



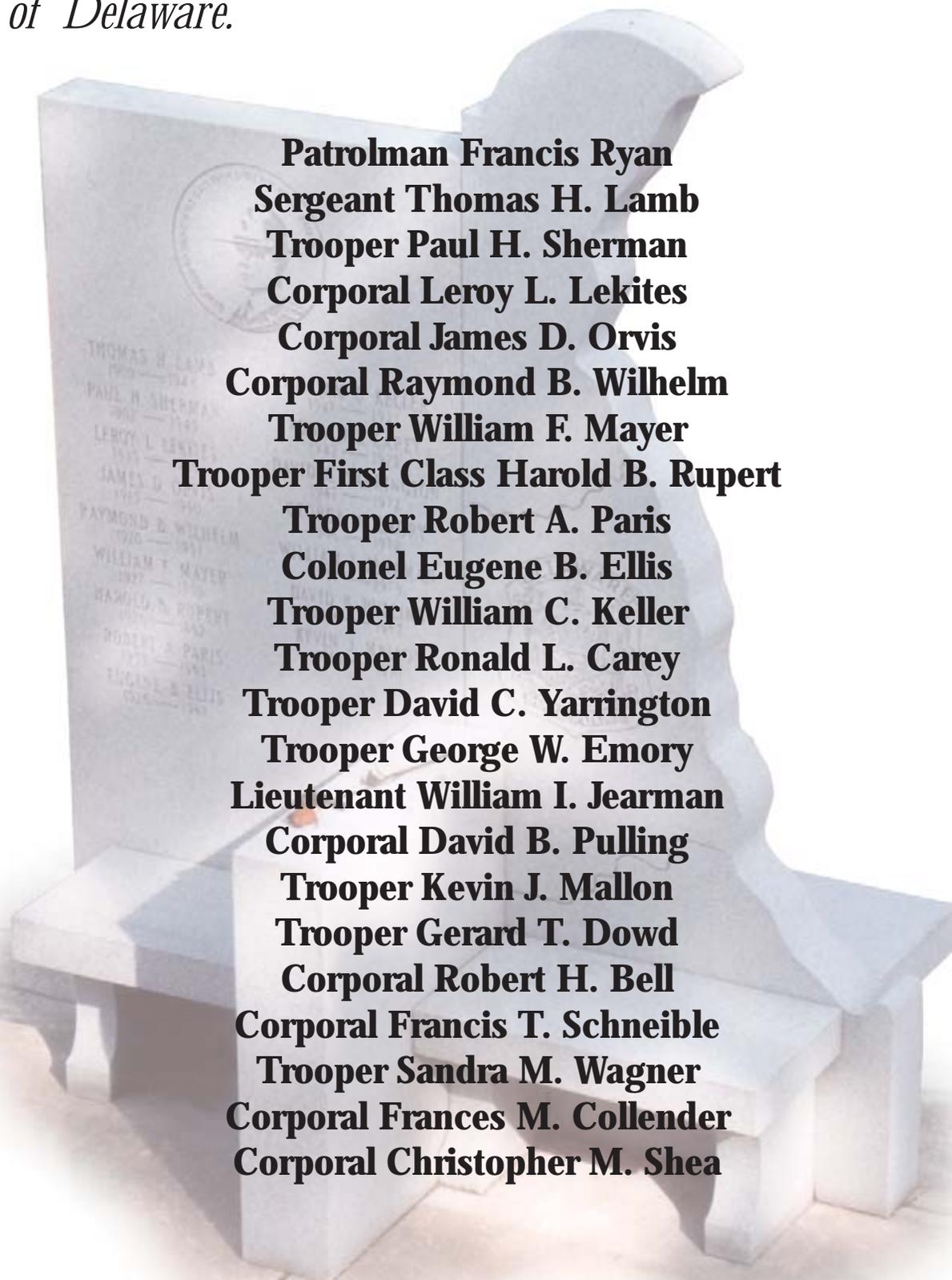
# ***DELAWARE STATE POLICE***

## ***2012 Annual Report***



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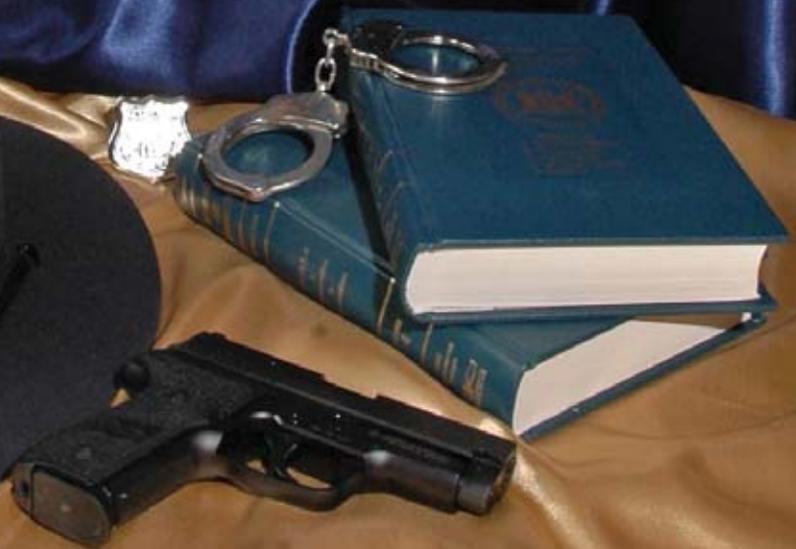
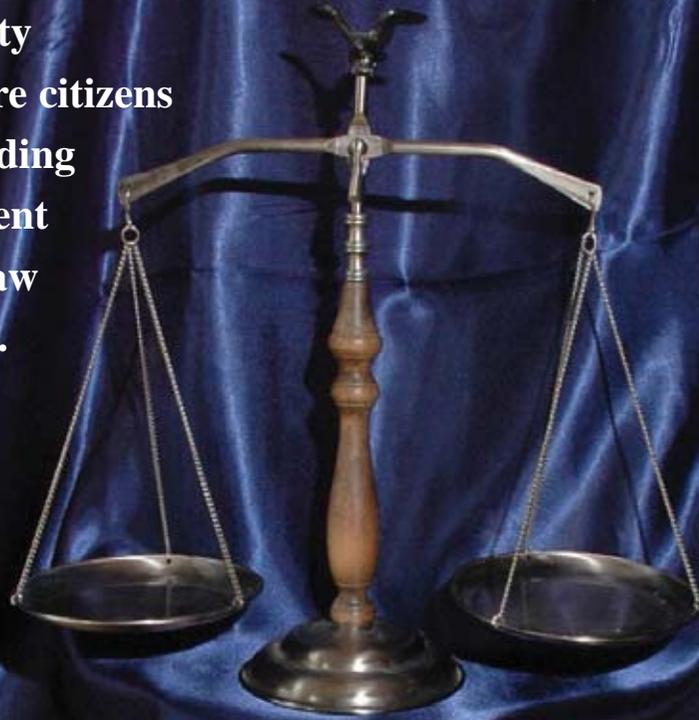
*The 2012 Delaware State Police Annual Report is dedicated to the members of the Delaware State Police who have made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting the citizens and visitors of the State of Delaware.*



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# *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* ★

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**The Honorable Lewis D. Schiliro  
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March 20, 2013

To the Citizens of Delaware:

The men and women of the Delaware State Police (DSP), both uniform and civilian, perform outstanding work every day. The team effort to make this operation run smoothly is worthy of special praise as it resulted in numerous accomplishments throughout the past year. With great sacrifice and selfless dedication, they answered the call to duty during snowstorms, Super Storm Sandy and their day to day activities holding the interest of our citizens in the highest regard. I also extend a sincere thank you to Governor Jack Markell for his continuing leadership, support and unwavering commitment to public safety throughout the past year.

In 2012, the Division witnessed a historic change, following the retirement of Col. Robert M. Coupe. We witnessed the first ever Divisional Change of Command Ceremony officially marking the transfer of command to Col. Nathaniel McQueen. His tenure as Superintendent began with Lt. Col. James Paige, Major Melissa Zebley, Major Monroe Hudson, Major Chip Simpson and Major John Evans as his leadership team. This team places DSP in an exemplary position to continue to meet the challenges ahead. Colonel McQueen and his executive leadership are developing a vision that is sure to leave the Delaware State Police better positioned for the future.

The Delaware State Police patrolled the streets of the City of Wilmington again this year in support of Operation Pressure Point. The continued DSP presence through community patrols not only provided additional law enforcement resources in the City but also exemplified its commitment to fighting violent crime throughout our State. DSP remains committed to working with the Wilmington Police Department and other social service agencies to make the City safer for all residents and visitors.

One significant accomplishment of the past year is a direct result of the Division's ongoing commitment to public safety. In 2012, DSP saw a 5% reduction in violent crime within its jurisdiction. Forcible sex offenses were an area showing major reduction with cases down by 13%. While DSP saw a reduction in robberies in the past year, even more compelling is the 25% reduction in robbery cases compared to 2010 and the reduction in burglary cases by 14%. I join Delaware's citizens in thanking DSP for providing a safer Delaware.

Additionally, this year also saw the continuation of the DSP Marine Unit and the formation of the DSP Mounted Patrol Unit. The Mounted Unit is comprised of three horses deployed to foster a sense of cooperation and common purpose within the community. This unit also serves and celebrates the proud tradition and history of the Delaware State Police.

Please join me in extending sincere thanks and congratulations to the men and women of the Delaware State Police for a year filled with many accomplishments and successes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Schiliro', written in a cursive style.

Lewis D. Schiliro, Secretary

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To My Fellow Delawareans:

As the Superintendent of the Delaware State Police, I am proud to submit the Annual Report of the Delaware State Police for 2012. This report highlights the contributions, achievements, and sacrifices of the men and women of the Delaware State Police.

In 2012, we witnessed some historic changes and additions to the Delaware State Police that included conducting the Division's very first "Change of Command" ceremony when Colonel Robert M. Coupe retired after 28 years of dedicated service to our state. The Division also formed a voluntary Mounted Patrol Unit designed to augment the Honor Guard Unit. We also honored our civilian and sworn military personnel by creating the Division's first Military Service Award and ceremonies, held to recognize our members for their service, both at home and abroad, in all branches of the United States Military.

As we move ahead to 2013, the Delaware State Police intend to focus on strengthening community partnerships, violent crime reduction, and leveraging technology to improve our efficiency. The men and women of the Delaware State Police are ready to meet the challenges that are ahead and provide professional, competent, and compassionate law enforcement services to the citizens of our great state. Together with the continued support and leadership of Governor Jack Markell, Secretary of the Department of Safety and Homeland Security Lewis Schiliro, members of the General Assembly, and the citizens we serve, we will carry the Division into the future.

I am truly blessed and honored by the privilege to serve as the 25<sup>th</sup> Superintendent of the Delaware State Police. I will continue to safe guard the legacy, reputation, and tradition of the Delaware State Police.

Sincerely,

Colonel Nathaniel McQueen, Jr.  
Superintendent

# *Executive Staff*



*Colonel Nathaniel McQueen  
Superintendent*



*Lt. Colonel James Paige  
Deputy Superintendent*



*Major John Evans  
Administrative Officer*



*Major Monroe Hudson  
Special Operations Officer*



*Major Charles Simpson  
South Operations Officer*



*Major Melissa Zebley  
North Operations Officer*

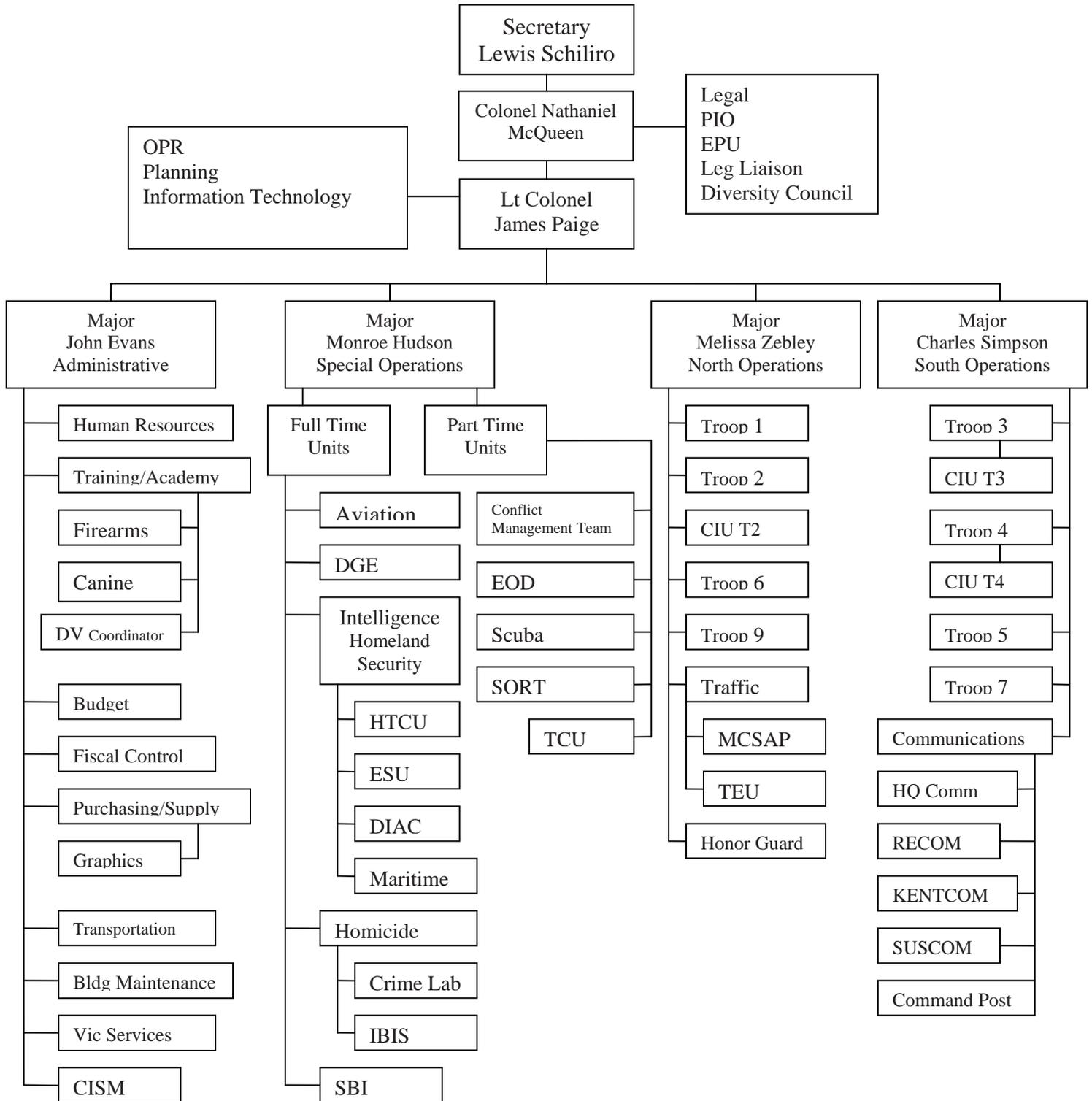
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## Troop 1

**Captain Michael A. Reader**

The “First Troop in the First State” has been an icon, located at the top of Penny Hill since 1923. Penny Hill has a rich history of tradition and outstanding public service. The forty-one troopers currently assigned to Troop 1 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.

Throughout 2012, Troop 1 personnel continued coordinating with the United States Secret Service for protection of Vice President Joseph R. Biden. This duty included routine escorts from the Vice President’s residence, as well as, visits from other dignitaries. During the numerous Vice Presidential details, Troop 1 Troopers provided distinguished service in security and motorcade functions.

In 2012, uniformed Troopers continued to participate in Operation Pressure Point. This is a joint initiative with the Wilmington Police Department to target high crime areas in an effort to reduce violent crime. The OPP detail is based out of Troop 1 and includes Troopers from throughout the State. Troop 1 Troopers continue to play an integral role in the success of this operation.

Since the fall of 2003, Troop 1 crime fighting and prevention efforts have been directed by Lieutenant Michael Eisenhardt. In March 2012, Lt. Michael Eisenhardt retired from the division after 32 years of dedicated service. He was replaced by Lt. Edward Schiavi who continued to target areas of high criminal activity and focused on repeat criminal offenders. Under Lt. Schiavi’s direction, the Troop 1 retail theft efforts were spearheaded by Corporal Scott Mauchin and Corporal John Day. During the busy holiday season, the retail theft unit increased its staffing and added Corporal Rick Deskis and Corporal Damian Fuscellaro to handle an ever increasing complaint load. The retail theft unit continued to be vital in forging relationships with our retail security partners.

Traffic Lieutenant Jennifer Griffin assumed the highway safety reigns for the majority of 2012, until her transfer. Newly promoted Lt. John Laird assumed the Traffic Lieutenant role in September of 2012. 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. Lieutenant Laird oversaw numerous highway safety initiatives to include speed, seat belt and DUI checkpoints. Master Corporal Troy Pezzuto continued to utilize the motorcycle unit to coordinate enforcement and educational initiatives in targeted areas. During 2012, Master Corporal Pezzuto utilized the motor unit for 43 motor assignments totaling 195 hours on motor details. Highway safety was indeed a true team

effort which included the Troop administration as well as cooperation from the patrol Troopers.

Troop 1 award winners were once again honored for their dedication and hard work. The awards recipients were as follows: Troop 1’s Trooper of the year- Cpl. Scott Mauchin and Cpl. John Day, Traffic Ace-TFC William Yeldell, DUI Ace-Corporal Will Yeldell and Crime Fighting Ace-Cpl. Bobby Boyd.

To highlight one individual effort or incident would be a disservice to the entire Troop. Troop-1 is well known as a very cohesive, close knit unit of hard working Troopers who consistently go well above and beyond what is expected.

