installed
- Bathroom converted to handicap access

### Troop 5

- Installed new weather proof gas box at pump

### Troop 6

- New roof top HVAC system
- New sidewalks
- New CTI concrete work and sealer
- Remodel work inside of troop for Sergeant's office, processing area and conference room
- Finish all evidence work
- Installed new power supplies for front doors and back doors

### Troop 7

- Install new ro water cooler system

### Troop 9

- New HVAC system for the second floor

### Crime Lab

- Built large heavy shelves for new storage building

### K-9

- Welded steel angles and repaired six kennels

### Headquarters

- Installed hand sanitizer state wide for MERSA at all troops
- Installed new heavy shelves for Human Resource in basement file room

### Scale House

Install new water treatment system to remove iron and sulfur smell, as well as installed an auto chlorinator for well head

### **Fiscal Control Section**

*Mr. Eugene M. Sharp*

In conjunction with the Administrative Officer - Budget, the Fiscal Control Section assists in the overall development, management and administration of the division's budget within the framework of all prevailing state, federal and divisional laws, rules, regulations and policies. Specifically, Fiscal Control insures compliance with all Generally Accepted Accounting Principles as promulgated by the Delaware Department of Finance and the Office of Management and Budget, pre-audits all financial obligations for the Division, ensures authenticity before processing and ensures compliance with all purchasing procedures. The Fiscal Control Section is currently staffed with one Controller, one Senior Fiscal Administrator, one Accountant, one Accounting Specialist and two Accounting Technicians.

The goal of the Fiscal Control Section is to provide efficient and professional financial services to the Division. To achieve this goal, members of the Section strive to;

- 1.) Pay all bills in a timely manner and in accordance with all prevailing state, departmental, divisional and federal laws, rules, regulations and policies
- 2.) Make recommendations to the Administrative Officer concerning the appropriate internal allocation of funds to the Division's cost centers
- 3.) Provide expertise to the Executive Staff for the development of the Division's annual budget
- 4.) Provide the Executive Staff with expertise in the determination of the fiscal impact of various proposals
- 5.) Coordinate the fiscal implementation of those proposals.

During 2008, members of the section continued to support the Delaware State Police Executive Staff by developing cost estimates associated with the size and timing of recruit classes, advising senior management on the budgetary impact of increased overtime usage, and the monitoring of the Division's finances as it relates to the State's economic situation. The Fiscal Control Section also made recommendations for budget reductions to address the State's declining revenue environment, and analyzed proposed legislation for its financial and operational impact upon the Division.

### **Planning and Research Section**

*Captain Glenn Dixon*

During 2008, the Delaware State Police Planning and Research Section continued to play an important role in the transformation of the Division from a traditional, reactive police agency to an intelligence-led public service agency. Members of the section analyzed criminal and traffic related data and provided the resulting findings to members of the Delaware State Police Executive

Staff and a variety of organizations within and outside the Division. The information provided was used to make informed decisions regarding the allocation of human and material resources, budgetary requests and allocations, and policy decisions regarding the operation of the Division.

The section continued to provide support to individual troops and sections and the Division as a whole by facilitating events and meetings such as the Annual Awards Ceremony, Civilian Appreciation, DSP Chaplain's Memorial, and the DSP Memorial Service. These events honor those who serve the citizens of the state of Delaware in an exemplary fashion and those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the state of Delaware. The section also facilitated the Troopers' Forum, Sergeants' Forum and Civilian Forum. All forums allowed the DSP Executive Staff to meet with those troopers and civilians who daily strive to accomplish the mission of the State Police and gain valuable input into the operation and future direction of the Division.

The members of the section continued to serve on a wide variety of councils and committees and serve the division by performing those functions not traditionally performed by other troops or sections. Members of the section responded to surveys from other law enforcement agencies and conducted research in the areas of immigration, land population, DNA analysis and cost saving measures. This research into law enforcement topics allows the division to provide better service to the citizens and visitors of the state and provide a safer work environment for Delaware troopers.

The Planning and Research Section is staffed by two sworn DSP members and one civilian DSP member. Sergeant Jennifer Griffin was instrumental in each and every aspect of the Planning and Research Section's projects. One project Sergeant Griffin received special recognition for by the Federal Emergency Management Agency was a disaster preparedness program for middle and high school students. Sergeant Griffin collaborated with the Citizens Corp in packaging the program and elicited the assistance of the School Resource Officers for presentation. Ms. Tammy Hyland, the sole DSP management/data analyst, works closely with the division's Traffic Control Section and the Delaware Office of Highway Safety. Monthly, Ms. Hyland conducted analysis of traffic crash and enforcement data and provided information to members of both groups to aid in their efforts to make Delaware's roadways safer. Additionally, Ms. Hyland conducted monthly and annual analysis of troopers' activity and provided the resulting finding to the Delaware State Police Executive Staff to aid in their attempts to properly allocate staffing and to secure additional funding for employees or materials.

The members of the Planning and Research Section played an important role in the success of the Delaware State Police in 2008 and look forward to the challenges that will be presented in 2009.

## **Purchasing and Supply Section**

### **Graphics Office**

*Ms. Kimberly Cuffee*

The Purchasing and Supply Section meets the growing needs of the division's 958 employees. With a staff of three civilians, streamlined operations help staff members' complete responsibilities. The Purchasing and Supply Section's FY'08 budget of \$835,000 will purchase the necessary items/equipment for recruit classes, office supplies for the various sections, uniforms, office furniture, flares, custodial supplies, first aid supplies, copiers, printing, lawn care, code manuals, etc. Additional responsibilities include approving purchases to ensure they meet the state purchasing laws, the implementation of contracts through the formal bid process; maintain the VISA purchasing card and reconciling/maintaining accurate budget information.

Municipal departments are also dependent on the section for their form needs, ticket orders and code manual orders. This allows the division and municipal departments to receive better pricing on these items with limited budgets.

