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To the Citizens of Delaware:

Please join me in extending a heartfelt thanks and congratulations to the men and women of the Delaware State Police (DSP) for a year filled with numerous accomplishments. I appreciate their dedication, hard work and vow to fulfill the mission of the Delaware State Police. As always, I extend a sincere thank you to Governor Jack Markell and members of the General Assembly for their continuing support and unwavering dedication to public safety throughout the past year.

In 2015, DSP continued to employ strategies aimed at reducing the incidences of violent crime statewide. This year they exercised the Stratified Model of Problem Solving, Analysis and Accountability in their approach to crime reduction. This method seeks to overcome the weakness of current policing methods, while simultaneously incorporating evidence-based practices. The approach, called Stratified Policing, distinguishes among different crime and disorder problems for which crime reduction and prevention strategies are implemented. It then designates responsibility based upon the type of problem and resources needed to address it. By separating and distinguishing the types of crime, different analyses, responses, and accountability mechanisms are carried out by various units within the Division.

One notable change to the Division was the creation of the Community Outreach Unit which was formed in May of 2015. This unit stemmed from the belief that a commitment to building partnerships and relationships with the commercial and residential communities will serve to enhance DSP’s ability to be a highly effective law enforcement agency. This outreach effort will also ensure stronger and safer neighborhoods fostered on trust of the police.

The new Troop 3 opened in November of this year, located at 3759 South State Street, Camden, DE. The 31,000-square-foot facility is situated on 20 acres and cost $16.9 million. Troop 3 will house over 100 troopers, including administrative personnel, 50 patrol officers and 50 detectives. This new location will also aid in the success of their community outreach strategies.

These are just a few examples of the achievements of the Division over the last year. The attached report highlights many other success stories as the Delaware State Police, both uniform and civilian, perform outstanding work every day. On behalf of all Delawareans it is with great pride that I express my gratitude and appreciation for a job well done.

I look forward to another year of success and commend the DSP team for its commitment to excellence.

Sincerely,

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James N. Mosley, Secretary
As Superintendent of the Delaware State Police, it is my distinct pleasure to present the 2015 Annual Report. This document highlights the hard work, dedication and commitment of the men and women of the Delaware State Police. As always, we greatly appreciate the leadership and support of Governor Jack Markell, Secretary of the Department of Safety and Homeland Security James N. Mosley, members of our General Assembly, and most importantly we are thankful for the support we receive from the citizens of Delaware.

The Delaware State Police continue to pursue our goals of strengthening community partnerships, crime reduction, improving traffic safety and leveraging technology to improve our effectiveness and efficiency.

In 2015, the Delaware State Police re-established our statewide Community Outreach Unit. The unit is committed to ongoing and proactive communication with our citizens, businesses and community-based organizations to strengthen our public safety practices, enforcement and partnerships. These Troopers quickly developed and expanded several initiatives, including: Honorary Commander Program, Community Movie Night, Troopers Have Your Back-Pack (school supplies), Trunk or Treat, Operation Gobble-Gobble (Thanksgiving food drive), Operation Christmas Wish, and several other outreach initiatives. The Delaware State Police will maintain our commitment to our longstanding programs such as; The Citizens Police Academy, Youth Explorers Program, and our 45 year commitment to Trooper Youth Week and our legacy of service to Camp Barnes since 1947 where we serve more than 600 children each summer.

Hand-in-hand with our community outreach efforts, The Delaware State Police remain committed to crime reduction and traffic safety. In 2015 the Delaware State Police implemented the State Police Enhanced Analytical Response (S.P.E.A.R) process based on the IACP award winning Stratified Policing Model. This approach is a structure that standardizes crime analysis, the problem solving process, and accountability into the organizational structure and daily business of the agency with the goal of implementing and sustaining evidence based practices and enhancing and increasing effectiveness and efficiency of crime reduction and traffic safety efforts. While still in the very early stages, we are already seeing the benefits as we continue to work toward proactively reducing crime and traffic problems throughout Delaware.

In 2015, overall crime in Delaware State Police jurisdiction declined by 2.1%. Delaware Troopers continue to conduct thorough investigations resulting in clearance rates that continue to be high clearing 86% of violent crime compared to the national average of 47.4%.
While working with our traffic safety partners at the Office of Highway Safety, the Department of Transportation and all of our allied law enforcement agencies the Delaware State Police focused heavily on traffic enforcement, education, and collision data analysis to impact traffic safety.

In 2015 Troopers investigated a total of 20,306 collisions on Delaware roadways and increased our enforcement by 2.8% issuing a total of 132,230 traffic citations.

The year 2015 also saw the opening of a new Troop facility. On November, 19 2015, the Division held a ceremony for the opening of the new Troop 3 at 3759 S. State Street near Magnolia. This facility is the result of a multi-year project culminating the efforts of many state agencies. This state of the art 31,000-square foot facility located on 20 acres will house more than 100 personnel including administrative personnel and both criminal and patrol operations. The Troop also has a large community room that is available to the community. This facility represents the future of policing in Kent County and in the State.

Finally, history shows that the law enforcement profession undergoes constant change as new technology and innovative programs are developed and as society changes. The Delaware State Police understand and anticipate the changing environment in which we serve. As we honor our mission to enhance the quality of life for all Delaware citizens and visitors by providing professional, competent, and compassionate law enforcement services, the Delaware State Police are committed more than ever to building trusting partnerships and relationships with all of the commercial and residential communities we serve across Delaware.

Sincerely,

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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-three troopers currently assigned to Troop 1 performed exceptionally 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. Troop 1 continues to work with the community and business leaders on both small and large events, such as the Winterthur Point-to-Point event that draws almost 15,000 attendees.