## Troop 2 Patrol

**Captain Melissa Hukill**

Troop 2 is located on US Route 40, just east of Delaware Route 896 in Newark. Fifty-two uniformed troopers and four civilian support personnel are assigned to this building. The troopers patrol the area east of Interstate 95 from the Maryland state line to the Wilmington city limits. They are part of the immense Troop 2 facility which houses other entities to include the Criminal Investigative Unit, Drug Diversion Unit, State Bureau of Identification and the Collision Reconstruction Unit.

Captain Melissa Hukill has been the Troop Commander at Troop 2 since September of 2009. Lieutenant Daniel Hall served as Troop 2’s Criminal Lieutenant until September 2012 when Lt Robert Jones took over that position. Lieutenant Matthew Cox serves as Troop 2’s Traffic Lieutenant.

Traffic operations and enforcement are overseen by Lieutenant Matthew Cox. These efforts have a major impact on keeping our roadways safe and in saving lives. Traffic enforcement also has a favorable impact on reducing the number of collisions. Troopers often focus their efforts on hotspots, for example, areas that have seen an increase in collisions. In addition, troopers also target speeders, reckless, aggressive and drunk drivers.

Throughout the year, troopers partnered with the Office of Highway Safety conducting seatbelt, safety, and DUI checkpoints and patrols. Also in 2012, members of Troop 2 participated in the Highway Safety Awareness Program. For this program, troopers responded to SR 1, I-95, I-495 and specific locations in the Troop 2 patrol area twice a month. They would target speeding, aggressive driving and seatbelt violations.

During 2012, troopers handled 1,786 property damage and 480 personal injury collisions. Members of the Crash Reconstruction Unit investigated 16 fatality crashes that occurred in Troop 2’s patrol territory. Troop 2 Troopers also issued 17,015 traffic citations and arrested 399 individuals for DUI. Troop 2 troopers issued 2,331 seatbelt arrests. Even with this exceptional enforcement, 17 citizens lost their lives

on roadways within Troop 2's coverage area. Troopers will continue their efforts in attempting to reduce the likelihood of these tragic events.

Criminal enforcement efforts were under the oversight of Lieutenant Daniel Hall through September 2012 then Lt Robert Jones the rest of the year. Troopers on patrol respond to calls for service and focus on outward signs of criminal activity. Troopers are also vigilant in detecting less visible criminal activity while on patrol. Their efforts often result in the apprehension of criminals in the progress of committing crimes. These troopers communicate daily with detectives and other specialized units providing them continuous updates on what is happening on the streets. This often leads to the launching of major investigations and the solving of crimes. Troopers handled 603 felony and 3,280 misdemeanor investigations during the year. This resulted in 431 felony and 2,170 misdemeanor arrests.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit (CRU) is responsible for investigating all fatal motor vehicle collisions that occur within State Police area of responsibility within New Castle County, as well as, serious personal injury collisions, personal injury departmental collisions and to provide support services to municipal agencies and CIU by mapping scenes. In 2012, the four investigators in the unit handled a total of 49 fatal collision investigations, representing 48% of all fatal accidents in the state, with a total complaint load of 84 cases. In an effort to affect the crash rate involving teen drivers, the CRU members take their experiences and knowledge to high schools throughout the county, presenting the Troopers Educating About Highway Safety program to driver's education classes and auditoriums during prom season.

In addition to the service given on patrol, numerous Troop 2 personnel strengthen the community by participating in non-profit and charity events throughout the year. Some of these programs include the Special Olympics' Torch Run, Pigskin Pass, Polar Bear Plunge, Ride to the Tide, Dodgeball Madness, Red Robin Tip a Cop, Over the Edge, Summer Games, Fall Festival, and the Special Olympics swimming, basketball, and bowling events. During many of these events, troopers receive the honor of placing the award medals around the necks of the participants and winners, personally congratulating them on their accomplishments. The Law Enforcement Memorial Run, Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS) Run and the National Police Memorial are other popular events among the troopers. Troop 2 Troopers also participated in approximately 45 community service events throughout 2012.

In May, Troop 2 worked in conjunction with the Christiana, and Aetna Fire Companies to host its Annual Public Safety Awareness Open House. The facility was open for tours and many police and fire exhibitions were displayed to the public. This community interaction continues long beyond just that one day of the year. Throughout the entire year, numerous tours for various groups are conducted to give the community a better understanding of what is occurring inside the building

and of what role the troopers serve in their community. Also in May, members of Troop 2 assisted the Ronnie Williams Foundation with their annual Trooper Ron's Run. In addition, the Trooper Robert Paris Community Room, dedicated to the fallen trooper, provides a large conference space that serves as a meeting spot for community groups. It was utilized approximately 240 times in 2012 by thousands of visitors.

Throughout the year, members of Troop 2 patrol provided students from the University of Delaware, Delaware Technical Community College, and Wilmington University, applicant's in the Delaware State Police hiring process, and other individuals who are hoping for a career in law enforcement with a ride along experience.

Troop 2 is fortunate to have so many hardworking men and women willing to work around the clock to protect the citizens and those visiting Delaware. The Troop 2 area is large, densely populated and consequently very busy. The daily pace at the troop is therefore both demanding and challenging, but most troopers choose an assignment at Troop 2 namely for this reason.

## ***Troop 2 CIU***

### **Captain John Evans**

The Criminal Investigative Unit (CIU) at Troop 2 provides support to the four patrol troops in New Castle County (Troops 1, 2, 6 & 9). CIU's primary focus is to provide support in the area of criminal investigations. During weather related and other emergencies the CIU also provides assistance to the patrol function in areas of calls for service and traffic safety.

CIU is currently staffed with sixty four sworn Troopers, two Civilian Auto Theft Technicians, eight Agents from the Drug Diversion Unit and three Probation Officers assigned to the Governor's Task Force. The CIU is under the command of Captain John Evans, Lieutenant Joseph Spagnolo and Lieutenant Daniel Meadows with assistance from Mrs. JoAnn Burge. 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 for their motivation to solve crimes. They are assigned to specialized investigative units that concentrate on specific crimes. These units include Robbery, Property Crimes, Financial Crimes, Major Crimes, Polygraph, Youth Aid, Drugs, Evidence Detection and Court Liaison. In addition, a CIU drug investigator participates full-time in a federal task force with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA).

Additional units within the CIU at Troop 2 are the Governor's Task Force (GTF), the Career Criminal Unit (CCU), the School Resource Officers (SROs) and the Drug Diversion Unit (DDU). The GTF is a unit comprised of DSP Troopers and officers from Delaware Probation and Parole. GTF focuses on

offenders, who are on probation and violating conditions of their release from prison by their continued criminal activity.

CCU has a similar mission; however, they focus on repeat offenders, who are often involved in some type of organized or pattern-type crime. CCU is also responsible for surveillance operations in support of the other detective squads. Nineteen SROs are assigned full-time to specific high schools or middle schools in New Castle County. The SROs also work closely with detectives from the Youth Aid Unit to cover over sixty additional schools in the County.

The eight civilian Agents and one sworn Trooper assigned to the Drug Diversion Unit are responsible for investigating the diversion of legal drugs into illegal channels and the acquiring or obtaining of controlled substances by illegal methods. In 2012, The DDU investigated 403 cases resulting in numerous defendants being arrested for multiple criminal charges.

The Drug Unit investigates offenses related to the possession and distribution of illegal substances, while the GTF conducts proactive policing impacting quality of life concerns in historically problematic geographic areas. GTF also assists the Department of Corrections, Probation and Parole, in monitoring the compliance of active probationers. In 2012, the Drug Unit and GTF seized over 4400 grams of cocaine, 209.78 grams of heroin, over 100 lbs. of marijuana and a large assortment of pills. In addition, they seized 27 firearms, made 588 criminal arrests and conducted 1,759 checks on probationers.

In 2012, the Troop 2 CIU investigated and managed a significant caseload including 385 robberies, 61 sexual assaults and 523 burglaries. In addition, our Drug Diversion Unit conducted 403 investigations. The Financial Crimes Unit handled 136 felony level fraud cases and 336 youth related crimes were investigated by the Youth Aid Unit. Approximately 612 complaints were investigated by our Student Resource Officers (SROs) in the schools in New Castle County which is an increase from 550 in 2011.

Despite these cases being manpower intensive and requiring extensive resources, the Troop 2 CIU continued to work together toward the common goal of bringing those responsible for committing felonious acts to justice. The skill, experience and training of the investigators at the Troop 2 CIU resulted in clearance rates for sexual assaults, robberies and burglaries being well above the National average. These clearance rates and the successful outcome of the investigations is a direct reflection of the hard work, talent, dedication, commitment and teamwork exhibited daily by the men and women of the Troop 2 CIU.

The detectives at the Troop 2 CIU look forward to the challenges to come in 2013 and through their on-going training and experience, will continue to serve the citizens and visitors of the state in an exemplary and professional manner by providing competent and compassionate law enforcement services.

## **Troop 3**

**Captain Galen M. Purcell**

Delaware State Police Troop 3 is located on US Route 13A between Woodside and Camden. Currently commanded by Captain Galen M. Purcell, Troop 3 consists of 86 sworn officers and three 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 approximately 155,000 people. As with all Delaware State Police troops, Troop 3 is a full-service police agency. In 2012, Troop 3 personnel handled 52,162 complaints. This represents an 11% increase from 2011.

On a yearly basis, Troop 3 supports the operations of the Delaware State Fair, the NASCAR races at Dover Downs International Speedway, as well as with community events such as "Safe Summer Day" at Brecknock Park.

The Troop 3 Patrol Section is under the command of Lt. Charles Sawchenko. The Patrol Section includes four shifts, each supervised by a sergeant. During 2012 the Patrol Section made 14,114 traffic arrests, and 506 DUI arrests. TFC Scott Weaver was selected as the Troop 3 Patrol Trooper of the Year for his professional service to the citizens of Kent County. Three troopers are assigned to the Crash Reconstruction Unit (CRU). In 2012, 19 fatal crashes in Kent County were handled by CRU. This represents a 26% increase over the previous year.

The Criminal Investigative Unit (CIU), under the command of Lt. James P. Fraley, consists of seventeen detectives who are assigned to several units including Major Crimes, Property Crimes, Domestic Violence, Fraud, Youth Aid, and the Evidence Detection Unit. In 2012, the CIU handled 2,877 cases and made 3,672 arrests, as well as recovering \$277,358.70 in property. Detective Scott Horsman was recognized as the Troop 3 Detective of the Year for 2012 for his outstanding and consistent efforts in handling numerous challenging investigations.

The Kent Drug Unit and Governor's Task Force were commanded by Lt. Robert Wallace. The Kent Drug Unit is responsible for the investigation of drug distribution organizations and their networks in Kent County. During 2012 the Kent Drug Unit along with Kent GTF and Dover Police Department concluded a ten month investigation into a drug distribution network in Kent County entitled "Operation Brooks and Done". The multi-state investigation led to the indictment of 14 people on racketeering, drug dealing, money laundering and related charges. The investigation focused on mid and upper level cocaine dealers. Over two and one half kilograms of cocaine were seized along with marijuana, prescription pills, 6 handguns, 2 ballistic vests, over \$50,000 in suspected drug proceeds, 6 vehicles and a residence. Other local, state and federal agencies assisted with this investigation.

Kent County experienced a significant increase in heroin arrests and seizures in 2012, as well as, methamphetamine arrests. Twelve methamphetamine laboratories and/or dumpsites were located in the county by the State Police. These locations posed a risk to the community at large as well as the environment due to the chemicals used in the production of methamphetamine.

The Kent County Governor's Task Force (GTF) continued its partnership with Probation and Parole focusing their enforcement on high risk repeat offenders and identified crime hot spots throughout Kent County. GTF also played a significant role in the "Operation Brooks and Done" investigation. GTF effectively removed 59 guns from the streets during the year.

During 2012 the Kent Drug Unit and GTF arrested 508 people on 1,504 criminal charges, seized \$93,954 cash, \$55,700 in other assets, and located 12 methamphetamine laboratories/dump sites, while assisting local police departments with numerous others. Additionally, they executed 86 search warrants, recovered 81 firearms, 2,248 grams of cocaine, 85,244 grams of marijuana, 2,766 prescription pills, nearly 6,000 bags of heroin, as well as MDMA, methamphetamine, "bath salts" and synthetic cannabinoids.

The Kent County Crime Watch Association completed its twelfth year and is still going strong. There are currently over 50 communities active in the association, and anyone interested in starting a crime watch in their neighborhood is encouraged to contact Troop 3. As in past years, the men and women of the Delaware State Police Troop 3 look forward to serving the citizens of Kent County and the State of Delaware.

## Troop 4

Captain Sean E. Moriarty



Delaware State Police Troop 4 is located on US Route 113 in Georgetown. It is the only State Police Troop in Sussex County housing both criminal investigators and uniformed patrol. Troop 4 is comprised of uniformed troopers, detectives, and civilian members. Those members encompass patrol, major crimes, property crimes, white-collar crimes, school resource officers/youth, evidence detection, polygraph, governor's task force, drug unit, community outreach officer, victim services, and the court liaison officer. Patrol troopers cover 349 square miles of territory. Detectives investigate significant crimes and

quality of life issues throughout the entire county, encompassing 973 square miles of territory.

In 2012, the Troop's sworn personnel fluctuated between 77 and 85 sworn personnel throughout the year. The personnel complement was comprised of 39 patrol officers, 23 criminal investigators, five school resource officers/youth, five Governor's Task Force officers, five drug investigators, one community liaison, one court liaison, five civilians and four administrators as of December 30, 2012.

The troop administration was comprised of the following: Captain Sean Moriarty (Troop Commander), Lieutenant Randy Fisher (Major Crimes, Property Crimes, Financial/White-collar Crimes, Polygraph, and the Evidence Units), Lieutenant Daniel Sponaugle (Sussex Drug Unit, The Governor's Task Force, Youth/School Resource, and Community Liaison), and Lieutenant Tracy Condon (Uniformed Patrol/Traffic).

As of December 30, 2012, the patrol sergeants consisted of Lee Weller (A Shift), Mark Hudson (B Shift), John S. Evans (C Shift), and Christy Ballinger (D Shift). The C.I.U. sergeants were Keith Marvel (EDU), Jerry Windish (Major Crimes), Chuck Groce (Financial Crimes), and John McColgan (Property Crimes). The sergeants for Youth/SRO, Drugs, and GTF were Bernard Miller, Matthew Zolper, and Frank Fuscillaro, respectfully.

In 2012, Troop 4 obtained significant capitol improvement including a new perimeter security fence to address undercover officer safety concerns and prisoner containment, a new evidence building to store large items and marijuana plants, electronic access (card key) panels and the completion of an HVAC system to the main Troop building. The below pictures are of Troop 4 before and after the security fence installation.



On May 3, 2012, Troop 4 paid tribute to Corporal LeRoy L. LeKites who was killed in the line of duty on January 13, 1950. Corporal LeRoy L. LeKites was

killed instantly just north of Selbyville, Delaware as he assisted a second trooper who was investigating a motor vehicle accident. He was struck as he attempted to flag down a vehicle which was approaching "at a very high rate of speed." LeKites was a six year veteran at the time. He was pronounced dead upon his arrival at the hospital. A sign was erected to memorialize Cpl. LeKites and the ultimate sacrifice he made for the State of Delaware.

In October, "Superstorm Sandy" struck the Delmarva Peninsula causing property damage and flooding. Troop 4 troopers were stationed and responded with the National Guard

and Fire Department personnel from four locations in the Troop territory throughout the entire storm. Thereafter, they continued to assist residents and visitors to Delaware in restoring communities and infrastructure. The below picture is State Route One at the Indian River Inlet Bridge.



Throughout the year, patrol troopers continued to be at the forefront of several proactive law enforcement initiatives. During 2012, Troopers responded to 17,031 criminal and traffic complaints. Patrol personnel made 14,240 traffic arrests and 315 driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs arrests. They wrote 11,091 criminal reports, and made 2,444 criminal arrests. They handled 302 personal injury motor vehicle accidents, 1,068 property motor vehicle accidents, and assisted with 12 fatal motor vehicle accidents that occurred in Troop 4's territory in 2012.

Troop 4's detectives investigated over 3,281 significant cases and assisted with an additional 1,567 cases in 2012. They made 5,908 criminal arrests (5,536 adult and 372 juvenile arrest), executed 209 search warrants; and they recovered approximately \$61,8473.56 worth of stolen property. The Financial Crimes Unit investigated a host of white collar crime throughout the year which included identity thefts, embezzlements and counterfeit money. Property crimes detectives investigated 1,434 burglaries, and had a 39% clearance rate. Major Crimes detectives investigated several high profile incidents throughout the year in Sussex County. They investigated 84 robberies, and had a 58% clearance rate. They investigated 179 sexual assaults, which resulted in an 87% clearance rate, and they assisted the Homicide Unit with four homicide cases with a 100% clearance rate.

The Evidence Detection Unit (EDU) handled 485 calls for service in 2012. Those requests ranged from processing collected evidence to assisting the DSP and Maryland State Police Homicide Units with multiple crime scenes. In 2012, detectives responded to 50 suspicious death cases: 23 were determined to be suicides. The unit also operated and maintained the evidence lockers at Troop 4, Troop 5 and Troop 7. The Troop's permanent evidence locker contained the majority of the evidence collected by the three troops in Sussex County. In addition, this unit prepared evidence transmittal letters and delivered evidence to the Medical Examiner's DNA Laboratory for examination in 24 cases. They Members of this unit also participated in several demonstrations at local schools through-

out Sussex County. Some of the significant cases handled by detectives in 2012 are as follows.