The Purchasing Administrator also has the responsibility of managing the 1122 Counter-Drug Activity Program, which allows state and local police departments to purchase from GSA Federal Contracts. This duty is an appointment by the Governor's Office to assist all law enforcement agencies in the state of Delaware with making GSA purchases. The cost savings from this program is proving to be beneficial to law enforcement agencies with limited budgets.

Included in the section is the Graphics Office, staffed by one civilian employee. The graphic artist has an extensive design background bringing better quality to printing requests for the division. In addition to designing the division's annual reports, the graphic artist assists with the DSP Digest and other division publications.

## **State Bureau of Identification**

*Captain Galen M. Purcell*

Captain Galen M. Purcell serves as the Director of the State Bureau of Identification (SBI). SBI provides the state with a central repository for the collection and accurate organization of criminal arrest records, crime reports, and missing person reports. The director, along with four sex offender agents, seven troopers, and a civilian staff of fifty-three people work in the following separate but interrelated sections; Fingerprint Identification Section, Criminal History Section, Quality Control Section, Detective Licensing Section, Firearms Section, SBI North and the Sex Offender Section.

Mr. Russell McNatt supervises the Fingerprint Section, which is responsible for maintaining fingerprint records on people who have been criminally arrested and for people who are applicants for various types of employment requiring criminal history checks. In 2008, the section processed over 77,000 print cards.

The section continued to process critical latent examinations revealing the identity of suspects who have committed many serious crimes leading to their arrest and conviction. Other police agencies frequently call upon this section to process evidence related to criminal matters. The AFIS, a central system of fingerprint storage for comparison and identification purposes, is critical to the law enforcement community in Delaware.

Ms. Teresa Jones is the supervisor of the Criminal History Section. This section is responsible for fingerprinting citizens and completing criminal history background checks for employment and/or other purposes. In 2008, the section processed over 51,000 requests for criminal histories. Additional duties include processing pardons and court ordered expungements. In October, 2008 a revision to Delaware's expungement law came into effect. The Criminal History Section is now the designated starting point for all expungement requests. Section personnel review the expungement requests and determine if the expungement can be completed at SBI or if it must be referred to the appropriate court for further consideration.

Sergeant Thomas F. Carver supervises the Sex Offender Registry (SOR). The SOR is responsible for registering and tracking sex offenders as required by the Delaware Sex Offender Registry Law (Megan's Law). In 2008, there were over 3,600 registered sex offenders in Delaware. The SOR has four detectives assigned to the unit to conduct criminal investigations of offenders who fail to follow Delaware's Megan's Law requirements. The unit made 146 arrests for registry violations in 2008. The Sex Offender Registry saw the addition of four agents during 2008. These were newly created positions consisting of recently retired police officers who conduct statewide notifications for all offenders residing in State Police jurisdiction. The unit members work closely with local and federal law enforcement agencies to ensure compliance with Delaware's sex offender laws. In 2008, Delaware began enforcement of newly adopted requirements as per the federal Adam Walsh Law. The new law requires sex offenders to appear in person at SBI for verification purposes. Prior to 2008 this process was completed via letter through the US Postal Service.

The Firearms Transaction Approval Program (FTAP) falls under Sergeant Benjamin Nefosky. This function was established as a result of the Brady Law, which became effective on February 28, 1994. FTAP consists of four criminal history employees who respond to dealer inquiries for state background checks, which yield an approval or denial for the purchase of a weapon. In 2008, there were 12,107 transactions processed, resulting in 577 denials of firearms purchases.

Ms. Renee Rigby supervises the Quality Control Section. This section was responsible for the quality assurance reviews of over 100,000 crime reports in 2008. The section reviews reports submitted by police agencies throughout the state ensuring proper coding for reporting purposes to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Once this section has completed their review, incidents are then officially counted as a criminal occurrence for statistical and crime tracking purposes.

The Detective Licensing Section is supervised by Lt. Sean Moriarty and is comprised of two civilian employees who are responsible for the licensing and regulation of the following industries; private security agencies and their employees, private investigative agencies and their employees, security systems and protective services agencies and their employees, non-state constables, and bail enforcement agents. During 2008, this section also became responsible for the oversight of Delaware's new pawn broker law regulating pawn brokers, scrap metal processors and junk dealers. Detective Licensing serves as the central repository for oversight, with detectives from criminal investigative troops in each of the three counties conducting on site regulatory visits and inspections.

Ms. Sandra Warden supervises SBI North which consists of four civilian employees providing fingerprinting services to customers desiring criminal history checks, processing of security personnel, and registering change of address and verification for sex offenders in New Castle County. SBI North is located off of the lobby of Troop 2 in Glasgow. There were 15,506 customers fingerprinted in 2008.

### Transportation Section

*Mr. Mark Balfantz*

The Delaware State Police Transportation Section is headed by Fleet Manager Mark Balfantz and supported by 12 automotive technicians, an automotive supervisor and an administrative specialist. The section is responsible for providing direct and indirect vehicle maintenance support for all 8 Troops and Headquarters for a fleet of over 900 vehicles.

The Transportation Section is also responsible for maintaining a cost center budget to fund fuel, parts and repairs for all assigned vehicles. The staff is responsible for the purchase, and deployment of all divisional vehicles, as well as the deactivation and sale of vehicles that are no longer needed or are not economically feasible to maintain.



**Major Harry W. Downes, Jr.**

A twenty-four year veteran of the Delaware State Police, Major Downes was promoted to the rank of Major on October 1, 2005 and assumed the duties of Administrative Officer - Human Resources and Training. In this capacity, Major Downes is responsible for the operations of the Human Resources Section and the Training Academy. Major Downes

also oversees the operations of the Victim Services Section and the Traffic Section.

Prior to his appointment to the Delaware State Police Executive Staff, Major Downes served as the Delaware State Police Director of Training and the Director of the Delaware State Police Domestic Violence Unit.