- On April 26, 2012, Major Crimes and EDU detectives responded to Liden School Road West of Greenwood to investigate a home invasion/double homicide involving victims Harvey and Carol Cashwell. Detectives worked with the DSP Homicide Unit, and soon developed Michael Emory and his girlfriend as suspects. The suspects were linked to the crimes and arrested for Murder.
- On June 15, 2012, Nicole Bennett was reported missing by her husband when she failed to return home from her place of employment at the Bay Shore Church in Gumboro. A few hours later, the victim's body was discovered off a back road near Whaleyville, MD. Major Crimes and EDU detectives assisted the Maryland State Police with numerous searches. During the course of the investigation, biological evidence was recovered from the victim's body that matched another employee named Matthew Burton. Burton was arrested in Maryland for Murder.
- On June 18, 2012, Major Crimes and EDU detectives responded to the Atlantic Oceanside Motel in Dewey Beach after Victim Danielle Mehlman was found stabbed to death by the cleaning crew. Pawan Kumar was identified as the suspect and investigators were attempting to locate him. Kumar was eventually located in a New Jersey hotel room where he had committed suicide.
- On November 5, 2012 at approximately 1300 hours, troopers responded to a 911 call on Doc Frame Road in Millsboro. Upon their arrival, they discovered Victim Clifford Paynter deceased on the living room floor with a gunshot wound to his chest. Major Crimes and EDU detectives assisted the Homicide Unit with the investigation, which determined that the suspect's stepson, Cullen Phillips, had shot the victim with an assault rifle following an argument. Phillips had fled the scene. However, he was eventually apprehended and charged with Murder.
- On December 7, 2012, several shots from a rifle were fired into the home of Dewey Beach Police Officer on SR 24 East of Laurel. Major Crimes and EDU detectives responded and recovered evidence from this shooting. Evidence from this case along with evidence recovered from similar shooting incidents at police officers' residences in Maryland were collected and sent to the FFSU for ballistic analysis. The analysis revealed that the same rifle was used in one of the MD cases. An initiative was put into place and a possible vehicle was identified and stopped by patrol. During a search of the vehicle, a 7.62 rifle round was discovered. The investigation continued and led to a search warrant in Laurel where a 7.62 caliber rifle was located. The weapon was examined and a positive match was made to the shootings in Delaware and Maryland. David Watson and Orrin Joudrey were both arrested for Attempted Murder.



In 2012, Master Corporal George Camacho served as the DSP Community Liaison for Sussex County. He worked with over 35 citizens and community groups throughout the year to foster positive relationships,

crime prevention plans and strategies and the creation of citizen/neighborhood crime watches. He also assisted with police prosecution and court liaison duties throughout the year.

In terms of succession planning, Troop 4 has always maintained a strong interest in developing youth. The Troop 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 2012, the four county wide SRO's handled 260 cases, 18 felony arrests and 175 misdemeanor arrests. In addition to addressing incidents, they served as positive role models, provided crime prevention, and they worked with schools to educate and develop critical incident plans. The SRO and the Youth aide officers also provided victim services for the entire county and responded to over 43 death cases.

In 2012, the School Resource Officers/Youth Aid members were also responsible for security during the Senior League Girls World Series Softball Tournament. The tournament occurred in August at the Lower Sussex Little League complex in Roxana. Several countries sent teams to participate in the tournament.

Troop 4's Explorer Post remained a model program. Under the direction of Detective Mark Justice, Corporal Tim Powell, TFC Bob Cowden and Cpl Steve Ballard, the Explorers learned and practiced law enforcement fundamentals. These young men and women are a cohesive unit who are dedicated to serving the public. They assisted troopers in several events including Pumpkin Chunkin in Bridgeville.

Troop 4 continued its long-standing tradition of facilitating Division programs at Camp Barnes. From its inception in 1947, the Camp has provided 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 2012, under the direction of Master Corporal James "Shawn" Hatfield, 400 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. Additionally, approximately 200 youth attended from Wilmington Parks and Recreation, 100 students from 4H, 150 from Special Olympics, and 22 youth from the Delaware Burn Camp.

The most prominent event supporting Camp Barnes is the annual stock car race. In July 2012, the 40th Annual Camp Barnes Stock Car Race was held at Delmar International Speedway under the leadership of Corporals Jeff Hudson and Keith Collins. The race featured cars and drivers from several surrounding states. The proceeds from this race resulted in approximately \$35,000 for Camp Barnes. In August, Troop 4 organized and held a Camp Barnes "Crab Feast," which resulted in additional \$2,000 benefit for Camp Barnes.

Members of the Sussex Governor's Task Force (GTF) and the Sussex Drug Unit continued to serve the entire Sussex County community. Both units worked closely together with Probation and Parole to address quality of life issues and drug related crimes. During 2012, those troopers seized firearms, currency and a significant quantity of illegal drugs. They also conducted over 1,458 curfew checks on probationers. The continuation of prescription pills and the resurgence of heroin and methamphetamine usage during the year proved to be very challenging for investigators. This surge was a significant contribution to the increased drug sales, violence, thefts, burglaries, robberies and home invasions.

Through their combined efforts, the troopers handled 592 cases and made a total of 1,033 criminal arrests. They seized 643.95 grams of cocaine, 353.83 grams of crack cocaine, 141 grams of heroin, 71,060.71 grams of marijuana, .7 grams of methamphetamine and 1,649 prescription pills. Additionally, these teams seized \$277,934 in suspected drug proceeds and 31 illegal firearms. They also worked closely with the Attorney General's office to close several nuisance homes throughout the county. The units worked in known high drug and crime areas, and were called upon to lead and assist with several significant multi-jurisdictional criminal investigations.

In December of 2012, Trooper First Class Robert Cowden was the recipient of the Troop 4 Trooper of the Year Award for Patrol. Detective Rex "Chip" Mears was the recipient of the Troop 4 Trooper of the Year Award for C.I.U., and Detective Hudson Keller received the Troop 4 Trooper of the Year Award for the Governor's Task Force.

Troop 4 personnel maintained a commitment to practicing the Delaware State Police's mission, by "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. The men and women at Troop 4 look forward to the many new challenges they will encounter and overcome in 2013.

## Troop 5

Captain Rodney M. Layfield



Delaware State Police Troop 5 is located on Rt 13 just south of the intersection of Rt 13 and SR 404 in Bridgeville. Troop 5 provides professional law enforcement services to the citizens of western Sussex County.

Troop 5 patrols nearly 40 percent of Sussex County, covering 376 of Sussex County's 972 square miles, bordering Maryland to our west and south. Troop 5 Troopers also provide police services to residents of Blades and Greenwood when their respective agencies are not available. Troop 5 has a total of thirty eight patrol troopers, four Sergeants, one troop detective, three administrators and two civilian employees. Troop 5 increased our patrol staff by two troopers in 2012.

Captain Rodney M. Layfield has been in command of Troop 5 since June of 2010. Lieutenant Darren B. Short has been the Traffic Lieutenant since September 2009. Lieutenant C. Curtis Brown is the Criminal Lieutenant and has been on staff at Troop 5 since 2003. Troop 5 had one new Sergeant in 2012, Kelly Wells of the High Tech Crimes Unit. She replaced Sgt. Bruce Harris who is currently assigned to Human Resources at Headquarters. Newly hired Troopers were assigned to Troop 5 in late December to include Troopers Matthew McHenry, Michael Morgan, Jordan Rollins, Patrick Schlimer and Andrew Shea.

The nominees for the 2012 Troop 5 Trooper of the Year were Corporal Joe Badner, Trooper First Class Ashley Stetser, Trooper Brandon Grimes and Corporal Matt Sammons. Trooper First Class Ashley Stetser was selected as the 2012 Troop 5 Trooper of the Year.

In 2012 Troop 5 experienced a 7 percent increase in complaints handled, an increase of 2.5 percent in traffic arrests and 17 percent increase in criminal arrests. Troop 5 also reports a 21 percent decrease in alcohol related personal injury accidents in 2012.

On April 26th Troopers from Troop 5 responded to residence of Harvey Cashwell on Liden School Rd west of Greenwood after family member's had not heard from him and his wife for a couple days. Troopers checked the residence and found the deceased bodies. Troop 4 Detectives responded along with the Homicide Unit. The Homicide Unit arrested Michael Emory on 05-01-12, who was a former tenant of the Cashwells.

Partnering with the Laurel Police Department, Troop 5 spear-headed an initiative to combat criminal issues in Laurel's town limits. A Laurel Officer was shot at in Hollybrook Apartments and the following week another shooting occurred in Carvel Gardens. Laurel instituted a 2200 hour curfew, Probation and

Parole dedicated an officer to combat crimes in these areas along with Troopers from Troop 5. The task force aggressively targeted traffic violations, criminal violations, town ordinances, conducted curfew checks, and all calls for service in the Carvel Gardens, Carvel Gardens Annex and Hollybrook Apartments.

In June Troop 5 responded to the scene of plane crash in a field near Delmar. The pilot was delivering a plane to the new owner when the pilot overshot the runway field and the plane rolled over. The pilot reported no injuries and the incident was turned over to the Delaware Aeronautics Association and Federal Aviation Administration.

In August of 2012 Troop 5 handled a suspicious package that turned out to be the by-products of a Meth Lab. DNREC and SERT responded to assist with rendering the area safe and cleaning up the dump site.

Troop 5 worked with the other troops in the county during Super Storm Sandy by manning the Emergency Operations Center during the crest of the storm. Troop 5 also assisted Bridgeville PD with the 12 car train derailment involving a Liquid Propane gas car in December.

The 2012 Punkin Chunkin was held on the Wheatley Farm just east of Troop 5 November 2nd, 3rd and 4th. This year's event was one of the largest on record with crowds estimated at over 75,000 people in attendance. Troop 5 provides security for the entire three day event, sharing the traffic component with DelDot to provide safe and quick egress in and out of the event. This Discovery Channel sponsored event continues to grow each year.

Troop 5 received an award from Laurel School District for participating in a job Shadowing program. Troop 5 also participated in the 21st Annual Seaford Night Out.

Troop 5 concluded the year with the Troop 5 Needy Family Project. Cpl/3 Mark Albert and Cpl. Juanita Huey-Smith organized and scheduled the event. This year Troop 5 focused on two separate Orphanages delivering gifts to 23 orphans. We continued with the established practice of delivering gift cards to over 18 children in the Coverdale Crossroads Community.

The hard working men and women of Troop 5 continue to provide professional, competent, and compassionate law enforcement services to Sussex County. We look forward to the challenges that 2013 will bring.

## Troop 6

Captain Jeffrey R. Evans

Delaware State Police Troop 6 continues to be one of the busiest troops in the state, covering an area of 82 square miles, with an estimated population of 220,000 people. The troop area is comprised of a diverse socio-economic population, including the outskirts of the city of Wilmington, the towns of Elsmere,

Newport, Newark, Stanton and Hockessin. The troop sits on the busy corner of the Kirkwood Highway and Albertson Drive, and has been a fixture in the area for 40 years.

The Troop currently has 50 uniformed patrol troopers and 5 administrators. The command staff consists of Capt. Jeff Evans, Lt. John Slank and Lt. Tom Brackin. The administrative assistants are Ms. Joni Melvin and Ms. Donna Newth-Showell, and our mechanic is Scott Ferguson. Tom Ventura is our plant maintenance, trades mechanic.

The year 2012 was another very busy year for Troop 6. There were 41,554 calls for service. In spite of the heavy work load, the troopers were able to make 15,253 traffic arrests, 391 DUI arrests and 2,115 criminal arrests. In addition, the troopers attended several community events and civic association functions. We value our relationship with the customers we serve. This troop is comprised of a group of highly motivated, energetic and professional Troopers. They function in a highly demanding sector of the state, handling a multitude of complaints ranging from traffic issues to criminal homicide. Their dedication and commitment is beyond question.

The shifts at the troop have each demonstrated a tremendous ability to function as teams, which has resulted in several arrests of serial felons. The number of significant arrests made by the troopers at this troop are too many to include in this narrative.

Troop 6 looks forward to continuing the delivery of professional, compassionate police services to the residents of our troop area in 2013.

## **Troop 7**

**Captain Glenn Dixon**

Delaware State Police Troop 7 is located on State Route 1 just outside Lewes. It 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 fifty-four uniformed officers and four civilian personnel assigned to Troop 7. Included among the fifty-four uniformed officers are three Troop Administrators and four members of the Sussex County Crash Reconstruction Unit (CRU). The CRU Team investigates all fatal crashes throughout Sussex County.

Troop 7's territory encompasses over two hundred forty-seven square miles of very diverse communities. Troop 7 services the busy Route 1, Rehoboth and Dewey Beach corridor, as well as, the ever growing Long Neck area and areas north toward Milford. 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. Bordered on the east by the Delaware Bay and Atlantic Ocean, the area is a major vacation resort drawing hundreds of

thousands of people from regional areas. This area continues to grow at a rapid pace as more people make this area their year-round residence.

During 2012, Troop 7 investigated 23,788 complaints, made 21,024 traffic arrests, 632 DUI arrests, and 4,575 criminal arrests. In addition, the CRU investigated 34 fatal crashes resulting in 37 deaths and 26 serious injury accidents, 6 of those fatal crashes occurred in Troop 7's area resulting in 8 deaths. This is a 53% decrease in Troop 7's fatal crashes compared to the previous year.

Traffic safety is always one of Troop 7's top priorities. During 2012, Troop 7's personnel deployed directed patrols, DUI assignments, seatbelt assignments and public awareness programs to enhance the safety on our roadways. Troop 7 also utilized the proactive traffic initiatives together with criminal minded initiatives to serve as a two prong effort for the goal of overall public safety. The Troopers Educating about Roadway Safety (T.E.A.R.S.) program, Prom Promise and GDL Program, all administered by the CRU team continues to be a big success with high school students. Troop 7 once again partnered with the Office of Highway Safety to offer a Child Seat Technician. This Technician provides Child Seat Checks and installation instruction by appointments in the parking lot of Troop 7.

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 that they have a legitimate avenue to express their concerns in a very informal atmosphere.

Troop 7's Cadet Program was once again active in 2012 with two Cadets patrolling the shopping areas near the resort locations. They enforced parking violations as well as worked the major events in the Troops area including the Polar Bear Plunge, Special Olympics Kick off, 4th of July Fireworks and the Delaware State Fair. They also assist with traffic control during special events like recruit graduations and promotional ceremonies. The Explorer Youth Post at Troop 7 is vibrant with 11 student members and 5 Trooper mentors. They are eager to learn more about DSP and are active also with the Polar Bear Plunge, 4th of July Fireworks and Delaware State Fair.

Troop 7 will continue to focus on crime reduction, highway safety and community relations in 2013 as a means of providing the best possible service to the citizens and guest's of our great state.

## **Troop 9**

**Captain Jason Sapp**

Troop 9, located in Odessa's historic district, has proudly served as New Castle County's Southernmost Troop since

1971. Throughout 2012 the Troopers assigned to Troop 9 continued their dedicated service to the citizens and visitors of southern New Castle County. In 2012, Troop 9 was responsible for well over 200 square miles of patrol area, extending from the Kent County line to the intersection of US Rt. 13 and DE Rt. 273 (Hare's Corner). Patrol coverage also included all of State Route 1 in New Castle County and the ever expanding Christiana Mall complex.

Enveloping the Middletown/Odessa/Townsend area, Troop 9's territory was one of continued growth. In addition to having primary jurisdiction for much of the unincorporated areas within the Southern portion of the county, Troop 9 was also responsible for providing police services to the towns of Odessa, Townsend and Port Penn.

Troop 9 saw significant change during 2012 to include an entirely new Troop Administration. Captain Paul Smentkowski and Lieutenant Timothy Lamarche retired from the Division in September and Lieutenant Edward Schiavi was transferred to Troop 1. With that, Captain J. Sapp and Lieutenant Douglas Deveney were transferred to Troop 9 from the State Bureau of Identification and Lieutenant Michael Wysock was transferred in from the Traffic Section out of Headquarters. Lieutenant Wysock serves as the Deputy Troop Commander/Traffic Lieutenant and is responsible for overseeing all traffic, accident and DUI enforcement. Lieutenant Deveney serves as the Criminal Lieutenant and is responsible for the oversight of all criminal enforcement throughout the Troop area. The Troop 9 Administration is assisted on a daily basis by Administrative Specialist Theresa Daniels, Physical Plant Maintenance Specialist Richard Daniels and Automotive Mechanic Robert Leech.

Troop 9 also saw significant change at the first-line supervisor's level as well. Sergeants Fiscella, Lloyd and Papili moved on to other assignments during 2012. Troop 9's first line supervisors are now Sergeants Carl Bond, William Nottingham, Eric Hamm and Tonya Armstrong-Widdoes. Their assistants are Corporals Theodore Harach, Jeffrey Hale, Walter Sherlock and Raymond Shatley respectively. The role these eight Troopers play in the day to day success of Troop 9 is immeasurable!

The most significant change to Troop 9 and arguably one of the most significant changes to the organizational structure of the Division in recent history did not occur in 2012, however December brought about the staffing changes needed to make this a reality. On January 7, 2013 Troop 9's area of responsibility was expanded South into Kent County for the first time ever. With this move eight additional Troopers were added to the Troop's roster increasing the Troop's overall compliment from 31 Troopers to 39. The results of this historic change will undoubtedly be the focus of the 2013 annual report for Troop 9!

During the course of 2012, Troop 9 personnel handled approximately 10,000 calls for service to include the investigation of 2,302 criminal complaints and 1,717 motor vehicle acci-

dents. Troop 9 personnel also made 10,601 traffic arrests, led by Corporal Thomas Gual, 216 DUI arrests, led by Corporal Robert Downer, 1,500 criminal arrests, led by Corporal Robert Cassidy and apprehended 220 fugitives, led by Corporal Dermot Alexander.

Throughout 2012 Troop 9 personnel continued to stay connected with the communities served by attending community meetings, participating in various community events and by maintaining an ever growing Explorer's Post which exposes young adults to the law enforcement profession.

The 2013 move into Kent County will undoubtedly present a host of challenges for the men and women assigned to Troop 9 but I am confident that each Trooper assigned to this Troop will rise to the occasion and demonstrate the Dedication, Service and Pride that only Delaware Troopers can to the residents of both Southern New Castle County and Northern Kent County!



## Aviation

**Captain Ronald W. Hagan**

2012, marks the 42nd year of the Aviation Section and the 27th year of our Trooper-Medic Program.

The Section consists of 25 pilots and Medics providing 24 hour coverage from two locations (Georgetown and Middletown). During 2012 the Section flew 2,492 missions, transported approximately 234 trauma patients and flew 1,132 hours. The aircraft currently utilized include 4 helicopters, 3 Bell 407's (2, 1999's and 1, 2004), a Bell 412 (2007) and 1 fixed wing Cessna 182 (1980).

The Aviation Section's primary missions are to provide rapid transport of critically sick or injured persons to medical facilities and to support law enforcement ground personnel in the apprehension of criminal suspects. The Section also conducts search and rescue operations, airborne security for visiting dignitaries, homeland security operations, photographic missions, narcotics interdiction, pursuit support and maritime security to name a few of the many missions.

In 2012, Cpl/1 Brett Creasy was assigned to the section to fill a vacancy. Cpl/1 Creasy completed initial flight training at Longhorn Helicopters and Bell Helicopter Training Academy and is in the process of completing his internal mission training. Cpl/1 Kevin Crossland was also assigned to the section as a temporary assigned duty and is currently completing his initial training at Horizon Helicopters in preparation for an anticipated vacancy in early 2013.

In 2011, four troopers were selected to attend paramedic training at Delaware Technical and Community College. We are happy to say all four to those individuals Cpl/3 Ed Sebastianelli, Cpl/2 Sean McDerby, Cpl/1 Steve Fausey and

Cpl. Jennifer Potocki successfully completed the training and are now working as crew members in the Aviation Section. We also made selections for the upcoming paramedic class which begins in May of 2013. Those selected for that class are; Cpl/2 Elvin Thompson, Cpl/1 Jason Walker, Cpl. Wayne Ingram and Cpl. Samantha Joseph. These four troopers will be completing the same course and will be filling anticipated openings due to retirements and transfers. They will complete the course in the late summer or early fall of 2014.

In the Spring of 2012 Master Corporal Jeff Ford retired from the Division after 25 years of services of which almost 20 years were as a Trooper Medic. Then in December we were advised by Cpl/3 Ron Ferguson (Trooper Medic) and Sgt. Chris Dooner (Pilot) of their plan to retire in January 2013. Jeff, Ron and Chris have over 60 years of combined aviation experience. Their knowledge, skill, experience and friendship will surely be missed.

### **Delaware Air Rescue Team**

The DART continues to enhance its training and capabilities. The volunteer firefighters who are part of this program are extremely committed and have used the year to build experience and camaraderie. In past years the training focus has been on training and operations in the Bell 412. This year while they continued training with that aircraft to maintain proficiency and certifications, they enhanced their training and capabilities in working with the Bell 407's and long line maneuvers with that aircraft. The DART team was activated several times however no actual rescues were performed with them in 2012.

### **DSP/WPD Tactical EMS Missions 2012**

Since the tactical EMS MOU began in 2008 between DSP and WPD, we have experienced a steady increase for calls for service between 10-12% annually. In 2011, our total activations were 210.0 and this was our busiest year until 2012. Our 2012 total from page one of this report was 295.0 total calls. This is an increase of 40 percent over 2011. Our other previous record was total activations in a single month, which was 35 and

occurred in September 2011. In August of 2012, we surpassed that mark with a total number of activations in a single month at 39.

Critical incidents also went up a total of 38 percent from 14 in 2011 to 23 in 2012. Of the 23 critical incidents in 2012, seven of them were barricades within the City of Wilmington. This is a 600 percent increase from 2011 where only 1 barricade was within the City of Wilmington.

Medic Stand-by activity for academies, physical agility testing, training or EOD breaching also saw a large increase of 120 percent. In 2011 we had a total of 5 stand-by's and in 2012 we had a total of 12 stand-by's.

### **2012 AED Deployments:**

Delaware State Police Aviation Section oversees the divisions AED program. In 2012 Troopers deployed their Automated External Defibrillator (AED) on 16 occasions, which met the criteria for download (pads-on-patient). The following is a summary of the utilizations:

- Eight utilizations where the AED analyzed followed by a "No Shock Advised" prompt. The patient was subsequently pronounced deceased.
- Three utilization where the AED analyzed followed by a "NO shock advised" prompt. Patient care was subsequently taken over by the paramedics. Upon arrival at the hospital the patient had a pulse.
- Three utilizations where the trooper administered multiple shocks followed by CPR. The patient was subsequently transported to the hospital where they were pronounced.
- Two utilization where the trooper administered multiple shocks followed by the patient having a spontaneous return of circulation (ROC). The patient arrived at the hospital alive.

### **Infectious Disease Exposures:**

For the 2012 calendar year the Delaware State Police had a total of nine confirmed infectious disease exposures. In addition, there were a total of seven cases that did not meet the exposure criteria; however, these incidences were documented and placed in a file.

Of significant importance: There was one incident this year involving exposure to scabies. In addition to receiving medical evaluation and treatment for those troopers who were exposed, this incident required extensive decontamination of the state police facilities to include vehicles.

## ***Communications Section***

**Joseph E. Mulford**

The Communications Section consists of three 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) and the Headquarters Communications Center. The section is staffed by ninety-six employees and is responsible for:

- Answering 9-1-1 emergency lines and dispatching law enforcement personnel and equipment
- NCIC & NLETS control, alarm monitoring and alerting on-call teams
- Telecommunications administration including statewide radio, telephone, cellular and pager systems
- Mobile command center operations

The statistical breakdown of the Section's activities for 2012:

#### RECOM

• Total Incidents Dispatched	79,482
• Total Incidents Handled Without Dispatch	60,607
• Total Incidents Handled	140,089
• Total 9-1-1 Calls Received	365,919
• Total Admin Calls	96,252

#### KENTCOM

• Total Incidents Dispatched	64,954
• Total Incidents Handled Without Dispatch	22,334
• Total Incidents Handled	87,288
• Total 9-1-1 Calls Received	94,831
• Total DSP Admin Calls	106,864

#### SUSCOM

• Total Incidents Dispatched	94,952
• Total Incidents Handled Without Dispatch	28,467
• Total Incidents Handled	129,419
• Total 9-1-1 Calls Received	107,388
• Total Admin Calls	144,315

Training is paramount for the Communications Section. The basic training program was conducted with our new hires, supervisor and leadership training summits were held and in-service training was conducted.

In order to ensure that our employees have proper documentation to guide them, a multitude of standard operating procedures were modified and new procedures added during 2012.

The Communications Section continued its enhanced community outreach program by hosting an annual open house at SUSCOM in the spring of 2012. This event is a very a successful one which is attended by local area school children who were treated to tours of the communications center, public safety displays and food.

During 2012 the following Section employees were honored by the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials International (APCO) during National Public Safety Telecommunications Week in April:

Team Award - RECOM

(Runner Up recipients; Edie Roberts, Nevin Steffy, Tim Akers and Amy Iannucci)

The Communications Section continues to perform mission critical operations while striving to provide excellent customer service. Our telecommunicators make life and death decisions each day and are truly the first-of-the-first responders.



### *Conflict Management Team* Sergeant Bernard Miller

The Conflict Management Team is comprised of 18 Troopers, who have been

specially trained in hostage negotiation, kidnap mediation and suicide prevention. Several of the team members have also received training in the area of critical stress management and are members of the DSP C.I.S.M. Team.

Monthly trainings center around the communications skills needed to resolve crisis situations without violence. This training is vital to keeping team members proficient in the use of (A.L.S.) active listening skills which is the cornerstone of negotiating. A.L.S. combined with loose psychological principals and accepted police practices are used to safeguard the lives of all involved in a critical incident.

Sergeant Bernard Miller is the NCOIC of the Conflict Management, Master Corporal Blaine Daisey is the assistant Unit commander and Master Corporals Kimberly Layfield and Marty McWilliams Negotiation-Team Leaders. Team members are trained to perform various duties as needed during a critical incident. Team members are assigned to different special unit assignments as well as patrol assignments. These team members are responsible for responding to hostage, barricaded, suicidal and kidnapping incidents throughout the state.

The team has developed proficiencies through operational experiences, monthly training and serving as instructors to provide training to others. This training includes an annual FBI/Baltimore County PD Hostage negotiations seminar, role-play scenarios with other negotiation teams, semi-annual joint training with the Special Operations Response Team (SORT) and the H.Q. command post. This year the Conflict Management Team instructed (2) 40-hour Basic Crisis Intervention and Hostage Negotiations courses. The first course was held at Delaware State University in partnership with the University of Delaware. This course focused on critical incidents which could occur on a College Campus setting. The second course was held the Delaware State Police fire school and was open to all divisional Troopers as well as Officers from municipal departments looking to become trained negotiators.

The team also continues to provide a 16-hour course of instruction to 911 center specialist in the area of crisis intervention. Team members have trained with negotiators from various agencies during year which included the New Castle County Police, Wilmington Police, Department of Corrections and the Baltimore County Police Department.

The DSP Conflict Management Team responded to 8 incidents during the year. The breakdown of the activations by county is as follows: New Castle – (1) Kent – (3), Sussex - (4). Four (4) of the incidents involved a suicidal person who had barricaded himself with a weapon. Two (2) of the incidents were barricaded wanted suspects who were believed to have a weapon. One case involved a barricaded suicidal subject who refused to negotiate with the team. Despite numerous attempts to contact the subject he would not respond to the team. The suspect eventually set fire to the home and was later found deceased inside. As per protocol a full team response

included, CMT, S.O.R.T, command post and local volunteer fire department.

This year the conflict Management Team attended a one day practical training which was sponsored by the F.B.I. in conjunction with Delaware Valley Negotiators Association. This Training was conducted at Lincoln Financial Field and was attended by more than 30 different Agencies from surrounding states.

Photos taken during training at Lincoln Financial Field:



In 2013, CMT and its members will continue in a positive direction by continuing with their progressive initiatives, which include:

- Continued enhanced training with the Special Operations Response Team (SORT)
- Continued up-to-date and relevant training for team members
- Continued collaboration with mental health professionals,
- Testing, upgrading and adding new equipment
- Continued crisis intervention training for patrol and administrative personnel, and Training classes and presentation to police agencies in the state and region.

Pictured below is some of the equipment utilized by CMT members during hostage and barricade incidents.



## **Criminal Intelligence Section**

**Captain Peter Sawyer**

The Delaware State Police Criminal Intelligence and Homeland Security Section is a statewide function under the command of Captain Peter Sawyer.

The section is comprised of the Homeland Security Unit under the supervision of Lt. William Crotty and the Investigations and Support Unit under the supervision of Lt. W. Thomas Ford. Each of these units has statewide operational responsibility and provides investigative and technical assistance to patrol and

criminal investigation troops as well as other law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

The Investigations and Support Unit consists of the Intelligence Investigations Squad, the Electronic Surveillance Squad, the High Technology Crimes Unit (HTCU)/Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICACTF) as well as two investigators assigned to the US Marshall's Task Force and the ATF Task Force.

During 2012, the section's investigators worked with investigators and officers in the field, both inside and outside of DSP, to identify members of organized gangs operating in Delaware. Investigators were able to verify the existence of 45 groups classified as "gangs" or "developing gangs" with various sets and cliques containing approximately 441 identified members. The section also maintained the Delaware Statewide Intelligence System as a 28 CFR Part 23 compliant intelligence database available for the entire state.

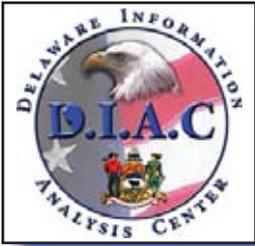
Investigators conducted an extended investigation into drug related activities conducted by members and associates of the Thunderguards Motorcycle Club in Delaware. The investigation culminated in November with ten simultaneous search and seizure warrants being executed in New Castle County and Elkton, MD. As a result of the investigation, 8 individuals were taken into custody without incident with over two Kilos of cocaine, guns, money and vehicles seized. Subsequent indictments are pending.

During 2012 the section's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force working with the section's High Technology Crime Unit investigated 162 cases involving subjects who utilized the internet to victimize children via the storing or trading of images of child pornography and arrested subjects who traveled to meet undercover detectives, thinking they were going to meet for the purposes of having sex with children.

During 2012 the section's High Technology Crimes Unit provided 242 service requests to both DSP investigators and outside agencies. These services include the forensic examination of computer hard drives, cell phones and other electronic media.

During 2012 the section's Electronic Surveillance Unit provided 3,460 service requests to both DSP investigators and outside agencies. These services include covert investigative assistance, as well as, repairs and maintenance of the division's entire inventory of fixed surveillance cameras at all division facilities. This unit also used confidential technology that directly resulted in the immediate apprehension of 22 wanted criminals that would not have been otherwise located in a timely manner.

The Homeland Security Unit consists of the state designated fusion center (Delaware Information and Analysis Center (DIAC), the DSP/FBI JTTF component and the DSP Maritime Unit.



DIAC provides analytic and intelligence services to law enforcement partners, public safety and government partners as well as private sector partners throughout the state and region. DIAC also works with the Delaware Emergency Management Agency in our state's prevention,

preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation to natural, biological and technological hazards. Services provided by DIAC to our partners include:

Intelligence-led policing support and case support to law enforcement line officers, detectives and executives throughout the state in the form of daily intelligence products and specific case support products that help leaders "connect the dots" with regard to crime trends and identifying offenders. In 2012 DIAC provided 2,299 information and/or intelligence products to our federal, state and local public and private sector partners. In 2012 DIAC rolled out a comprehensive crime analysis IT system available to all of Delaware law enforcement. This system has played a major role in solving crime to include homicide cases.

Providing partners with both classified and unclassified actionable intelligence information that originates within the federal intelligence community, to include the FBI and DHS. DIAC takes this intelligence information and analyzes it in context of how it is relevant to Delaware. Failure to do this on a regular basis was identified by the 9/11 Commission as a failure in the US intelligence enterprise that needed to be corrected. DIAC continues to play a large part in correcting this deficiency. DIAC also reports local intelligence information up to the federal government in support of the counter-terrorism mission.

Providing a central point of contact for both the public and private sectors to report suspicious activity via our suite of Force12 products. (800 tip line; Force12 e-mail; DIAC website and Force 12 App.) DIAC received 117 suspicious activity reports in 2011 and 64 in 2012. DIAC vets and analyzes the tips and coordinates investigation with the FBI via the DSP Intelligence Section detective assigned to the local joint Terrorism Task Force.

Providing our private sector partners with threat, risk and vulnerability assessments that they use to make informed decisions on how to protect their critical infrastructure facilities. DIAC takes pride in their commitment to safeguarding privacy and civil liberties of all citizens and, like all other fusion centers, has adopted strict privacy policies that ensure the rights of all.

The DSP Maritime Unit was created to protect the critical infrastructure and key resources along Delaware's waterways. The unit is currently staffed with three troopers on a full-time basis. Additionally, three additional troopers have been outfitted and trained in the unit's operations and assist the full-time members in addition to their current road patrol assignments.

The unit focuses on critical infrastructure protection, high visibility patrol and prevention, emergency response with allied agencies and units, recovery operation support and outreach to the maritime community. The unit is co-located with the Delaware Information and Analysis Center (DIAC) and works regularly with a specially trained intelligence analyst. This will allow unit members to tailor proactive patrols based on the current threat picture and vulnerability assessments. This "intelligence-led" model allows for more effective patrol a very large area of responsibility.

The DSP Maritime Unit has developed interagency relationships with the Wilmington Police Department, DNREC, the New Jersey State Police, regional fire and rescue departments, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The DSP Maritime Unit is currently the only agency working within Delaware state and local government with a full time Maritime Homeland Security mission.

During 2012, the section instructed recruit and in-service training in the areas of Gang Identification, use of Electronic Surveillance Equipment, use of cell phone forensic equipment, 28 CFR Part 23 (Privacy and Civil Liberties in the Intelligence Enterprise), use of the Delaware Statewide Information System and Applicant Background Investigations. The section also put on the fourth annual "Hometown Security Conference" which provided homeland security training through nationally recognized speakers to over 100 law enforcement officers throughout the region.

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

### **Sergeant Francis L. Fuscellaro II**

The Delaware State Police Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Team continues to provide services to law enforcement and emergency service personnel for both state and municipal agencies throughout the state of Delaware. The team continues to assist officers and other emergency service personnel with minimizing the harmful effects of job related stress, traumatic stress and personal stressors. The team is dedicated to maintaining strict confidentiality and to respect the thoughts and feelings of the individuals involved.

In 2012, the Delaware State Police CISM team leader was Sgt. Francis L Fuscellaro II assisted by, Mr. John Shoemaker, a supervisor with Kent County Communications. The team presently consists of 12 sworn and six civilian members who have received training endorsed by the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation. In 2012, several team members attended the 11th ICISF World Congress Conference in Baltimore, Maryland, which afforded them the opportunity to network with other CISM Teams throughout the Nation and learn new techniques to assist them in performing CISM services.

During the year of 2012, the Delaware State Police CISM team responded to 32 incidents/responses, which included

police shootings, military re-integration, fatal accidents, multiple young adults and teen suicides, as well as other traumatic events for law enforcement and emergency service personnel. The team responded to those incidents in an effort to provide support to the involved officers, co-workers and in some instances family members. The most significant accomplishment for the CISM Team was getting Legislation passed reference Confidential Communications involving first responders. This wouldn't have occurred if it was not for all of the hard work and dedication put forth by Lt. Josh Bushweller.

The CISM team continues to work closely with Dr. Ellen Marshall and other police organizations for 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 team's Mental Health Coordinator. She continues to conduct one-on-one CISM sessions, as well as, the responses she does with the Team.