### Human Resources Section

*Captain Monroe B. Hudson, Jr.*

Under the leadership of Captain Monroe B. Hudson, Jr., the Human Resources Office is comprised of 14 civilian employees and four troopers. Many of the 2008 accomplishments reflect the country's involvement in war, the time of economic challenges and the continual need for leadership and service.

The Human Resources Office hired DSP's first class of Ready Reserve troopers in March 2008. These are retired troopers who have not yet reached the age of 57, willing to maintain certifications for five years for activation in case of a natural disaster or other emergency. The first class is comprised of: Katherine Beck, Ralph (Matt) Engler, Ronnie Gaines, Mark Lally, John Maichle, Ronald Thomas, and David Wishowsky.

In 2008, Human Resources (HR) assisted in developing and implementing the Trooper-Soldier Re-integration Program, to facilitate the return of deployed combat veterans to the workforce. Among the first to participate in the program were Iraq veterans Daniel DeFlaviis (T6), Jerold Huber (T1), S. Grant Nash (SBI), David New (T9) and Takisha Williams-Snipes (T4). Since its inception, the program has been evaluated for inclusion in a best practices guide under design by the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

In May 2008, Senior HR Technician Monica Holmes became one of the first four in the state, and the first in the Division of State Police, to earn a Human Resources Certificate. The program required 25 days of courses and about 140 project hours, as well as a formal presentation.

Toward the goal of attracting applicants, HR screened and placed 17 college interns, and selected 10 new part-time Trooper Recruiters. Recruiters worked with the Public Information Office and Information Support Services to redesign and update the agency website, which is viewed by nearly every trooper applicant advancing to the written test. Recruiters initiated the first division-wide dissemination of trunk packets, so every trooper can instantaneously hand out applications and recruiting materials if they encounter someone interested in applying. HR also initiated recruiting clubs in Delaware high schools, meeting with students hand-picked by their school resource officers to talk about qualifications for a career in law enforcement, as well as hurdles to avoid at a young age.

HR facilitated the recruiting and selection of the 22 members of the 80th Delaware State Police Recruit Class. Patrol and investigative troopers served as test proctors, oral board assessors and background investigators. The recruit class will graduate on April 8, 2009. Budgetary constraints restricted HR from adding to the

current cadre of part-time uniformed college students in the Cadet Program.

After many years of pre-planning, the Record Management System was implemented, and the civilian activity sheet was redesigned. The sworn activity sheet, electronic overtime accounting, and educational records are in the process of RMS inclusion, as well. HR staff members also dedicated themselves toward administering the promotional processes for the ranks of Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain, orienting and utilizing assessors from other states.

In 2008, we celebrated the retirements of legendary employees: HR Specialist II Theresa Pleasanton after 31 years, and Recruiting Supervisor and Career Development Officer Sergeant Deveal Royster after 20 years.

The Human Resources Office continued to perform other essential agency functions as well: recruiting and selecting civilian employees, collective bargaining and contract negotiating with the Delaware State Troopers Association and Communications Workers of America, overseeing Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity, facilitating employee assistance programs, managing career development, educating about health and wellness programs, administering payroll and benefits, processing worker's compensation claims, tracking leave and accounting for overtime. Moving forward into 2009, the Human Resources Office remains committed to providing fairness, consistency, and quality service to DSP employees and the public.

### **Traffic Section**

*Captain William J. Alexander*

With 14 troopers and nine civilian employees, the Delaware State Police Traffic Section performs a dual role within the Division. At the Headquarters Building in Dover, support and administrative functions are performed which relate to statewide record-keeping and Divisional traffic enforcement. Just north of Smyrna, the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit (CVEU) is located at the Blackbird Weigh Station, and is charged with the operational responsibilities of proactive and reactive enforcement related to commercial vehicles.

Geared toward the support of overall traffic operations, personnel assigned to the Headquarters Building fulfill several key duties and responsibilities. Traffic initiatives, programs and campaigns are determined by the Director, and passed along to the relevant patrol troops for implementation. To provide the logic for these, the Traffic Section Tactical Analyst utilizes the Criminal Highway Analysis and Mapping for Public Safety (CHAMPS) system to acutely identify and isolate problem traffic areas throughout the state so that initiatives for enforcement can be implemented. This system came on-line in 2008, in conjunction with the Delaware Office of Highway Safety (OHS). Statistics are also provided by the Divisional Statistician to a large extent, since the CHAMPS system is new to the state. To add more patrol efforts to the forenamed, OHS uses statistics-based studies to recommend

various target areas for enforcement, and provides federal funding to staff the initiatives.

An effective analytical tool specifically for fatal crashes is the Fatal Analysis Reporting System (FARS). Housed within the Traffic Section as the only one of its kind in the state, this nationwide mechanism provides for the FARS Coordinator (assigned to the Traffic Section) to collect statewide fatal crash data in an expeditious manner. The data is then analyzed and placed into statistical databases within the state, and at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). FARS data yields some of the most accurate, real-time statistics available, which provides a formidable tool to plan initiatives to combat traffic fatalities.

As for battling intersection crashes, the Electronic Red Light Safety Program (ERLSP) technicians mitigate the results of red light violators captured on camera at various intersections throughout the state. Since 2006, there has been a 27% decrease in red light citations issued, along with a congruent drop in intersection crash rates. ERLSP Technicians assigned to the Traffic Section reviewed approximately 111 citable red light violations per day, resulting in the issuance of 22,708 citations for 2008.

Divisional collisions that involve vehicles owned by the Delaware State Police are investigated by patrol supervisors, and forwarded to the Traffic Section. They are then analyzed and reviewed by the Divisional Crash Review Board, which makes recommendations in an effort to reduce the overall number of these collisions. An additional responsibility of the Traffic Section is the collection and archiving of motor vehicle collision reports, along with the dissemination of these reports to the public, attorney's offices, insurance companies, and others with a vested interest in a particular case. In 2008, the Traffic Section responded to 15,053 requests for collision reports, which averaged out to approximately 61 requests per work day.