## ***Division of Gaming Enforcement***

**Lieutenant Marshall D. Craft, Jr.**

The Division of Gaming Enforcement (DGE) completed its third year of service in 2012, located at the Blue Hen Corporate Center at 655 South Bay Road in Dover, Delaware. The Division falls under the Department of Safety and Homeland Security and is comprised of a complement of civilian and sworn investigators under the direction of Director Daniel J. Kelly.

DGE is responsible for ensuring the integrity of Delaware's gaming industry and accomplishes its mission by identifying contemporary, professional and ethical enforcement initiatives and is founded upon a three pronged organizational structure which include; Applicant/Vendor Background Investigations, Criminal Enforcement/Investigations and Intelligence. These three distinctive components, working together, provide a comprehensive approach to ensuring the integrity of the gaming industry.

In 2012, DGE civilian investigators processed 1,125 background investigations, which included all gaming employees, casino owners, game manufacturers, service providers and gaming corporations. The review of applicant and vendor background investigations of every casino employee limits Delaware's exposure to organizations and individuals that seek to engage in criminal or other nefarious activities within the gaming industry. DGE employs a Criminal Enforcement/Investigations "task force" model comprised of eight Delaware State Police Troopers, one agent from the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement and a Deputy Attorney General. The third component of the DGE, Intelligence, is committed to gathering pertinent information from multiple sources and developing actionable plans to facilitate effective and efficient policing activities.

The Division of Gaming Enforcement criminal operations are under the command of Deputy Director, Lieutenant Marshall D. Craft Jr. Sergeant Leslie A. Grow supervises Detectives Neal J. Potts, Scott S. Torgerson, William P. Murray, Darhl L. Snyder, David M. Hanich, Angela J. Garnsey and DATE Agent James A. Diana. The criminal detectives provide operational security and integrity to the Delaware State Video Lottery, Sports Lottery and Table Game operation as required by Delaware Title 29, Chapter 48. The units primary function is to investigate gaming crimes and promote public safety at all Delaware casino venues, collect evidence, maintain records, disseminate information and intelligence gathering related to Title 11 1,470 gaming statue and prohibited acts. DGE exercises exclusive jurisdiction for the criminal offenses relating to gaming that occur in a licensed video lottery facility, or which relate to the operation of the Delaware Lottery.

The Intelligence Officer (Detective Neal J. Potts) oversees all gaming intelligence for Delaware. He works with the intelligence gaming industry to identify unsavory individuals, groups and businesses attempting to illegally infiltrate any video lottery gaming facility within the state. Detective Potts conducts research, compiles, develops and interpret criminal intelligence from multiple data sources to support DGE gaming investigations. He works closely with federal, state, local police and gaming intelligence agency counterparts to identify gaming scams, cheats and defiant trespassers.

On December 06, 2012, DGE hosted and facilitated the third gaming intelligence conference at Troop 2. PSP Gaming Unit, NJSP DGE, PSP Intelligence Unit, MSP, DE Lottery, Dover Downs, Harrington Casino, Delaware Park, Revel Casino, Herrah's Philadelphia, Ocean Downs Casino, Sugarhouse Casino, Hollywood Casino in Perryville, Valley Forge Casino and the Borgata Casino were in attendance.



The DGE also provides assistance to the Delaware Lottery in the consideration, promulgation and application of its rules and regulations and performs other duties necessary to maintain public confidence and trust in the credibility and integrity of lottery operations, agents and employees. The DGE in concert with the Delaware State Lottery maintains a list of voluntary and involuntary excluded persons from all Delaware casinos.

A "self-excluded person" (example, problem gambler) is any person who voluntarily agreed to be excluded from all video

lottery agent premises and is prohibited from collecting any winnings or recovering any losses at all licensed video lottery agents. An “involuntary excluded person” may include any person who has felony convictions, a crime involving moral turpitude, a violation of the gaming laws of any state, notorious or unsavory reputation which would adversely affect public confidence and trust that the Delaware Lottery is free from criminal or corruptive elements, a career or professional offender or a person with a documented history of conduct involving the undue disruption of the video lottery and/or table games operations of video lottery agents. In 2012, 14 people were investigated and added to the involuntary exclusion list bringing the total excluded to 261.

In 2012, Detectives investigated 431 complaints, of which 236 were gaming related. There were 61 felony complaints, 226 misdemeanor complaints and 144 miscellaneous cases resulting in 491 criminal charges, 125 felony charges and 366 misdemeanor charges. 231 individuals were carded by DGE, 50 individuals were arrested for underage gambling and 1 individual was arrested for underage drinking. DGE assisted outside agencies with 47 investigations and generated 229 security bulletins and 216 intelligence (Memex) reports. 9 Gaming employees were arrested in 2012. Table game crimes, structuring, theft and counterfeiting was a primary focus for the unit this year.

The following are a few cases highlighted from 2012:

In March 2012, DGE detectives investigated an internal theft at Dover Downs, which involved a table games dealer stealing cheques while working a craps game. Through surveillance and further investigation it was determined that the suspect stole approximately \$6,800.00 in gaming cheques. DGE detectives obtained arrest and search warrants for the suspect. A search warrant executed on the suspects’ locker at Dover Downs resulted in the seizure of 33 individual packets of heroin and currency. A search warrant executed at the suspects residence led to the seizure of \$4,200.00 in Dover Downs gaming cheques, 62 individual packets of heroin, drug paraphernalia, \$1,254 in U.S. Currency, and .22 cal rifle. The defendant was arrested on 16 Felony criminal charges consisting of felony theft, possession with intent to deliver heroin, possession of drug paraphernalia and weapons offenses.

In June 2012, DGE investigated several thefts from motor vehicles that occurred in the parking lot of Delaware Park. Through the investigation, a suspect was identified who was also suspected in numerous thefts and identity thefts investigated by New Castle County PD and Elsmere PD. DGE obtained arrest and search warrants for the suspect resulting in property linking the suspect to the thefts. DGE arrested the suspect on 29 criminal charges consisting of identity theft, theft, attempted theft, forgery 3rd, unlawful use of a credit card, attempted unlawful use of credit card and selling stolen property. The suspect confessed to other thefts investigated by New Castle County PD.

In August 2012, DGE conducted surveillance operations at Dover Downs in an attempt to apprehend and identify the suspect stealing kegs from the dock area of the casino. A suspect was observed taking the kegs, and with the assistance of Dover Police Department, a vehicle stop was conducted which resulted in the apprehension of the suspect involved in the thefts. The suspect confessed during the interview and implicated a Dover Downs employee as an accomplice in the thefts. The two defendants were arrested on 26 criminal charges consisting of Burglary 3rd, theft, conspiracy and trespass.

In September 2012, DGE detectives initiated an investigation into the circulation of counterfeit currency being passed at Delaware Park and Dover Downs. The investigation revealed a group of career criminals associated with a Wilmington street gang were passing large amounts of counterfeit currency at casino table games in both Delaware and Pennsylvania. In cooperation with the FBI violent crimes unit, New Castle Police Department, Wilmington Safe Streets, U.S. Secret Service, and Pennsylvania State Police Gaming Enforcement Unit, investigators were able to identify the suspects and obtain search and arrest warrants. As a result of this investigation, DGE detectives arrested 6 defendants on 65 criminal charges, which included forgery 1st, Possession with intent to deliver cocaine, possession of deadly weapon and numerous counterfeiting charges. Seized during the investigation were over \$12,000 in counterfeit currency, counterfeit materials, cocaine, marijuana and a stolen semi automatic pistol. The defendants were also charged with criminal offenses in Pennsylvania.



As Delaware gaming moves forward in 2013, the Division of Gaming Enforcement remains committed to providing a safe and secure gaming environment utilizing specialized training, advanced technologies and intelligence sharing networks.

## ***Executive Protection Unit***

**Sergeant Carl Bond, Jr.**

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

- Coordinating the Governor’s schedule
- Advance location and routes of future event sites

- Investigate threats against Governor
- Liaison with other local, state and federal agencies in order to maximize the safety and efficiency of the Governor's travel.

The EPU unit consists of four Troopers: Sgt. Carl Bond, Jr., Cpl/3 Jim Rossi, Cpl/3 Henry Speed and Cpl/1 Melissa Jaffe. EPU is primarily charged with the protection of Governor Jack A. Markell and the First Family. On a limited basis and under high threat circumstances the EPU unit will extend its protective detail services to include Lt. Governor Matthew Denn as well as Delaware's Federal Congressional Delegation.

During the calendar year of 2012, in addition to his duties as Governor of the State of Delaware, Governor Markell served as the:

- Chair of the National Governor's Association
- Serves on the National Assessment Governing Board
- Chairman of Jobs for Americas Graduates

As a result of Governor Markell's election to such prestigious positions he was tasked with appearances at several prominent events around the country in support of the National Governor's Association. The Delaware State Police EPU unit provided the Governor with security at all in state and out of state functions.

Typically, the EPU will advance and escort the Governor on any official event to include: business visit, lectures, meetings, public town halls, legislative hall events, Washington DC events and meetings, social events, charity events and any other events where the Governor is serving in an official capacity.

During 2012 Governor Markell attended many high profile events to include:

- National Governor's Conference in DC and Williamsburg, Virginia.
- Jobs for America's Graduates Conference in Washington, DC
- Wall Street Journal, Task Force for Women in the Economy in Palm Beach, Florida
- Walgreens CEO Summit in Windsor, Connecticut
- Trade Mission to Japan & Korea
- Several National Media Events in New York and DC
- In state holiday parades, award presentations, charity events, along with many other miscellaneous events.

Delaware State Police EPU provided assistance along with the host state EPU teams in providing the Governor and his family the security and logistical support needed to ensure a safe and efficient movements in an out of the State of Delaware.

The DSP EPU team has provided Governor Markell and the First Family 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.



## *Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit*

**Sergeant Chris Ennis**

The Delaware State Police Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Team is the longest serving bomb squad in the State of Delaware. Its nine bomb technicians are strategically based throughout the state to cover the 1,954 square miles within our borders. With Delaware being the 6th most densely populated state in the nation and the base of over 50 percent of all U.S. publicly traded corporations, maintaining a strategic response plan is crucial.

In 2012, the DSP-EOD Team continued their operational tempo answering 138 calls for service throughout the year. This tempo continues to rival most bomb squads in major metropolitan areas.

All members of the team, except for the officer in charge are part time. Each team member is required to attend three days of training monthly in order to maintain an expert level of proficiency on all pieces of equipment. To maintain a high level of proficiency and operational tempo, while still performing above average in their full time assignment, is a testament to their dedication and commitment to the division.

In 2012, all nine technicians successfully completed the Advanced Unexploded Ordnance Identification and Disablement Course through the Texas Engineering Extension Service. This is a 300 hour course condensed into ten, ten hour days of instruction. Technicians were required to study for several hours each night in order to pass the daily identification tests. Upon successfully completing the course, the technicians were certified as Army Corps of Engineers Level I Technicians.

Of the 138 calls for service in 2012, recovering live explosives, fireworks, military ordnance and ammunition accounts for one third of our calls, while conducting bomb sweeps and proactive response patrols during high profile events account for a little over one quarter. Although handling suspicious packages and live IED's account for some of the smallest percentages of the workload, they will always remain the most volatile of all calls.

Since 9/11, the mission for the public safety bomb technician has evolved immensely. The sophisticated equipment and special skills that the team possesses has applications well beyond the traditional bomb disposal role. Whether X-raying items suspected in drug trafficking, providing an explosive entry into a fortified structure or providing two way communication and video surveillance during hostage /barricaded incidents, the bomb technician's role is constantly evolving.

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 a leader in our profession by using techniques outside of the traditional EOD paradigm. By 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 at a moments notice. Our motto of “Initial Success or Total Failure” is a constant reminder to our technicians of the perilous challenges they must successfully conquer with each and every mission. Failure is not an option.

<b>Incident Type</b>	<b>Incident Count / % of Total</b>	
Explosion (IED's)	4	2.9%
Hoax Devices	2	1.4%
Recovery (Explosives/Powder/ Ammo./Fireworks)	46	33.3%
Suspicious Package/ Unattended Package	7	5.1%
Incident Sub-Total	59	42.7%
<b>Activity Type</b>	<b>Activity Count / % of Total</b>	
Disposal / Destruct	9	6.5%
Bomb Sweep/ VIP Event/ Special Event	38	27.53%
Awareness Briefings/ Presentations	16	11.6 %
Search Warrant (Assist)	5	3.6%
SWAT / Robot Assist	11	7.9%
Activity Sub-Total	79	57.1%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>138</b>	

## ***Fiscal Control Section***

**Ms. Sandra L. Frazier**

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 ensures 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 – Eugene M. Sharp, one Senior Fiscal Administrator – Sandra L. Frazier, one Accountant – Terri Wright, three Accounting Specialists – Florence Cephas – Rachel Dukes – Irene McDonald, and one casual seasonal employee – Jacquelyn Jarman.

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, and 5) Coordinate the fiscal implementation of those proposals.

During 2012, 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. Recommendations made for budget reductions to address the State’s declining revenue environment and analyzed proposed legislation for its financial and operational impact upon the division.

The State of Delaware as well as the Delaware State Police Fiscal Control Section completed the second year under the new FSF (First State Financials) accounting system. Numerous obstacles were overcome and handled in a professional and timely manner by the Fiscal staff. Fiscal continues to meet the on-going issues regarding the state’s accounting system. FSF is moving forward with a new upgrade that should be in place in 2013. Additional training is required by all end users prior to the upgrade.

## ***Homicide Unit***

**Captain Ralph H. Davis, III**

The Delaware State Police Homicide Section is comprised of three distinct and unique units; the Homicide Unit, the Forensic Firearms Services Unit and the Crime Lab. These units are staffed by talented civilian and sworn Divisional employees with specialized training and advanced education allowing them to detect crimes, identify suspects and prosecute the offenders in Delaware courts.

Established in 1989, the Delaware State Police (DSP) Homicide Unit is comprised of five sworn members and one civilian administrative assistant. The primary responsibilities of the Homicide Unit include the investigation of homicides, suspicious deaths, and missing persons in which the person is suspected to be deceased. The Homicide Unit also investigates officer involved uses of deadly force, attempted murders and selected assaults. In addition to new investigations, the Homicide Unit is responsible for investigating “cold case” homicides.

During 2012, the Homicide Unit investigated a total of 28 new cases. The Unit provided investigative assistance to all DSP criminal troops and allied law enforcement agencies in numerous death and missing person investigations. Of the 28 new cases investigated by unit members, twelve were homicide

investigations. Arrests were made in eight of the homicide investigations. The unit also investigated two police officer involved use of force cases. In addition, five death investigations from previous years were adjudicated in the court system with findings of guilt or guilty pleas during 2012 and unit members cleared one cold case from 2009 with the arrest of the suspect.

This year the Homicide Unit hosted the 17th Annual Homicide Conference in Dover. This annual event is recognized as one of the premiere conferences in the nation dealing with the investigation of suspicious deaths. Approximately 135 criminal investigators representing 47 law enforcement agencies from the northeast region attended the conference, which included several nationally recognized speakers. Topics included crime scene management, domestic related homicides, use of DNA in criminal investigations, human decomposition and child death investigations. The conference also included a dinner cruise aboard the Cape May/Lewes Ferry.

In June Detective David Chorlton left the unit after two and one-half years and returned to the Patrol Section. Detective Chorlton was replaced by Detective Fred Chambers. Detective Chambers is a 17 year veteran of the Delaware State Police and brought 12 years of criminal investigative experience to the Homicide Unit. Detective Chambers joined Sergeant Millard Greer detectives William Porter, Mark Ryde, and Roger Cresto, and Administrative Assistant Debra Hughes to create a cohesive unit, which exceeded national clearance standards and which is committed to clearing 100 percent of all death investigations.

Within the DSP Homicide Section is the Forensic Firearms Services Unit (FFSU). The FFSU was created in November 2006 to assist all law enforcement agencies in Delaware with the investigation of gun related and other violent crimes by examining firearms and ballistic related evidence collected during criminal investigations. The FFSU is staffed by Detective John Ubil who serves as the Brasstrax technician and Mr. Carl Rone who is the certified forensic firearms examiner.

From November 2006 through December 2012, 3,657 firearms related investigations have been submitted to the FFSU for examination. During 2012, 627 firearms related cases, 45 murder investigations, 497 firearms, 1,386 cartridge cases and 506 bullet specimens were submitted to the unit, which provided forensic firearms services to 26 Delaware law enforcement agencies, as well as several federal law enforcement agencies. In addition to the submissions received by the FFSU, 170 IBIS/Brasstrax ballistic case matches were confirmed by the forensic firearms examiner. In addition, the examiner provided expert witness testimony regarding the results of the forensic ballistics examination and offered services such as firearm serial number restoration, gun shot residue testing, bullet trajectory work and tool mark examinations to Delaware investigative agencies.

Since its inception, the Delaware State Police Crime 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 three civilian employees. The lab is composed of units specializing in blood alcohol analysis, breath alcohol analysis and hairs and fibers analysis.

Director Willey and forensic chemist Mrs. Jill Winterling conduct the alcohol analyses of all DUI/alcohol and DUI/drug cases (except fatal accidents) statewide. Forensic chemist Mrs. Cynthia McCarthy oversees the Breath Alcohol Program. The DSP Crime Lab is the sole state lab responsible for the calibration checks of the Intoxilyzer instruments utilized for breath alcohol analysis as well as the training of operators of the instrumentation. As a result of the statewide services provided by members of the Crime Lab, the staff received 2,360 subpoenas to appear in Delaware courts during 2012.

In October Mrs. Deborah Louie joined the Crime Lab staff. Mrs. Louie filled the newly created position of Laboratory Technician and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Crime Lab having worked as a forensic chemist in previous state employment. In addition to assisting the forensic chemists with analytic tasks, Mrs. Louie will assist Director Willey with administrative tasks such as filling evidence supply orders. Additionally, Mrs. Louie will manage the DSP photo storage program, which includes responding to requests from attorneys and insurance companies for stored photographs.