There are a multitude of other support and administrative duties performed by Traffic Section personnel assigned to the Headquarters Building, equaled by the operational duties performed by CVEU personnel assigned to the Blackbird Weigh Station where they are broken into two subunits. The Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) unit's primary responsibility is to perform inspections of commercial vehicles to assure compliance with state and federal regulations. The majority of these inspections are done at various locations throughout the state, while some are conducted at the Blackbird Weigh Station, which also houses the Truck Enforcement Unit (TEU). MCSAP personnel also provided numerous presentations to various groups and schools relating to commercial vehicle safety, including the "No Zone" presentation where participants get an appropriate understanding of the visibility limitations associated with tractor trailers.

TEU personnel ensure conformity with size and weight laws as they relate to commercial vehicles, and run the Blackbird Weigh Station where commercial vehicle weights are checked as they drive over fixed scales. TEU personnel also take portable scales

to various locations throughout the state to conduct commercial vehicle weight checks, while also ensuring congruence with size regulations.

In 2008, both units that comprise CVEU accomplished the following-

- Commercial motor vehicle inspections conducted: 4,785
- Commercial motor vehicles weighed on fixed and portable scales: 9,826
- Drivers placed out of service for non-compliance with regulations: 468
- Vehicles placed out of service for non-compliance with regulations: 1,436
- Traffic arrests for dangerous, moving violations: 1,150
- Traffic arrests for other violations: 2,704
- Seatbelt arrests: 649

In Delaware during 2008, there were 106 fatal crashes which caused the deaths of 122 people. Of those crashes, 88 were investigated by the Delaware State Police. This is a 7% drop over the previous year's 94 fatal crashes that were investigated by Delaware Troopers. Speeding ranked as the #1 cause of death, accounting for 19% of all fatal crashes in 2008. As far as personal injury and property damage collisions, Inattentive Driving ranked as the #1 contributor.

In an effort to reduce these crashes throughout the year, the Delaware State Police actively participated in statewide campaigns such as "Click it or Ticket" (seatbelt enforcement), "Checkpoint Strikeforce" and "DUI Saturation Patrol" (DUI), "Stop Aggressive Driving Patrol" (aggressive driving-related violations), "Teen Hot Spots" and "Cops in Shops" (teen drinking), "Pedestrian Patrol" (reduce pedestrian crashes) and "Project CARE" (summer holiday patrols). These campaigns were funded with federal monies through OHS, to curb potentially dangerous driving behaviors throughout the state.

As a result of funding provided by OHS, the Traffic Section acquired and distributed 20 laser speed detection units, 30 radar units, and 43 portable breath test units for DUI enforcement. Each was proportionally assigned to the eight patrol troops in Delaware.

Given these tools, along with additional funding for traffic initiatives, Delaware Troopers yielded numerous traffic arrests to battle crashes and negative driving behaviors throughout Delaware in 2008. Troopers made the following arrests during the year:

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| • Total traffic arrests:      | 144,822 |
| • Aggressive driving-related: | 60,261  |
| • DUI:                        | 4,310   |
| • Inattentive driving:        | 3,810   |

To further exemplify the Division's commitment to traffic safety, during Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Thanksgiving weekends, all administrative personnel assigned to Headquarters worked at various troops to augment traffic enforcement and create a higher state of visibility. Each trooper

assigned to this duty was given a specific sector to work, based upon 2007's analysis of fatal and serious injury crashes. As a result of everyone's staunch presence, there were no serious injuries or fatalities that occurred in any of those areas worked during those time frames, making the program a success.

### **Critical Incident Stress Management Team**

*Captain Ronald W. Hagan*

The Delaware State Police Critical Incident Stress Management Team continues to provide valuable services to the men and women of the division following various critical incidents throughout the state. The focus of the team is to minimize the harmful effects of job stress, particularly in crisis or emergency situations. The highest priority of the team is to maintain strict confidentiality and to respect the feelings of the individuals involved.

The Delaware State Police CISM team is led by Captain Ronald W. Hagan who serves as the team coordinator. He is assisted by the team leader, Mr. John Shoemaker. In 2008, the team strengthened its relationship within the Division of State Police and in particular outside agencies by responding to and assisting numerous members of the division and outside organizations following traumatic or stress induced incidents.

The team saw 2008 as a year which included multiple police shootings where deadly force was used by multiple officers. The team responded to those incidents to provide support to the involved officers, co-workers, and in some instances family members. One major response by the team followed the line of duty death of Sussex County Paramedic Stephanie Callaway. During this response the team worked closely with the Sussex County Paramedics, several Fire Departments as well as First State and Delaware Volunteer Fireman's Association CISM Teams.

The team continues to work closely with the First State CISM team and Dr. Ellen Marshall with joint training opportunities. Dr. Marshall serves as a full time Criminal Justice professor at Delaware Technical and Community College in Georgetown, Delaware and volunteers her time as the teams Mental Health Coordinator. The team presently consists of 18 sworn and civilian members who have received training endorsed by the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation.

### **Diversity Council**

In 2007, the Diversity Council was established under the guidance of Colonel MacLeish. The Council consists of both uniform and civilian employees. The members of the council review and address diversity issues or concerns brought forth by either members of the Executive Staff, or from DSP uniform or civilian employees. The Council is a diverse group of employees that represents the great diversity within the Division and the community they serve.

The DSP Diversity Council's mission is "to foster an environment that allows all employees to achieve personal and professional excellence in the pursuit of the Delaware State Police mission and goals, and to promote respect and understanding among all employees. The Diversity Council will achieve this through education, communication, and advocacy."

In 2008, the Diversity Council completed a review of a proposed policy on Special Units titled "Job Rotation and Selection Policy". The Council's role in this process was to ensure that the policy is fair and does not favor or negatively impact any particular group or classification within the Division. Recommendations and comments from the Council's review were documented and presented to the Executive Staff as a "Special Unit Transfer and Selection Policy" for consideration.



The Diversity Council also created a poster for display at Troops and Sections with the Council's logo "Our Strength is in our Diversity" to increase awareness. This poster also has the Council's website for reference.