In addition to the above services provided by the Crime Lab, Director Willey also performs calibration checks of the Ionscan instrument maintained by the Delaware National Guard. The Ionscan is used to detect trace amounts of illegal drugs and explosives. As cost center manager, Director Willey also manages funds allocated for the purchase of supplies used by the Forensic Firearms Services Unit, the Homicide Unit, the Crime Lab and the three statewide DSP evidence detection units and crash reconstruction units. Director Willey also serves as the DSP forensic microscopist and conducts hair and fiber analysis upon request.

As we move into 2013, the members of the Delaware State Police Homicide Section remains committed to serving the residents and visitors of our state with the highest quality of service possible. Unit members look forward to meeting the new challenges in crime fighting through continued and specialized training as well as the utilization of the latest advanced technology in forensics.



### *Honor Guard Unit* Captain Jason H. Sapp

The Delaware State Police Honor Guard Unit currently consists of 45 active, statewide members.

In order to be selected to join the Unit, members must demonstrate exceptional maintenance of their uniforms and equipment, strong military bearing and, most importantly, exemplary character. Membership in the Honor Guard also requires a commitment to training and a willingness to serve at a moment's notice to represent the Division in honorable fashion. All Unit members are cross-trained to perform as members of color guards, to serve as pallbearers and as casket watch, to conduct flag folds and to conduct rifle volleys.

During the course of 2012 the Unit conducted six training sessions and continued its training partnership with allied agencies by opening our training sessions to Honor Guard members from the University of Delaware Police Department, the Division of Natural Resources and Environmental Control and the Smyrna Police Department.

Several Unit members also attended training with the Pennsylvania State Police Ceremonial Unit at their Academy in Hershey, Pennsylvania and attended an Honor Guard seminar hosted by the Baltimore County Maryland Police Department during 2012.

On July 10th, Meredith Smith, a former Tomb Guard from the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, attended a Unit meeting and provided a fantastic presentation on Honor and what it meant for him to serve as a Guard from 1958 to 1960!



In 2012, the Honor Guard Unit participated in 38 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 Mass. Once again this year Unit

members were joined at St. Polycarp's by members of the New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia State Police Color Guards as we honored our fallen brother and sister Delaware troopers. In addition, the Unit participated in numerous other events sponsored by the Division, including conferences, promotional ceremonies and recruit class graduations.

Unit members were called upon to lay the following retired Divisional members to rest as well: Captain Howard Tuxward, Sergeant Robert 'Bo' Jack, Cpl/3 John 'Jack' Brockell and Cpl. Richard Major. Unit members also assisted with the funeral services for Brianna Jiminez, the daughter of Cpl/2 Stanley Jiminez and Caleb Doughty, the son of Trooper Mark Doughty, both of whom are now angels watching over us.

Several members of the Unit are also assigned to the Motor Unit. During 2012, these members had the sobering honor of escorting United States Ambassador to Libya J. Christopher

Stevens and the following members of the United States Armed Services killed in action overseas from Dover Air Force Base to their respective home towns: Army Specialist Ronald Wildrick, Marine Lance Corporal Osbrany Montes De Oca, Marine Staff Sergeant Joseph D'Augustine, Marine Corporal Derek A. Kerns, Army Major Paul C. Voelke, Army Major Thomas Kennedy, Marine Lance Corporal Greg Buckley, Marine Sergeant Brian LaLoup and United States Navy Seal SO1 Patrick D. Feeks.



Lastly, members of the Honor Guard Unit represented the Division at the funeral services for the following brother officers that were killed in the line of duty during 2012: Officer Brian Lorenzo (Philadelphia Police Department), Officer Christopher Reeves (Millville, New Jersey Police Department), Officer Moses Walker (Philadelphia Police Department), Trooper Eric Workman (West Virginia State Police) and Officer Bradley Fox (Plymouth Township, Pennsylvania Police Department).

## *Human Resources Office*

### **Captain Alice Bailey**

The Delaware State Police Human Resources Office has a unique trifurcated role: protecting the public by ensuring only the best candidates are selected to serve them, protecting co-workers by ensuring the recruitment and selection of only qualified applicants and retaining employees by coordinating their access to benefits and services to preserve their proficiency.

In 2012, the DSP Human Resources Office filled vacancies in both the uniform and civilian workforce. To achieve this end, the DSP Human Resources Office assigned and oversaw the completion of civilian and sworn pre-employment background investigations. Each was given at least two levels of review for quality and consistency with selection standards before offers of employment were extended. But, the Human Resources Office could not have accomplished this goal alone. Throughout the year, patrol and investigative troopers served as test proctors, oral board assessors, polygraph examiners, background investigators and mentors. Inasmuch as each troop and section benefits from the services of the Human Resources Office, it often takes the involvement of every troop and section in order to complete the mission.

The Division continues to generate an increase in sworn applications in 2012 over previous years. This was accomplished in a number of ways. Toward the goal of mentoring college applicants, the Human Resources Office interviewed and placed college interns. In 2012, advertising efforts expanded, especially targeting diversity-rich population bases. A fresh focus was placed on surrounding states' historically black colleges and universities, and representation at Latino and Asian expositions and job fairs was increased. The recruiting presence was amplified at unconventional minority events throughout the year such as a domestic violence benefit race and a high-profile minority breakfast. Recruiters participated in a multi-agency job fair for women interested in becoming police officers. To reach younger candidates and build their interest, recruiters provided mock oral boards and a condensed version of an applicant preparatory seminar at the high school level. The State of Delaware maintains a special bulletin on the job opportunities section of the state website to guide potential applicants to the non-merit positions posted separately on the DSP website. And, to increase the diversity of the civilian employment workforce, more advertising funds were dedicated to civilian job opportunities than in past years.

Teaching also remained an important function of the office. Most educational efforts focused primarily on equitable treatment of employees, diversity appreciation and utilization of employee benefits. The Human Resources Office facilitated courses on preparing performance appraisals and conducting pre-employment background investigations. In preparation seminars for recruits, the Human Resources staff emphasized diversity appreciation and harassment prevention. Within the first week of sworn training, this was immediately followed by sessions on the harassment prevention policy. The Human Resources staff provided information on updates to civilian employee benefits. And, Gail Ament faithfully championed awareness of the resources available through Delawell for developing healthy habits.

Technological improvements continued toward increased efficiency. The transition toward paperless record management in the Career Development program continues. In conjunction with Information Support Services efforts, refinement continued on the computerized civilian activity sheet. And, staff members coordinated extensive assistance tracking of the overtime resulting for FEMA reimbursement. To remain abreast of new resources available to employees, staff members sought multiple training opportunities throughout the year.

The goal of assisting the public by serving our own personnel is always interesting and is constantly changing. One Human Resources staff member talked about the uniqueness of her position and how she had to be prepared for every scenario. She said, "This could be as simple as assisting the public with directions... to the other end of the spectrum of helping an Alzheimer's patient who cannot even remember her own name or assisting a person who is operating outside of the realm of reality. Every phone call and every person walking through the front door could be a chance for me to participate in some-

thing. That, in my opinion, is extraordinary." This couldn't be truer. We do participate in something extraordinary: giving our best to the talented people we serve alongside, as well as to the public at large.

## ***Information Technology Section***

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

The Information Technology Section is comprised of two separate areas; Network/Applications/Hardware Support and Audit/Training/Validations.

The Section Chief is Michael J. McDonald, a retired Major who served 21 years as a Trooper. In his fourteenth year as a civilian, Mr. McDonald is responsible for management oversight of the entire section. Mr. McDonald also represents the State Police and the State of Delaware with the FBI's National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and The International Justice and Public Safety Network (Nlets). In December of 2012, Mr. McDonald was elected by his peers to serve as the Second Vice-Chairman of the Advisory Policy Board, the FBI's shared management governing body. Mr. McDonald also represents the Superintendent of the State Police to the DELJIS Board of Managers where he has served as a past Chairman. Information Technology is supported annually by a general fund operating budget of approximately \$2.0 million dollars with supplemental funding from federal grants for major projects.

The Audit/Training/and Validations unit within the Information Technology Section handles the audit and training functions for compliance with the Division's role as the Control Terminal Agency for NCIC and Nlets. Mrs. Barbara J. Pollitt, a nominee last year for the Civilian of the Year award is now in her twenty-ninth year with the Division and continues to serve as the Division's Auditor. Mrs. Pollitt now serves as the audit/training supervisor and is the recognized subject matter expert for NCIC and Nlets. Mr. Eric M. McNatt serves as the Division's Trainer and is now in his eighth year with the Division. Mrs. Linda C. Johnson, in her first year as a full time employee after ten years in a casual seasonal position, serves as a Quality Control technician assisting the auditor. These three employees proudly support over 7,500 users in our State.

Reporting directly to the Section Chief of Information Technology is the Information Support Services Section managed by Mr. Kenneth Allen. A military career veteran, Mr. Allen has been with the Division six years and has served as the Support Section Manager for the past two years. Mr. Allen oversees a staff of nine full time employees and two casual seasonal employees and assets valued at approximately \$13 million dollars. He is responsible for overall application support, network operations, help desk support and mobile device support to our entire Division. Mr. Allen also represents the Division on the E911 Board for Computer Aided Dispatch at our three 911 Public Safety Answering Point locations throughout the State.

Application development and support is provided by the Information Support Services area specifically by three employees, Mrs. Terri Shapter, Mr. Brandon Hart and Mr. Trafmore King. Mrs. Shapter is a 31 year employee of the Division. She is a Senior Application Support Specialist and the lead developer and database administrator for the Division. Mrs. Shapter is the lead for database management especially for the CAD system managing 911 calls for service and dispatch that the Division utilizes. Mr. Hart is also a Senior Application Support Specialist who writes custom applications to support State Police administrative and field operations. Most notably, Mr. Hart has written a paid overtime module to interface with our Human Resource Sections submissions for time and labor to the PHRST system. While no longer with us as of this writing, Mr. Trafmore King was the third developer in this area. He wrote two notable applications currently in use. These applications are the Civilian Timesheet Tracking System and the BAC Tracking System used by our Crime Laboratory to track the submission and analysis of samples for blood alcohol determination. Mr. King left at the end of the 2012 calendar year to pursue another professional opportunity in another area of state government.

Network administration is handled by a team of two currently. Although there are three positions assigned to this area, one is vacant due to the mid-year departure of Mr. Josh Austin who now works for the Office of Management and Budget. Mr. John Caskey, a Technologist II, and Mr. Jamie Roy, a Technician III, manage the entire network under the control of the Division. Mr. Caskey has been employed by the State Police for 14 years. Originally hired as a Telecommunications Specialist at KentCom, Mr. Caskey acquired an interest in technology and developed his technical skills to a point where he has been promoted twice within the last two years to his current position. Mr. Roy came to us this past year from the city of Dover. He is a military veteran and part of the team that manages our servers, switches and wireless access points throughout the Division. Most notably, these network administrators were instrumental in providing the necessary information to the Department of Technology and Information review process that is evaluating our Division for potential consolidation of equipment and personnel under authority of Executive Order 20. In addition, our Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) and Digital Video Recorder (DVR) back-end database server are two projects handled by this team of two.

Information Support Services provides helpdesk support primarily to the Division's sworn and civilian users comprised of about 960 employees. Mr. Jonathan Welch, Technician II has been employed by the Division for eight years and supervises a staff of two, one full-time employee and one casual seasonal employee. Miss Arreane Concepcion is a Technician I full-time and has been with the Division for three years. Mr. Chris Pepper held the casual seasonal position for about six months but left recently to pursue other employment. This group supports all devices connected to the network as well as the applications on the network used daily by our users. In 2011, the help desk implemented a new trouble ticketing sys-

tem for user requests and in the latter part of the calendar year 2012, allowed individual users to input their own requests for assistance. This change helped free up more of the helpdesk members' time to address users' requests rather than spending an inordinate amount of time on the phone.

The Division's mobile computing needs are managed by technicians who are responsible for installing and maintaining laptop computers, printers, modems and DVR technology in the patrol vehicles. Mr. Ian Smith supervises a team of two casual seasonal employees after the mid-year retirement of Mr. Robert Morgan in 2012. Ian is a Technician II and Mr. Roland Lomax, a previous full time technician who returned to DSP employment after a brief separation is a casual seasonal Technician I. The other casual seasonal position is currently vacant. The equipment supported by this group is vital to the operations of the State Police. Because the Division is totally reliant on technology for the services it provides to the citizens of Delaware, these technicians are in constant demand to keep this life line running and in good operation.

## **Legal Section**

### **W. Michael Tupman Deputy Attorney General**

The Attorney General's Office has designated one Deputy Attorney General to provide legal advice to the Division in all civil matters. The DAG will advise Internal Affairs in all investigations and case reviews and prosecute cases before Divisional Trial Boards and appeals to the Secretary; advise the Human Resources Office on personnel matters, including Fair Labor Standards Act, Family Medical Leave Act, Uniformed Services Employment and Re-Employment Rights Act, and the federal and state anti-discrimination laws and to respond to all charges of discrimination filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and Delaware Department of Labor; advise the State Bureau of Identification on Sex Offender Registry, Firearms Transaction Approval Program, expungement and civil subpoena issues; advise the Training Academy on training, certification, and de-certification issues; and advise the Professional Licensing Unit on professional regulation issues.

The DAG will also be legal counsel to the Council on Police Training, the Criminal Justice Council, the Board of Managers of the Delaware Criminal Justice Information System, the Board of Examiners of Constables and the Board of Examiners of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies. The DAG will provide regular training on Fourth Amendment and other law enforcement issues at Commander's Meetings, Annual In-Service Training and for Recruit Classes at the Training Academy. The DAG will advise the Division on all contract, sole source/critical need waivers, regulations, FOIA/public information requests and draft and review legislation.

## Legislative Liaison

Sergeant Darren J. Lester

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 ten divisions within the DSHS which includes the Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council, the State Council for Person with Disabilities, the Division of Gaming Enforcement, the Delaware Emergency Management Agency, the Office of Highway Safety, the Delaware Bureau of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement, the Office of Alcoholic Beverage Control Commissioner, 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. The Legislative Liaison Office also handles constituent relation questions brought to it by Legislators.

During the most recent legislative session, the 146th General Assembly 2nd session, 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.

HB256 Bill ensures that when a person fails to report a missing child and that child becomes a neglected child as a result of the failure to report, that person can be charged with the crime of endangering the welfare of a child.

HB277 Creation of home invasion as a new and separate crime in Delaware's criminal code.

HB385 Missing Persons Bill

SB160 This Act bans the possession, use, sale, or delivery of synthetic cathinones, more commonly known as "bath salts", by categorizing synthetic cathinones as a Schedule 1 controlled substance.

SB174 Critical Incident Stress Management bill that will codify communications in sanctioned CISM counseling sessions as privileged conversations.

SB209 Bill provides a tool for combating obstruction of justice by those who would purposely make false statements to law-enforcement during criminal investigations.

SB233 Comprehensive School Safety Plan

SB240 Bill extends the line-of-duty death benefits to the De. State Police Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration (SOAR) Agents.

SB254 Act to amend Title 29 of the De. Code as it relates to the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act and Title 21 of the De. Code as it relates to Motor Carrier Safety.

HB140 Bill intends to prohibit slower moving vehicles from driving in the left lane and blocking traffic.

HB185 Raises the penalties for the three property crimes that have enhancements for property losses in excess of \$50,000 and \$100,000. Losses in excess of \$50,000, the crime would

change to a class D felony (0-8 yrs. imprisonment). Losses in excess of \$100,000 crime would be a class B felony (2-25 years imprisonment).

HB240 Bill creates an additional \$100.00 which shall be imposed on all crimes committed against persons 62 years of age or older.

HB243 Bill takes the place of HB #237, which is the result of the School Discipline Task Force. Bill ensures most serious offense shall be reported to LE, while giving schools discretion to handle minor offenses without mandatory reporting requirements.

HB295 Act fills a gap regarding the definition of "residence" in Delaware's Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act.

HB325 Bill makes the DE Law clear that the county sheriffs and their deputies do not have arrest authority.

## Mounted Patrol Unit

The Delaware State Police Mounted Patrol Unit (DSP MPU) is a division of the Delaware State Police Honor Guard Unit. The unit was established in July 2012 and its efforts are coordinated by Cpl/3 Alison Meadows, with administrative support from Major John Evans and Captain Jason Sapp. The mounted unit consists of the following Trooper/Mount combinations: Cpl/3 William Haggerty/Potomac Affair, Cpl/3 Alison Meadows/Smarty's Gold and Cpl/3 Helen Zane and Cpl/3 Jon King share one mount named Jack. Participation in the unit is a supplemental assignment to the Troopers' regular duty. The unit was intentionally created to operate at minimal to no cost of the Division and citizens of Delaware. With that said, the maintenance and care of each horse is the sole responsibility of the members of the mounted patrol unit.

The unit's mission is to augment and enhance the traditional function of the Delaware State Police during public events and specialized patrol activities, as well as pay formal respect to fallen comrades. Deriving from there, the unit's underlying mission is to utilize retired racehorses from the Mid-Atlantic area. The unit aims to show the community how versatile and adaptable former racehorses can be by utilizing them in this capacity. Ultimately we hope this small effort will help to expand the market of use for retired racehorses.

In the summer of 2012, the Pennsylvania State Police Mounted Tactical Unit graciously offered to train the members of the DSP MPU. The unit members underwent forty hours of Basic Mounted Patrol Training. Shortly thereafter the unit received an additional forty hours of training, again conducted by the Pennsylvania State Police Mounted Tactical Unit. During these training sessions the DSP MPU members were exposed to various components of mounted police riding including equitation, sensory training, tactical formations, arrest procedures, terrain searches and ceremonial functions. With time, the DSP MPU anticipates expanding its ceremonial role and utilizing the above tactics in an operational capacity.