In November 2008, the Delaware State Police Diversity Council invited all Delaware State Police employees to take a short 10 question work culture survey. The goal of the survey was to access where improvements in the work environment can be made, and where the Council needs to focus. The Council's hope was that through the survey they would acquire an accurate perception of the work environment to determine what issues are of concern to the members of the Division. The Council is happy to announce that 46% of the Division took the time to fill out the survey.

The goal of the Council is to promote diversity through education that will benefit all employees in all job assignments. The Diversity Council has and will continue to foster open communication with the Executive Staff to provide advice on policies and propose changes within the Division. The Council will also be engaging in a campaign to raise awareness and appreciation for the great diversity that already exists within the Division. The Council works toward fostering a work environment that allows all employees to achieve personal and professional excellence in the pursuit of the Delaware State Police mission and goals, while promoting respect and understanding among all employees.

Diversity Council Members include-

- Captain Robert Coupe- Chairperson
- Sergeant Jennifer D Griffin- Vice Chairperson
- Sergeant Jack Tsai- Secretary
- Ms. Florence Cephas- Liaison
- Major Harry Downes
- Captain Nathaniel McQueen
- Captain Monroe Hudson
- Lieutenant Melissa Hukill
- Sergeant Antonio Williams

- Corporal/3 Willie Smith
- Corporal/3 Mike Austin
- Corporal/3 George Camacho
- Corporal Bill Thompson
- Mr. Edward Aragon
- Ms. Kay Carrier
- Ms. Rhonda Davis
- Mr. Mark Harvey
- Ms. Brandy Trainor
- Ms. Patricia Tucker
- Ms. Sandy Warden



**Training Academy**

*Captain Ralph H. Davis, III*

The Delaware State Police Training Academy is staffed by fifteen sworn and non-sworn employees of the Division of State Police committed to providing members of the Division and allied law

enforcement agencies with the knowledge and skills necessary to provide compassionate, comprehensive public safety services to the citizens and visitors of the State of Delaware. Within the Training Academy table of organization are four separate and distinct units which provide a variety of training to Delaware Troopers, as well as officers of all Delaware law enforcement departments.

In 2008, the DSP Academy continued to provide basic recruit training for the Division of State Police as well as most Delaware law enforcement agencies. During the year eighty-four recruits were provided with approximately 1,000 hours of training necessary for a successful start of a career in law enforcement. The Academy staff also provided mandatory and elective in-service training to incumbent members of the State Police and law enforcement agencies from throughout the state. Two sessions of mandatory annual in-service training were provided to each member of the Division. In addition, seventy elective in-service classes were provided to DSP Troopers and Delaware police officers.

Members of the Firearms Training Unit had a very busy and successful year in 2008. Not only did members of the Unit provide mandatory firearms requalification training to each sworn member of the Division, they also developed and implemented a realistic, tactical training event which included active shooter response training. The FTU also trained each recruit trained at the DSP Academy as well as facilitated training for numerous municipal and state law enforcement agencies.

The DSP Canine Training Unit conducted a Basic Patrol class and a Narcotics Detection class for canine teams from the Division of State Police and several municipal police agencies during the year. In addition to the basic and narcotics detection classes, the Unit continued to conduct monthly update training and annual recertification for 26 DSP teams and teams representing 12 departments from throughout the state.

In addition to sitting on many boards and committees as the proxy for the Superintendent, the Domestic Violence Policy and Training Coordinator provided domestic violence related training to recruits attending the DSP Academy. The Coordinator also facilitated the Annual Domestic Violence Conference which provided training in the detection, investigation, and prosecution of domestic violence related crimes. The conference drew approximately 100 officers and advocates from throughout the Mid-Atlantic region.

The training conducted by the Academy staff in 2008 could not have been accomplished without the support of Administrative Specialists Ms. Sharon Burge and Ms. Diana Miller, or Mr. James Howard of the culinary staff. While not quantifiable, their efforts were instrumental in the above accomplishments.

### **Canine Division**

*Cpl/3 Joseph Gardner*

*Cpl/3 Mark Windsor*

In 2008, the Delaware State Police Canine Training Unit staffing consisted of Cpl/3 Joseph M. Gardner and Cpl/2 Mark W. Windsor. This unit is responsible for basic training of new explosive, narcotics and patrol K-9 teams throughout the year. Additionally, the trainers conduct monthly update and annual recertification of 31 DSP teams and 12 teams representing municipal agencies throughout the state. The trainers are responsible for testing of all K-9s that are accepted into the state police K-9 training program as well as the selection of the K-9 handlers.

In 2008, the K-9 Unit trained a Spring Explosive Detection Class which consisted of:

Cpl. Matt Blakeman / K-9 Turbo, Troop 7

Cpl. Bill Bant / K-9 Britt, Troop 4

Cpl. Greg Rash / K-9 Argos, Troop 2

Cpl. Chris Martin / K-9 Rano, Troop 2

Cpl. Joe Joannides / K-9 Panna, Troop 1

Cpl. Jeff Matthews / K-9 Spike, Dover PD

A Fall Patrol Class of three patrol teams and a DSP narcotics team began training in October and graduated on January 14, 2009. This class consisted of:

Cpl. Mike Cahall / K-9 Jack, Troop 6 (Patrol trained)

PFC Robert Barrett / K-9 Britt, Dover PD (Patrol trained)

Cpl. Marty Larue / K-9 Sjors, Newark PD Narcotics & Patrol trained)

Cpl. Mike Dill / K-9 Jet, Troop 3 GTF, (Narcotics trained)

Several large-scale operations involving multiple canines were undertaken in 2008. The missions involved numerous explosive and patrol teams from the state police and municipal officers trained by DSP. These included numerous explosive sweeps throughout the state, Dover Downs, the State Fair, two NASCAR races, Georgetown Returns Day and continued support of the Northeast Corridor Law Enforcement Coalition.

The K-9 Unit continues to provide a valuable link to the citizens of Delaware in the area of public relations, mass media relations, and recruiting. Handlers conducted various demonstrations throughout the state in 2008. Many demonstrations were conducted at DSP Headquarters and included the Citizens Police Academy and Trooper Youth Week. Additionally, the K-9 Unit participated in over 100 public K-9 demonstrations throughout the state.

The Canine Handlers recorded 87 criminal apprehensions in 2008. These apprehensions directly resulted in 87 felony, 164 misdemeanor, and 59 traffic charges being filed.

A special Thank you is extended to two citizens of Delaware who gave generously to the K-9 unit. Mrs. Judy Doyle of Wilmington, DE and Mrs. Lois Gebrain donated the funds to purchase K-9 Jack and K-9 Jet, respectively.

### **Domestic Violence Unit**

*Sergeant Randy Fisher*

The Delaware State Police Domestic Violence Unit was established in December 1996. The Domestic Violence Unit members are staffed at each of the three criminal investigation troops. Sergeant John Maher is in charge of the unit at Troop 2, Sergeant Michael Cosgrove at Troop 3, and Sergeant Daniel Sponaugle at Troop 4. The units are under the direction of the Domestic Violence Policy/Training Coordinator, Sergeant Randy Fisher, who is assigned to Headquarters. The criminal investigation unit administrators supervise daily investigative functions and personnel issues for unit members at their troops. Unit members are available twenty-four hours a day to respond to critical or complicated cases.

The primary objective of the unit is to review domestic incidents investigated by patrol officers to identify relationships at risk. The unit investigates serious domestic violence cases, conducts follow-up investigations, makes appropriate referrals to advocates, and promotes victim awareness of domestic violence.

The Domestic Violence Unit Coordinator collaborates with the Victim Services Unit, the Attorney General's Office, the Delaware Division of Probation and Parole, the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence and other advocacy groups to ensure the safety of all involved and hold the offender accountable. The coordinator is also responsible for instructing recruits, providing in-service training on domestic violence and developing policy to ensure victim safety. Unit members also serve on multi-disciplinary committees to address issues of domestic violence fatalities, legislation, training and child protection.

In 2008, the Domestic Violence Unit was awarded a federal grant to train law enforcement officers both in state and out of state. In April training was conducted on investigating domestic related homicides. The training was attended by over 160 Delaware law enforcement officers. Three Delaware officers also attended national training in California on the topic of domestic violence.

In December 2008 training was held on the topic of Self Defense/Predominant Aggressor and Officer Involved Domestic Violence.

In February 2008 the Domestic Violence Unit Coordinator along with the Director of Victim Services attended the IACP National Law Enforcement Trainer Development Program on Violence Against Women in South Carolina.

The Domestic Violence Unit along with the Victim Services Unit held the Fifth Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Motorcycle Ride on May 3, 2008. Over 200 riders participated in the event. During 2008, the Domestic Violence Unit received over 10,000 combined cases of criminal and non-criminal domestic incidents statewide for review, follow-up and referral.

### **Firearms Training Unit**

*Lieutenant Michael Berry*

The Delaware State Police Firearms Training Unit is staffed by five sworn employees of the Division of State Police and supported by three employees of Ramcor Corporation. All personnel are committed to providing members of the Division and allied law enforcement agencies with the tactical skills and knowledge required to work and survive in a law enforcement environment. The staff utilizes the most current and effective training tactics and techniques available, in the areas of Firearms Training, Defensive Tactics and Patrol Procedures. All training is provided by certified firearms instructors from within the Unit and throughout the Division of State Police and other Delaware law enforcement departments.

In 2008, the DSP FTU continued to provide basic recruit firearms training for the Division of State Police as well as most Delaware law enforcement agencies. During the year eighty-four recruits were each provided with approximately 115 hours of training necessary for safe and effective use of firearms related equipment and tactics. The FTU staff also provided mandatory and elective firearms related in-service training to incumbent members of the State Police and law enforcement agencies from throughout the state. Two sessions of mandatory annual firearms in-service training were provided to each member of the Division. In addition, each member received eight hours of Reality Based Active Shooter Response and Use of Cover/Movement Techniques, utilizing Force on Force Training Aids, such as Simmunitions and Paintball drills.

In 2008, the DSP FTU utilized the newly re-opened Indoor Shooting Facility located in Smyrna. The facility consists of a wet-trap, conveyor belt system and is designed to accept all calibers and gauges utilized by the law enforcement community. In order to reduce the hazardous material footprint and improve the environmental conditions for both instructors and shooters, Reduced Hazard Ammunition (lead and heavy-metal free primer, powder and projectile) is utilized on the range. This has resulted in a cleaner, healthier atmosphere and significantly reduced the costs associated with lead abatement and disposal. During 2008,

over 400,000 rounds of ammunition were expended, with no mechanical issues or hazardous material costs. All maintenance duties are performed by Ramcor Corporation employees, who are also responsible for monitoring the overall operation of the facility.

The DSP FTU continues to explore current training techniques, equipment and philosophies, while developing lesson plans which will adapt to future divisional needs.

### **Victim Services Section**

*Ms. Debra M. Reed*

The Victim Services Section is responsible for providing quality service to the citizens of Delaware, as well as visitors to our state, who may become a victim of crime or to those who have lost a loved one due to a sudden tragic death. The service may be in the form of crisis intervention, information and/or referrals. Our unit provides assistance to cases within the Delaware State Police jurisdiction as well as to over 35 other municipal departments throughout the state (Delaware Victim Center). The unit provides services to over 3,000 clients each year. All cases are provided with contact for up to one year and sometimes beyond.

In the past year we have hired two advocates to fill the unit vacancies. We were very pleased to hire Eunice Mercado back as our bilingual advocate. She is located at troop 6. Ms. Mercado provides a tremendous amount of support and expertise to Spanish speaking crime victims as well as police officers who are assisting those clients. Ms. Mercado constantly goes above and beyond the responsibilities for this position due to the language barriers that exist. She travels throughout the state to assist with cases as necessary.