Upon successfully completing eighty hours of Basic Mounted Patrol Training, the unit made its official debut at the Delaware State Fair in July 2012. In an effort to introduce the unit, specifically our mounts to the community, members of the MPU greeted fair-goers one evening for several hours. Building on that, the unit participated in approximately ten more events, ending the year with conducting parking lot patrols of the Christiana Mall during the holiday season.

The Delaware State Police Mounted Patrol Unit anticipates a full calendar of events in 2013. Beginning in March, a few members will return to the Pennsylvania State Police to complete the final session of Basic Mounted Patrol training. In April, Cpl/3 Alison Meadows will participate in a two week training session hosted by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) in Ottawa. During these two weeks Cpl/3 Meadows will receive instruction from the RCMP Musical Ride Branch, having full access to their facilities, horses and trainers at their equestrian center. Upon returning home from these training endeavors, the unit looks forward to honoring various educational, ceremonial, and operational assignments throughout the year.

## **Office of Professional Responsibility**

**Captain Tom Logan**

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 our state. The public expects members of our agency 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 Office of Professional Responsibility 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. The office is responsible for investigating allegations of misconduct and conducting investigations to ensure compliance with Divisional rules and regulations and the Code of Ethics. The Office of Professional Responsibility is readily accessible to citizens via telephone, letter, Internet or in person. In 2011, Captain Thomas Logan, Lieutenant Roger Willey, Lieutenant Tim Hulings and Ms. Charlotte Stepnowski were assigned to the office. Lieutenant's Willey and Hulings moved on in 2012 and were replaced by Lieutenant Robert Hudson and Lieutenant Jennifer Griffin.

In addition to its primary duties, the Office of Professional Responsibility 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 the unit, including an overview of rules, regulations and job performance standards.

In 2012, the Internal Affairs Office investigated 12 citizen's complaints and 21 administrative complaints.



## **Pipes & Drums**

**Lieutenant Dan Meadows**

The DSP Pipes and Drums is a Division of the DSP Honor Guard Unit and currently consist of 21 performing members, which includes one civilian drum instructor. Captain Danny Meadows serves as the Pipe Major and is responsible for the various administrative duties related to the band in conjunction with Sgt Millard Greer. Pam Coupe continues to provide administrative support with scheduling and event tracking duties. Three new Pipers, Lieutenant Bruce VonGoerres, Lieutenant William Crotty and Sergeant Kris Thompson also joined the DSP Pipes and Drums in 2012.

In 2012, the band performed at a total of thirty-one events to include six events performed to honor members of our armed services.

The band continues to pay tribute our departed retired Troopers by providing music at their services. During these events we provide music to honor their memories and comfort those they have left behind.

In May of 2012, 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. This included a performance in Washington D.C. honoring Lt Joseph Sczerba of the New Castle County Police Department at the National Police Memorial during national police week. The band was honored to perform at a memorial dedication ceremony honoring Cpl. LeRoy LeKites in May of 2012. Corporal LeRoy L. LeKites was tragically killed in the line of duty on January 13, 1950. With the help of Delaware Department of Transportation, a memorial sign was erected at the location of the fatal crash scene honoring Cpl. LeKites. The band also continued with annual appearances at the Winterthur's Point-To-Point Steeplechase, Police night at Blue Rocks Stadium and the Opening Ceremonies of the Delaware Special Olympics.

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

## ***Planning and Research Section***

**Captain John A. Campanella**

The Planning and Research Section provides support to the Executive Staff reporting to the Deputy Superintendent. The Section is staffed by Captain John Campanella, Sergeant George “Bud” Heberling and Ms. Tammy Hyland.

The Planning and Research Section continued to play an important role in the overall operation of the Division. Members of the section analyzed criminal and traffic statistics reporting the findings to the Delaware State Police Executive Staff and a variety of organizations within and outside the Division for use in making informed decisions regarding the allocation of personnel and material resources; budgetary requests and allocations; and policy decisions regarding the operation of the Division.

The Planning and Research Section facilitated events and meetings such as the DSP Chaplain’s Memorial, the DSP Memorial Service, and the “Employees of the Year” ceremony. 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’ and Civilian Forums. These forums allowed the Executive Staff to meet with troopers and civilians to gain valuable input into the operation and future direction of the Division.

Members of the section continued to serve on a variety of councils and committees. The Planning and Research Section responded to surveys from other law enforcement agencies, conducted research in the areas of proposed laws, updated or assisted in creating new policy, studied staff allocation and conducted new building analysis.

The Planning and Research Section facilitated the monthly Commander’s meeting producing printed reference materials and organized monthly training for the command staff. In addition, The Planning and Research Section engineered the realignment of troop boundaries in southern New Castle County and Northern Kent County to improve response times to the surrounding communities. The Planning Section launched a new web-based program to manage special duty overtime.

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. 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.

The members of the Planning and Research Section played an important role in the success of the Delaware State Police in 2012 and look forward to the challenges that will be presented in 2013.

## **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 the 464 standards established by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). Additionally this unit is responsible for maintaining, reviewing, revising/updating and distributing all Divisional policies and SOP’s.

CALEA was formed to establish a body of standards designed to promote “Best Practices” in policing. 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 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 Sergeant Wendy S. Nichols and Master Corporal Carrie Border, 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 Unit continues to prepare the Division for its eighth successful re-accreditation award in 2013.

## ***Public Information Office***

**Sergeant Paul G. Shavack**

The Delaware State Police Public Information Office (PIO) continues the proud tradition of supplying the media and public with timely, accurate and informative information on the day to day operations of the Division. The office operates on a 24 hour basis and on-call numbers are provided to Divisional personnel and members of the media for immediate contact, or response to critical incidents if requested.

Sergeant Paul G. Shavack is the Director of Public Information Office and is responsible for overseeing the daily operations and administrative duties that are associated with the office. Along with these administrative duties, he serves as a coordinator for the Delaware Amber Alert Program and coordinates the Division’s community outreach efforts.

Corporal/1 John Day serves as the primary New Castle County Public Information Officer and Master Corporal Gary Fournier serves as the primary Kent and Sussex County Public Information Officer. In addition to their daily responsibilities as

a PIO, they are also involved in numerous community service presentations throughout the State.

The Public Information Office is also tasked with the following responsibilities:

- Prepares Press Releases and Public Service Announcements
- Responds to media and public inquiries
- Assists field personnel with local media relations
- Coordinates Press Conferences
- Serves as Liaison with other government agency public relation offices
- Hosts and coordinates Divisional and public events and ceremonies
- Coordinates the Delaware Amber Alert program
- Coordinates Community Outreach

During 2012 the Public Information Office disseminated over 1500 News Releases to all media outlets.

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

## ***Purchasing and Supply Section Graphics Office***

**Ms. Kimberly Cuffee**

The primary goal of the Purchasing and Supply/ Graphic Section is to provide service, supplies and equipment to all DSP employees and sections with professionalism, efficiency and accuracy. This section utilizes all available State & Federal resources to supply division members with what is necessary to conduct day to day business. The Section is staffed with four civilians: Kimberly Cuffee- Purchasing Administrator, Sussanne Jara- Purchasing Services Coordinator, Lewis Rosebrooks- Supply Technician and Suzanne Webster- Graphics Artist. With only having four employees, this section is able to streamline operations and cross train to meet the growing needs and demands of the Division's 934 employees.

The section's FY'12 combined budget of \$760,000 purchased supplies and covered contractual needs during the fiscal year. On the Purchasing and Supply side of the section, some of the responsibilities include approving purchases to ensure they meet the state purchasing laws, contracting, inventory control and asset management. In addition this section oversees the division issued purchasing cards, reconciling /maintaining budget information and distribution of supplies to the various troops and sections. The responsibilities of the Graphic Section consist of providing and designing printed material, uploading press releases, maintaining the State Police Website, identification photos and marking divisional vehicles.

Municipal departments and state agencies throughout the state utilize the division's buying power by obtaining various forms and publications from this section. Having the Purchasing and Supply/ Graphic Section as the central ordering location allows the entire state to save money and ensure all law enforcement agencies are using the same reporting forms. The section continues to be fiscally mindful by periodically performing cost analysis on stock items, conducting cost estimates, inventory audits and developing on-line inventory tracking methods. By doing so, this ensures the allocated funds are utilized in the best possible manner and equipment is inventoried.

## ***SCUBA Team***

**Sergeant Jeffrey Giles**

The Delaware State Police Scuba Unit currently consists of fourteen members. Sgt. Jeff Giles, NCOIC, currently leads the team. We serve under Lt. Charles Condon Special Operations Coordinator and Major Monroe Hudson Special Operations Commander. There were thirty-seven operational dives in 2012.

There were thirteen callouts in 2012, these activations included:

- On January 17th, 2012 the scuba team participated in "operation reload" to assist the USCG. Utilizing DSP Marine one a dive was conducted in the Delaware River to recover lost ammunition from a USCG Cutter.
- On April 17, 2012 the scuba team responded to the Christiana River to assist WPD and WFD in recovering a lost anchor that was a nautical obstruction in the river. The anchor was found and recovered.
- On June 1st and 2nd 2012. The Scuba Team and the Maritime Unit worked together with DNREC in locating a missing vehicle with two occupants in the C&D canal for Troop 2 detectives. The vehicle and the two victims were successfully recovered from 45' feet of water.
- On July 27, 2012 the scuba team responded to Massey's landing boat ramp and recovered a boat trailer that was submerged in the bay following a boat fire for DNREC.
- On September 12, 2012 the Scuba Team and Maritime Unit responded to the Delaware Memorial Bridge to assist DRBA with a missing person that had jumped off the bridge. A shallow area was checked for the victim with negative results.
- On October 10, 2012 the Scuba Team responded to the Silver Lake in Dover to assist the Homicide Unit on a missing shotgun used in a homicide. The entire area was checked with negative results. Later it was discovered that the shotgun had been located near the crime scene at another residence.
- On November 9, 2012 the Scuba Team responded to the Broad Creek and drainage area to assist Laurel P.D on a missing person case. The entire area was checked for the victim with negative results.

Other significant dives included:

- On July 30, 2012 the Scuba Team assisted the SORT team with water competency tryouts. The team also instructed the DSP Recruit Class in Water Safety.
- On September 6, 2012 the Scuba Team assisted the SORT Team with water survival drills and training at St. Andrews pool.
- The scuba team continues to conduct joint training with the Aviation Unit in hoist exercises. The training took place in the C&D canal and the Maritime Unit provided safety and security.
- The scuba team conducted several diving exercises on the new DSP Marine one vessel. The following scuba members are also members of the Maritime Unit: Sgt. Jeff Giles, Cpl/1 Brian Greene, Cpl. Thomas Guarini and Cpl. Mike Terranova. The Scuba Members participated in man over board drills and vessel/dive operating procedures.
- October 1 to October 4, 2012 the following scuba members (Cpl/3 Fausey, Cpl/3 Griffin, Cpl/1 Greene, Cpl/1 Guarini, Cpl. Gliem, and Cpl. Evans attended a week of scuba training and exercises in Deep Creek Maryland. They participated in joint training exercises with MSP, Baltimore City PD and Baltimore County PD dive teams. The training for the week consisted of nitrox and dive chart/tables training with new search patterns techniques and equipment updates with safety refreshers.

2012 was another very positive and rewarding year for the Delaware State Police Scuba Team. Three new divers graduated from the prestigious U.S Navy Scuba School in Panama City Fl. and joined our team. Cpl. Mac Evans, Cpl. Joshua Rowley and Tpr. Richard Angelucci. Tpr. Angelucci was awarded most outstanding recruit for his class, first ever in our team's history. These new members are being mentored and trained by our experienced team divers. Cpl/1 Greene continues to work with US Navy in securing our partnership together.

Several dives and training were conducted with the Maritime Unit and the DSP vessel: Marine One. This coordinated effort has assisted several Police, Fire and Federal agencies. One such dive on June 2, 2013, the dive team, along with the State Police Maritime Unit and DNREC, worked together to locate, secure and recover a vehicle which contained two victims. Divers, Gliem and Terranova tended by Griffin and Gatti located the vehicle in 40' of water in a strong current. The vehicle was secured with tow lines and the bodies were secured with lines for recovery purposes. The victims and vehicle were successfully recovered in a no visibility, strong current dive.

The Unit will continue to assist other local, state and federal agencies in providing our service and dedicated assistance to all in 2013.



## *Special Operations Response Team*

**Sergeant Rodney L. Workman**

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 2012, the team responded to 125 calls for service. Through professionalism, dedication, training and state of the art equipment, the Special Operation Response Team conducted these activations in a safe and successful manner. Training continues to be the main contributing factor for success as team members attended several training events to sharpen their skills. As a part-time team, members continue to perform in an exemplary manner both in the performance of their primary duties within the Division and team assignments within S.O.R.T.

During 2012, the team continued at a pace rivaling some full-time tactical teams. Responding to 125 calls for service, the team reacted to armed barricades, numerous high-risk warrants and vehicle stops. The team was activated for seven critical incidents in 2012, as well as, conducting four search warrants on active Methamphetamine labs. The majority of the team deployments involved high-risk warrant executions and vehicle stops for the Special Investigations Unit/ Drug Units. The team continues to work closely with Special Investigation Units and Troop commands providing tactical support executing search warrants, apprehending violent suspects and conducting high-risk vehicle stops. Additionally, sniper-observers provided surveillance support to both the Special Investigations Units and Criminal Units statewide. Using state of the art optics and night vision equipment, sniper-observers continue to be a valuable intelligence gathering and surveillance tool.

The team conducts monthly training in the areas of hostage rescue, dynamic forced entry, covert/stealth clearing, weapons training and scenario based events. During 2012, the team focused on firearm proficiency with an emphasis on advanced tactics, live fire threat analysis/engagement, dynamic/stealth clearing techniques and close quarter combat techniques to combat the terrorist threat. The entry teams currently train two consecutive days a month with a three-day consecutive training event every quarter for a total of 224 training hours annually. The third day of quarterly training consists of explosive breaching training which is provided by the DSP Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team. SORT currently has one team member certified as an explosive breacher and EOD currently has four team members certified. Both units are mission capable in this arena and explosive breaches were utilized during three missions in 2012. The sniper-observers train three consecutive days monthly for a total of 288 hours annually. The entry teams and sniper teams train as a full team one day during monthly training. The remainder of the time the teams train on their individual mission.

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 inner-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 possess real world experience fighting terrorists.

During 2012, four team members attended the SWAT Type 1 course which resulted in the entire team being certified as SWAT 1 operators. Team members developed new skill sets to include Advanced Tactical Rappelling and FAST rope insertion. During the month of September, the team conducted their second two week Basic SWAT School. This school which is offered through the DSP Academy is open to all police agencies throughout the state. Applicants must pass a rigorous entry process in order to be selected for the school. A successful completion of the school allows DSP members to apply for available team positions. As a result of the selection process, four new team members were appointed to SORT. These newly selected members will attend the above mentioned SWAT Type 1 in early 2013.

The team was fortunate enough to secure Federal training funds to send four team members to a basic and advanced sniper course held in Moyock, NC, as well as, two team members to a rappel master course that was offered to us by the FBI-Baltimore SWAT Team. This course was held on the campus of Youngstown State University in Columbus, OH. One team member also completed the three week Baltimore County Police sniper course.

The team currently has seven members trained in maritime tactical operations and has recently secured funding from the Department of Homeland Security to train an additional eight team members at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Charleston, SC during the late spring of 2013.

The team continues to provide support operations to the division at a tempo few can endure while maintaining high standards at their primary Divisional assignment. Since 2008, the Special Operations Response Team has continuously been activated for over 100 missions each year. The operational tempo of the team continues to rival that of full-time teams across the country with the anticipation of 2013 being no different. The training demands have also increased significantly with the introduction of Maritime tactical operations in support of homeland security missions, advanced equipment and skill sets, as well as, the emergence of methamphetamine labs that have slowly migrated across the US and have found their way into Delaware communities. The Special Operations Response

Team will continue to react to the requests of the Division with enthusiasm, dedication and professionalism.

## *State Bureau of Identification*

### **Captain Daniel K. Meadows**

Captain Daniel K. Meadows assumed command from Captain Jason Sapp in September of 2012 and serves as the Director of the State Bureau of Identification (SBI), while Ms. Renee Rigby serves as the Assistant Director. Lt. Roger Davis is the Officer in Charge of the Regulatory Section which oversees the Professional Licensing Section and Sex offender Apprehension and Registration Unit.

In simple terms, SBI provides the state with a central repository for the collection and accurate organization of criminal arrest records, crime reports and missing person reports among other duties. The Director and Assistant Director, along with seven Troopers, four Sex Offender Agents, and a civilian staff consisting of fifty people work in the following separate, but interrelated sections; the Criminal History Section, the Fingerprint Identification Section, the Firearms Transaction Approval Section, Front Desk Operations, the Professional Licensing Section, the Quality Control Section and the Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration Unit (SOAR).

Ms. Teresa Jones is the supervisor of the Criminal History Section which is responsible for the research and completion of criminal history background checks for employment and/or other purposes. The Criminal History Section consists of nine employees. These employees processed 58,866 criminal history requests in 2012.

Mr. Russell McNatt supervises the Fingerprint Identification Section, which is responsible for the maintenance and oversight of the AFIS system for all of Delaware law enforcement. The section is also 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. This section is comprised of two shifts consisting of ten employees. In 2012 the section processed 81,196 print cards. Also, during 2012, the section continued to conduct critical latent examinations revealing the identity of suspects who have committed many serious crimes leading to their arrest and conviction. There were 1,651 latent cases completed in 2012, which resulted in 316 hits.

Ms. Mindie Pleasanton was promoted to Front Desk Operations supervisor in 2012 and is responsible for both SBI locations, Dover and Troop 2. There are eight civilian employees who provide fingerprinting services to customers desiring criminal history checks for the variety of professions for which Delaware law requires criminal history checks.