We also welcomed Ms. Nancy Will to our Milford office location. Ms. Will has extensive experience working with crime victims, specifically domestic violence victims while employed with Beebe Medical Center for many years. In a short amount of time, Ms. Will has received numerous written comments from clients who praise her for her dedication and calming demeanor.

These ladies along, with the others located throughout the state, are a tremendous asset to the Division of State Police as well as the citizens and visitors of our state who enter our system by issues beyond their control. The unit is under the Direction of Debra Reed. Other unit members include Brenda Unruh, Terri Lang, Peggy Sutherland, Jennifer Butler, Veronica Colombo and Corrie Schmitt.

This year, Peggy Sutherland celebrated her 20th year of state service. Eunice Mercado and Jennifer Butler were both recognized for five years. All three had prior state service before joining the Delaware State Police.

The Victim Specialists are in an "on call rotation" to respond to requests for service 24 hours a day. The unit also operates a 24-hour toll free hotline. The Specialists are available to respond

to crime scenes, hospitals, homes, court hearings and/or to provide support by telephone. In addition to the civilian staff, approximately 25 sworn members of the division are trained to assist with victim service "call outs" throughout the state.

The unit continues to be actively involved in such initiatives as the Victims' Rights Task Force, Domestic Violence Task Force, Fatal Incident Review Board, Domestic Violence Advocacy Board as well as many others. Members of the unit also provide training to the DSP academy recruit classes, schools, hospitals, businesses and other outside agencies.

The unit is very actively involved in planning the Annual Crime Victims Tribute and candle light Vigil. 2009 will be the 18th annual Tribute in Delaware and 25th Nationwide. The event

honors crime victims and serves as a memorial to those who have lost their lives to a violent crime.

Members of the Victim Service Section continue to be very dedicated to providing quality service and support to crime victims as well as guidance to police and outside agencies.

For information or assistance regarding victim services, you can call 1-800-VICTIM-1 (1-800-842-8461).

## 2008 Delaware State Police Civilian of the Year - Grant Nash



On February 19, 2009, Colonel Thomas F. Mac Leish, Superintendent of the Delaware State Police, announced Grant Nash as the 2008 Civilian Employee of the Year. Approximately 150 people attended the banquet, which was held at and sponsored by, the Delaware State Troopers Association.

Grant received the prestigious award because of the critical role he assumes in the State Bureau of Identifications Firearm Transaction Approval Section, also known as FTAP and for his contributions serving our country in the Delaware Army National Guard.

Some of Grant's accomplishments include implementing an automated logging system for the tracking of reports generated by FTAP, making various processes within the office more efficient and serving as a liaison with DSP Information Support Services personnel to improve the electronic systems within the unit.

Grant began his employment with the DSP as a Cadet in October of 2004. During this time, he was a student at Delaware

Technical Community College majoring in human services/drug and alcohol counseling. As a Cadet, Grant served at Troop 3, and upon reaching, the age of 22 completed the Cadet program. Grant also had a strong desire to serve his country, and in April of 2002, he joined the Delaware Army National Guard and elected to become a military policeman.

Still pursuing his education and interest to become a Delaware Trooper, in January of 2005, he accepted a position at SBI in the Criminal History Section fingerprinting the public for background purposes. In October 2005, he assumed a new position in the Firearms Transaction Approval Section where he currently works.

In the spring of 2007, he was advised that his National Guard Unit was being deployed to Iraq. While in Iraq, Grant and other members of his National Guard Unit served in Baghdad, often under very hostile circumstances. Their primary mission included security of exterior compounds, as well as training recruits for the new Iraqi Police Force. In fact, Grant was part of an initiative in which the first Baghdad Police Academy was established for this training. From January through May of 2008, Grant participated in the training of approximately 15,000 Iraqi Police recruits. Grant returned safely from Iraq in June 2008 and assumed his assignment at FTAP.

In addition to his employment with DSP, Grant has been a volunteer firefighter for the Smyrna Fire Department for ten years. He is also a member of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society at Delaware Tech, admittance of which was based on his high academic performance.

Colonel Thomas F. Mac Leish recognized Grant as Civilian of the Year not only for what he does in the FTAP Section, which is commendable in and of itself, but also for his distinguished service in 2008 for protecting the citizens of Delaware and the United States.

## 2007 Delaware State Police Trooper of the Year - Detective Mary Bartkowski



In May of 2008, Colonel Thomas F. Mac Leish announced that Detective Mary Bartkowski, a 13-year veteran, was the 2007 Trooper of the Year. Detective Bartkowski handled several high-profile cases that attracted much attention from the media and the public. They include the following in which she was the lead investigator:

### **Serial Rapist Investigation**

During late summer in 2007, the State Police Major Crimes Unit developed information to support that there was a serial rapist victimizing women in New Castle County. Investigation and analysis conducted by the unit determined that many of the victims were prostitutes, and that they had voluntarily entered the rapist's vehicle and were driven to a secluded area where they were forced to perform sexual intercourse, often at knifepoint. Many of these incidents went unreported by the victims, due to the stigma attached to their chosen profession and the assumed risks involved. Detective Bartkowski responded by launching a public awareness campaign with the assistance of the media and patrol troopers, essentially taking the message to the streets that this behavior would not be tolerated. Dozens of known prostitutes were contacted and interviewed both on the streets and in prison. Numerous victims and potential leads were developed from this work. With a clearer picture of the suspect's habits, developed from the exhaustive efforts, investigators determined when and where the suspect would most likely rape his next victim. The collective resources of Criminal Investigation Unit were then utilized to place surveillance teams in that area. These efforts paid off in a matter of weeks; the suspect was apprehended as he drove his next victim to the banks of the C & D Canal to rape her. Fourteen separate attacks were linked to the suspect. He is currently incarcerated, awaiting trial.