Sergeant Jeffrey Whitmarsh supervises the Professional Licensing Section. The employees assigned to this section

are responsible for the licensing and monitoring of private security agencies and their employees, private investigative agencies and their employees, security system and protective services agencies and their employees, non-state constables, bail enforcement agents, pawn brokers, scrap metal processors and second hand dealers. The section is also responsible for the credentialing of all HR 218 permit holders. Under Sgt. Whitmarsh's direction, the section has become more proactive using innovative technologies to monitor the industries in which the section has oversight.

Ms. Mary Sheppard supervises the Quality Control Section which consists of nine employees responsible for the quality control reviews of crime reports for the vast majority of all Delaware law enforcement agencies. The purpose of these reviews is to ensure 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. In 2012, 77,158 crime reports were quality controlled by this section. Additionally, this section is the designated starting point for all adult expungement requests and all pardon requests. Section personnel review the expungement requests to determine if the expungement can be completed at SBI, or if it must be referred to the appropriate court for further consideration. In 2012 the Section processed 3,786 requests for expungement orders and 669 pardon applications.

Sergeant Barry A. Dean supervised the Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration (SOAR) unit. The SOAR unit is responsible for registering and tracking sex offenders as required by the Delaware Sex Offender Registry Law (Megan's Law). There are currently 4,782 registered sex offenders in the State of Delaware. The SOAR unit consists of fifteen employees including four sworn detectives, four agents and seven civilian employees. The sworn detectives are assigned to conduct criminal investigations of offenders who fail to follow Delaware's Megan's Law requirements. The four agents are retired police officers who conduct statewide notifications for all offenders residing in State Police jurisdictions. Sergeant Dean also served as a liaison with all of the various criminal justice entities involved in the monitoring and tracking of sex offenders within the state as well as with all other states and territories.

## ***Tactical Control Unit***

**Lieutenant Michael J. Wysock**

The Tactical Control Unit (TCU) is currently made up of 43 sworn troopers who staff the unit on a part-time basis in addition to their regular duties. The mission of TCU is to provide the division with a trained response to mass protest events, civil disturbances, labor strikes, mass arrest events and to provide an added police presence at large scale events throughout the state. TCU is also responsible for providing security for any CDC Strategic National Stockpile deployments.

During 2012, TCU deployed to and provided security at several large events to include Delaware State University Homecoming and Pumpkin Chunking. TCU also deployed and assisted with security at the JVCC for two scheduled execution details. TCU was deployed for a protest by SLAP at the Sallie Mae facility. In addition TCU was activated and assisted SORT on three of their incidents.

The Tactical Control Unit trains on a bi-monthly basis in tactical formations, cordon operations, delivery of chemical and less-lethal munitions and specified security details for large events. Additional training has been added to incorporate SORT tactics. Training also consists of qualifying with all divisionally issued firearms after donning gas masks and other issued protective equipment. During 2012, the unit conducted joint riot control training with the Newark, Capitol Police and University of Delaware Police departments. During 2013, TCU will begin cross training with the Wilmington Police Departments riot unit.

## ***Traffic Operations***

**Captain Sherri Benson**

Tasked with numerous responsibilities surrounding the goal of reducing motor vehicle collisions, the Delaware State Police Traffic Operations Section performs an array of diverse functions. At the Headquarters Building in Dover, administrative and support duties are performed which relate to statewide recordkeeping and Divisional traffic enforcement. Based out of the Blackbird and Rt. 301 weigh facilities in lower New Castle County, the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit (CVEU) is charged with proactive and reactive enforcement related to commercial vehicles.

Personnel assigned to the Headquarters Building fulfill several key duties and responsibilities. Among them is the development of traffic initiatives, programs and campaigns designed to promote increased enforcement and police visibility on our highways. 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. Statistics are also provided by the Divisional Statistician to assist in these efforts.

An effective analytical tool specifically for fatal crashes is the Fatal Analysis Reporting System (FARS). Housed within the Traffic Operations Section, this nationwide mechanism provides for the FARS Coordinator 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.

In their seventh year of operation, Electronic Red Light Safety Program (ERLSP) technicians assess red light violations captured on camera at 37 different approaches at 19 different intersections throughout the state. The three ERLSP Technicians assigned to the Traffic Operations Section oversaw the issuing of 39,041 red light violation assessments, totaling \$4,225,989.00 in fines. These totals are from the 19 intersections that are monitored by DSP.

One of the significant responsibilities of the Traffic Operations Section is the collection and archiving of motor vehicle collision reports, along with the dissemination of them to the public, attorneys' offices, insurance companies and others with vested interests in specific collisions. In 2012, data entry clerks in the Traffic Operations Section processed 13,721 accident reports. They fulfilled and distributed 12,829 requests for collision reports, which exceeds the total number of motor vehicle collisions that occurred in State Police serviced areas.

During 2012, the Traffic Section was assigned to oversee the training and supervision of the Digital In-Car Cameras. An additional 32 new Digital Mobil Video Recorders were ordered in November 2012. The Traffic Section is also responsible now for sending DUI DVDs to the respective Attorney Generals offices and troops.

Members assigned to the Truck Enforcement Unit (TEU) are primarily responsible for the operation of the Blackbird and Rt. 301 weigh facilities. Additionally, TEU personnel take portable scales to various locations throughout the state to conduct commercial vehicle weight checks, while also ensuring congruence with size regulations.

In addition to TEU, the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) is also structured under the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit. This unit's primary responsibility is to inspect commercial vehicles, and their operators, to affirm congruence with governmental regulations. The majority of these inspections are done at various locations throughout the state, while many are conducted at the Blackbird and Rt. 301 weigh facilities.

In 2012, the MCSAP and TEU units accomplished the following—

2011	2012
Commercial motor vehicle inspections conducted:	
5,380	5,914
Commercial motor vehicles weighed on fixed and portable scales:	
37,334	38,283
Drivers placed out of service for non-compliance with regulations:	
289	340
Vehicles placed out of service for non-compliance with regulations:	
809	811
Traffic arrests for dangerous, moving violations:	
1,131	1,225

Traffic arrests for other violations:	
1,673	1,910
Seatbelt arrests:	
208	381

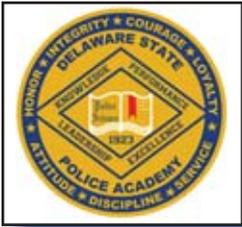
In Delaware during 2012, there were 110 fatal crashes. The Delaware State Police investigated 101 crashes and other agencies investigated the remaining 9 crashes. Of those crashes, 25 involved pedestrians. Speeding ranked as the #1 cause of fatal crashes. Failure to yield the right of way was the #2 cause of fatal crashes. For personal injury and property damage collisions, Inattentive Driving ranked as the #1 contributor for injury collisions.

In an effort to reduce these crashes throughout the year, the Delaware State Police actively participated in numerous traffic enforcement campaigns, most of which were funded by the Delaware Office of Highway Safety. Additionally, the Traffic Operations Section directed traffic action plans each quarter to target crash producing behaviors. Each patrol troop implemented its own quarterly action plan based upon motor vehicle collision trends, noted dangerous driving behaviors, and citizen complaints in each troop's specific area. Police visibility was notably increased on targeted highways, which yielded crash reductions and more compliant driving behaviors in the involved areas. The Office of Highway Safety funded special enforcement in the areas of DUI, Aggressive Driving, Child Restraint and Seatbelts. These jobs focused on Holidays, Summer Months with high traffic volume, Special Events (ie. NFL Playoffs, Superbowl, Punkin Chunkin), etc.

As a continuing project, Troopers assigned to Headquarters and other non-patrol units conducted enforcement activities during the four major holiday weekends — Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Thanksgiving. During this initiative, extra Troopers were assigned to notable crash areas identified from the previous year's statistics, to promote increased visibility. As a result, no personal injury or fatal crashes occurred on any assigned highways, which fulfilled the initiative's intended purpose.

Overall, Delaware Troopers yielded numerous traffic arrests to battle crashes and negative driving behaviors throughout Delaware in 2012. Troopers made the following arrests during the year:

Total traffic arrests:	130,974
Aggressive driving-related:	56,243
Primary Seatbelt Arrests:	4,720
Seatbelt Assessments:	2,726
Child Restraint Arrests:	580
Hand Held Cell Phone Arrests:	3,506
DUI:	3,170
Inattentive driving:	3, 649



## **Training Academy**

### **Captain Robert Hawkins**

The Delaware State Police Training Academy is commanded by Director of Training Captain Robert Hawkins. The Academy Staff includes fourteen 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.

The DSP Academy Staff includes Lieutenant Bruce Von Goerres, Sergeant Alexander Peterson, Corporal Andrea Boone and Corporal Jason Minear. In 2012, 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 forty-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, fifty-four elective in-service classes were provided to DSP Troopers and Delaware police officers.

In June, the Academy staff hosted the 41st Annual Trooper Youth Week in conjunction with the American Legion. Thirty-three high school students spent a week at the DSP Academy as cadets learning about a career in law enforcement and got a taste of the rigors of academy life.

The Firearms Training Unit is headed up by Lieutenant Michael Berry. This unit had a very busy and successful year in 2012. 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 force on force, active shooter response and stress induced 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. Other members of the FTU are Sergeant Susan Jones, Corporal Donald Boulерice, Corporal James Warwick and Corporal Carey Brower.

The DSP Canine Training Unit is headed up by Corporal Jeffrey Miller who was joined this year with the addition of Corporal Leonard Aguilar. Cpl. Miller and Aguilar oversaw the training of the Basic Patrol class that graduated on Sept. 13th 2012. This



included six new canines to work patrol and one single purpose canine. This graduation was attended by Col. Coupe and open to the public. The graduation included a demonstration of the abilities of the new Canine teams and was fun for the families of the new handlers as they saw the new canine teams in action and had their picture taken with Col. Coupe. In addition, the Canine Unit trains both Explosive Detection and Narcotics Detection classes for canine teams from the Division of State Police and six municipal police agencies. In addition to teaching these courses, the Canine Unit continued to conduct monthly update training and annual recertification for 22 DSP teams and nine K-9 Teams from other agencies.

2012 saw the retirement of long time Administrative Specialists Ms. Sharon Burge. She will be greatly missed. The Academy staff was pleased that Ms. Vanessa Laughman, another long time DSP Employee, took Ms. Burge's position. Mr. James Howard of the culinary staff continues to provide quality meals for the recruit classes.

## **Transportation**

**Mr. Mark Balfantz**

The Delaware State Police Transportation Section is headed by Fleet Manager Mark Balfantz and supported by eleven automotive technicians and an administrative specialist.

The section provides direct and indirect vehicle maintenance support for all eight patrol troops and Headquarters for a fleet of over 900 vehicles, consisting of a wide variety of vehicles ranging from 4-wheel all terrain vehicles to mobile command posts. The day-to-day maintenance operation ensures that a safe and serviceable fleet is readily available to support the various aspects of the law enforcement services provided by Delaware State Police.

The staff also handles the purchasing, 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. To enhance the more specialized law enforcement operations of the State Police the section adds forfeited vehicles to the fleet to be used for various unconventional operations when feasible.

With an annual budget of over four Million dollars, the section maintains a cost center budget to fund fuel, parts, repairs for all assigned vehicles and vehicle replacements. Commercial maintenance services are incorporated in to the maintenance system and used for overflow work, specialized and the more time consuming repair tasks.

## **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). In 2012, the unit provided services to approximately 5,000 unduplicated clients. All cases are provided with contact for up to one year and sometimes beyond.

The Victim Service Specialists continue to be 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. The advocates, who are located at various offices throughout the state, include Jennifer Zeroles, Veronica Colombo, Corrie Schmitt, Nancy Will and Eunice Mercado. During this year we also hired our newest advocate, Casey Wilson. Ms. Wilson was formerly a victim services agent with Probation and Parole so she comes to our unit with knowledge and expertise in working with crime victims.

Also in 2012, we had two of our senior advocates retire after over 20 years of service to crime victims through the Delaware State Police victim services unit. We wish both Terri Lang and Peggy Sutherland all the best in their retirement and much gratitude for all of their dedication and hard work throughout their careers. Lisa McNatt, who retired from human resources and joined the victim services unit, took a new position with the Delaware Trooper's Association. During this year, we hired Adrienne Hegman as the new Victim Services Assistant, working out of headquarters and providing support to the Unit.

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 cross-trained to assist with victim service "call outs" throughout the state. In 2012, there were over 200 requests for immediate assistance or "call outs" with over 20,000 follow up contacts.

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. This year, in conjunction with the Domestic Violence Unit, we hosted the 9th annual domestic violence awareness motorcycle ride in October. We continue to grow in participation each year. Debra Reed was appointed to two new boards this year, The Advisory Board of the Victim Compensation Assistance program as well as the Delaware Center for Justice. Additionally a committee has been established, through legislation, to look at child mental health gaps and services in Kent and Sussex counties as a result of the State vs. Earl Bradley Child Sexual Abuse Case.

In October, for the second time, the DSP Victim Services Unit received Honorable Mention for 2012 Excellence in Victim Services by the International Association of Chiefs of Police. Also this year, Sr. Victim Service Specialist Nancy Will joined the First State Force Band as a guitarist and has performed with the band on several occasions.

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).

## 2012 Delaware State Police Civilian of the Year - Mr. Eric Ralph



*Colonel Nathaniel McQueen and Mr. Eric Ralph, 2012 Civilian of the Year*

Each year the Delaware State Police Executive Staff selects one civilian employee for the Civilian of the Year Award. Civilian employees are nominated for this award for outstanding performance and meeting the following criteria:

1. Exceptional service as identified by the employee's performance evaluations
2. A consistent record of such service through their years of employment
3. Recognized by their peers as having outstanding character and integrity

This year, seven civilian Delaware State Police employees were nominated.

Human Resources-	Ms. Gail Ament
Communications-	Mr. Ronald Joseph
Troop 1-	Mr. Nicholas Spinelli
Troop 3-	Ms. Mariah Austin
Troop 4-	Mr. Eric Ralph
Troop 6-	Ms. Donna Newth-Showell
	Ms. Joni Melvin

The Executive Staff of the Delaware State Police has selected Mr. Eric Ralph from Troop 4 as the 2012 Civilian of the Year.

Mr. Ralph began his career with the Delaware State Police at Troop 4 in Georgetown on April 15, 1996 where he has

continuously served the Division as an Equipment Mechanic III. He is responsible for the maintenance of 85 vehicles at Troop 4 and does so with great pride and efficiency.

Mr. Ralph is known for his keen eye to identify issues before they became hazardous or problematic. In addition to performing routine vehicle maintenance, he has been called upon to assist investigative units with examination of vehicles involved in criminal activity or fatal accidents.

Mr. Ralph's resilience, commitment to performing his role as a mechanic at Troop 4, and his faith, led him to work each day with a smile and handshake even while he was managing significant medical problems. He continues to perform his role each and every day without ever complaining or requesting special accommodations.

Mr. Ralph is always pleasant with his co-workers, supervisors and members of the public. He was nominated by the Troop 4 administrative staff because of his constant dedication to his faith, family, co-workers and the State Police.

Mr. Ralph's courage is commendable and serves as an example for all us.

## 2012 Delaware State Police Trooper of the Year - Corporal Joshua Jubb



*Colonel Nathaniel McQueen and Corporal Joshua Jubb, 2012 Trooper of the Year*

Each year the Delaware State Police Executive Staff selects one Trooper for the Trooper of the Year Award. Troopers nominated must be recognized by their peers as having outstanding character and integrity and whose actions or performance significantly exceeded expectations during the previous calendar year.

This year, eight Delaware State Troopers were nominated.

Troop 1-	Cpl. William Yeldell
Troop 2-	Cpl. Joshua Jubb
Troop 3-	Cpl/1 Scott Horsman
Troop 4-	Cpl/3 Chip Mears
Troop 5-	TFC Ashley Stetser
Troop 7-	TFC Leonard DeMalto
Troop 9-	Cpl. Robert Cassidy
HQ DGE-	Cpl/2 David Hanich

The Executive Staff selected Corporal Joshua Jubb from Troop 2 Patrol as the 2012 Trooper of the Year.

Cpl. Jubb began his career in October 2008 and in July 2009 was assigned to Troop 2 Patrol in Glasgow where he quickly established a reputation of being an excellent investigator.

Cpl. Jubb was nominated by the Troop 2 Administration who described him as the “epitome of a Delaware State Trooper.” His loyalty to the Division, residents, and visitors of the State of Delaware is beyond reproach. Cpl. Jubb is well respected by his peers and supervisors and is always professional when interacting with the public.

Cpl. Jubb is a diligent investigator who consistently exhausts all avenues in order to develop suspects resulting in significant arrests and seizures of drugs, weapons and vehicles. There are many examples of Cpl. Jubb’s excellent work but one event stands-out in 2012 helping Cpl. Jubb to earn this distinctive award.

On Sunday, December 16, 2012 at approximately 10:30 p.m., Cpl. Jubb was investigating a motor vehicle collision just West of Glasgow when two citizens advised him that the nearby Wendy’s Restaurant was being robbed by two gunmen.

Cpl. Jubb responded to the Wendy’s and as he pulled in the parking lot observed the two armed male suspects inside the store ordering the employees around. Cpl. Jubb took a tactical position towards the rear of the Wendy’s observing both exits while communicating essential information to dispatchers and responding units. Both suspects fled out of the restaurant and were engaged by Cpl. Jubb with his shotgun. The suspects ignored his commands and fled on foot with Cpl. Jubb in pursuit.

As Cpl. Jubb closed the distance between him and one of the suspects, he opted for a less-than-lethal use of force and transitioned from his shotgun to his TASER. Cpl. Jubb was able to successfully deploy the TASER apprehending the fleeing felon while transmitting a description and direction of travel of the other fleeing suspect. A short time later, assisting units apprehended the other suspect.

Cpl. Jubb utilized his training to bring a violent felony crime to an end without injury or loss of life, recovered the stolen proceeds, and apprehended two violent felons both with lengthy records that include convictions for attempted murder.

The men and women of the Delaware State Police are very proud of Corporal Joshua Jubb and grateful for his dedicated service.

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