### **Abandoned Baby Case**

During the month of June 2007, a baby boy was left in the parking lot of the Christiana Medical Center in Newark. A note was left with the child indicating that he was being abandoned for financial reasons. Detective Bartkowski was assigned as the lead investigator. Once again, using the media, she broadcasted photographs of the child in the hope that someone would recognize him. These efforts worked; a landlord in Hightstown, New Jersey, recognized the child and identified his mother as his tenant. The

baby boy was further identified by his pediatrician in New Jersey. The case took a turn when it was learned that his mother was nowhere to be found. It took another turn when it was discovered that the boy's mother was suspected of having an affair with a married man who was believed to be the boy's father. Detective Bartkowski continued to build this child abandonment case and closely worked with New Jersey authorities in an attempt to locate the missing mother or to determine if she had been the victim of foul play. As the investigation progressed, she strengthened the abandonment case against the married man, and further determined that he was the father of the abandoned child. This case gained national media attention for its twists and turns. Eventually, she built her case to the point that she had enough to charge the father with the abandonment. In addition, she worked with the Delaware Attorney General's Office to negotiate his return from Italy and his surrender in August of 2007. In late 2007, he pleaded guilty to Child Abandonment and Reckless Endangering 2nd Degree and was sentenced to probation. The Missing Person case in New Jersey continued to progress: In March of 2008, the father was charged by Mercer County authorities with murdering his mistress and mother of his child. The information sharing and assistance provided by Detective Bartkowski greatly aided New Jersey authorities in their investigation.

### **College Shooting**

In September 2007, Detective Bartkowski was assigned to investigate violence on the campus of Goldey Beacom College in Wilmington. A subject, armed with a handgun fired several shots toward an occupied vehicle in a parking lot during an early morning altercation. No one was injured by the gunfire; however, several lives were unnecessarily put at risk. The suspect fled prior to police arrival. Detective Bartkowski responded to the scene and conducted a very thorough investigation. She successfully identified the suspect, a Goldey Beacom student, and linked him to this crime. He surrendered to authorities and was charged with numerous felony charges. He has since pleaded guilty to two felonies and is awaiting sentencing. This case also received much attention due to the rise in violence on college campuses

These investigations were vastly different in their facts and circumstances and how they affected the citizens of Delaware. They are very much alike in the fact that they were solved by quality investigations conducted by Detective Bartkowski. These cases clearly demonstrate that she is a very talented investigator adaptable to various situations.

During her acceptance speech, Detective Bartkowski expressed her gratitude for being selected as the 2007 Trooper of the Year and commended all of the other nominees for their outstanding accomplishments. Detective Bartkowski acknowledged the sacrifice her family has made and expressed her gratitude for their support throughout her career. She referenced several co-workers and leaders within the agency and thanked them for all their support and help.

## 2008 At A Glance

### Troop 1 (Patrol)

Complaints	16,174
NPR	9,390
Traffic Arrests	14,132
DUI Arrests	509
Criminal Arrests	3,607
Officers	39

### Troop 4 (Patrol)

Complaints	12,359
NPR	5,897
Traffic Arrests	10,543
DUI Arrests	409
Criminal Arrests	1,730
Officers	31

### Troop 9 (Patrol)

Complaints	9,354
NPR	5,488
Traffic Arrests	13,288
DUI Arrests	292
Criminal Arrests	1,392
Officers	29

### Troop 2 (Patrol)

Complaints	21,464
NPR	13,100
Traffic Arrests	17,255
DUI Arrests	699
Criminal Arrests	3,678
Officers	45

### Troop 4 (Criminal)

Complaints	2,089
Follow-ups	1,096
Criminal Arrests	4,927
Clearances	1,430
Officers	23

### Patrol Troops Total

Complaints	138,676
NPR	73,971
Traffic Arrests	117,466
DUI Arrests	4,000
Criminal Arrests	25,357
Officers	316

### Troop 2 (Criminal)

Complaints	1,269
Follow-ups	834
Criminal Arrests	1,594
Clearances	799
Officers	25

### Troop 5 (Patrol)

Complaints	14,307
NPR	5,612
Traffic Arrests	13,365
DUI Arrests	463
Criminal Arrests	3,384
Officers	36

### Criminal Troops Total

Complaints	5,103
Follow-ups	2,942
Criminal Arrests	10,709
Clearances	3,339
Officers	63

### Troop 3 (Patrol)

Complaints	22,890
NPR	11,202
Traffic Arrests	17,243
DUI Arrests	532
Criminal Arrests	4,961
Officers	48

### Troop 6 (Patrol)

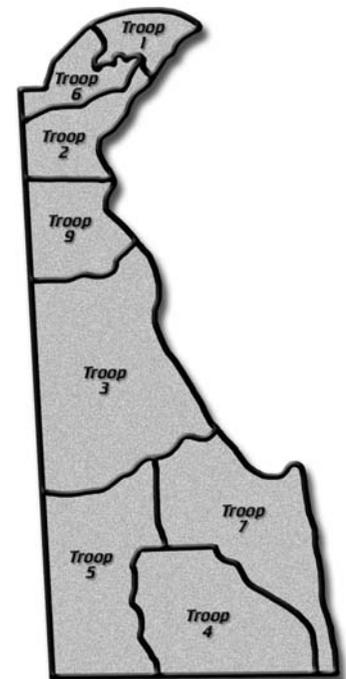
Complaints	23,041
NPR	13,279
Traffic Arrests	14,696
DUI Arrests	486
Criminal Arrests	3,393
Officers	46

### Troop 3 (Criminal)

Complaints	1,745
Follow-ups	1,012
Criminal Arrests	4,188
Clearances	1,110
Officers	15

### Troop 7 (Patrol)

Complaints	19,087
NPR	10,003
Traffic Arrests	16,944
DUI Arrests	610
Criminal Arrests	3,212
Officers	42



*The 2008 Delaware State Police Annual Report is dedicated to the members of the Delaware State Police who have made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting the citizens and visitors of the State of Delaware.*



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**Corporal James D. Orvis**  
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