Troop 1 crime fighting and prevention efforts have been directed by Lieutenant Sean Duffy who continued to target areas of high criminal activity and focused on repeat criminal offenders. Under Lt. Duffy’s direction, the Troop 1 Retail Theft Unit efforts were spearheaded by Corporal 1 Megan Hazzard and Corporal William Yeldell. The retail theft unit continued to be vital in forging relationships with our retail security partners.

In May of 2015, Troop 1 piloted the Division’s Stratified Model Program, known as the State Police Enhanced Analytical Response (S.P.E.A.R.). Through this process Troop 1 Troopers have remained flexible and engaged with the process with the increased levels of accountability to both criminal and traffic issues. One of the Top Spots for criminal activity was identified as RT 202 Concord Pike, specifically shoplifting and thefts along the corridor. Further analysis identified hot spots, or top store locations that were being targeted by suspects. A strategy was created by the Troop Administration and carried out by the Troopers, and as a result Shoplifting/thefts within the Top Troop 1 Hot Spot were decreased by 14%, while increasing arrests by 6% comparing the same time period in 2015 to 2014. This is just one of the many criminal successes of Troop 1 Troopers in regards to the Stratified Model, which is a direct reflection of their hard work and engagement.

Troop 1 traffic initiatives and enforcement have been directed by Lieutenant Roger Davis who targeted and led traffic initiatives with funding from the Office of Highway Safety and the DSP Traffic Section. As previously state above, the utilization of the Stratified Model further focused the strategy and deployment for dealing with the traffic issues in the Troop 1 area. Based on the enhanced analysis there were several initiatives that Troop 1 focused on to include: Increased enforcement during peak crash times and at Hot Spots (locations), increased enforcement of crash contributing factors, and increased proactive DUI enforcement. These were the Top 3 Traffic initiatives under the S.P.E.A.R., thus, all traffic deployment revolved around increasing productivity in these areas with a precise and targeted strategy. As a result, Troop 1 Troopers have increased their proactive DUI enforcement by almost 20%. This is something Troop 1 is very proud of since over 50% of fatalities are DUI related; and by engaging the impaired driver prior to the crash, Troopers are saving lives. Troopers, have also increased their proactive traffic enforcement in the Hot Spots where the majority of troop 1 crashes occurred. On average, between 90-95% of all proactive traffic citations were written in the Hot Spots. This shows that Troopers are enforcing traffic violations in those areas that are accounting for the majority of crashes within the Troop area.

Throughout 2015, Troop 1 personnel continued coordinating with the United States Secret Service for protection of Vice President Joseph R. Biden and his family. This duty included escorts from the Vice President’s residence, as well as, visits from other dignitaries to include the President. During the numerous Vice Presidential details, Troop 1 Troopers provided distinguished service in security and motorcade functions.

Troop 1 Administration and Troopers continue to engage with the community in a variety of locations and venues. For 2015, Troop 1 Troopers performed over 60 separate Community Outreach presentations, events, and/or meetings to include events for Special Olympics, A.I. Hospital visits, Community meetings, J.P. Morgan Chase Bank safety meetings, Law Enforcement Memorial Run, Claymont Holiday parade, Explorer’s meetings, Troop 1 Senator and Representative information sharing sessions, as well as countless Active Shooter round table exercises and live drills. A highlight of the year was the Troop 1 participation in the WAWA Hoagie build competition against Claymont Fire Company where Troop 1 was able to donate $1,000 to Stockings for Soldiers which is a non-profit organization within the Troop 1 area that donates Holiday stockings for deployed soldiers. Troop 1 Administration and Troopers also participated in the Tfc. Harold Rupert sign dedication and memorial ceremony in April 2015 honoring his distinguished service and sacrifice. Also, the Troop 1 Motor Unit and patrol troopers performed over 50 escorts to include dignitaries, deceased soldier transports to/from Dover Air Force base, as well as countless law enforcement escorts.

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; and their effort, hard work, dedication and results during 2015 are nothing short of exceptional.
The ‘new’ Troop 2, built in 2002 is located on the Pulaski Highway in Newark and responsible for primary coverage of a Troop area that runs from the C&D Canal to Interstate 95 and from the Maryland Line to the City of Wilmington/Delaware River.

Lieutenant Edward Schiavi serves as the Deputy Troop Commander/Criminal Lieutenant while Lieutenant Scott Slover serves as the Traffic Lieutenant. Sergeant’s Thomas Carver, Joseph Parker, Gregory Earle and Dermot Alexander supervise the Troopers assigned to the four Patrol Shifts. In addition to the 44 Troopers assigned to those four Shifts Lieutenant Schiavi also oversees the Troop 2 Retail Theft Unit which focuses on Shoplifting, Theft and Organized Retail Crime investigations as well as the Troop Two I.M.P.A.C.T. Car (Intense, Meaningful Patrol Attacking Crime Trends) which focuses on targeting criminal ‘hot spots’ throughout the Troop area in a proactive fashion.

In addition to overseeing the Troop’s vehicle fleet and all traffic related efforts Lieutenant Slover also oversees the Troop 2 TAC Car which focuses on proactive traffic enforcement, the Troop 2 ASAP Car which focuses on proactive DUI enforcement and the New Castle County Collision Reconstruction Unit (C.R.U.) which is responsible for all fatal motor vehicle investigations as well as significant departmental collisions throughout New Castle County. Sergeant Phillip Dzielak oversees the three investigators assigned to C.R.U.

From a criminal perspective, during the course of 2015, Troop 2 personnel investigated 2,633 criminal complaints along with an additional 12,758 miscellaneous calls for service. From a traffic perspective, during the course of 2015, Troop 2 personnel investigated 3,332 property damage, 680 personal injury and 19 fatal motor vehicle collisions. Troop personnel issued a total of 16,958 traffic citations, 11,902 of which resulted from proactive traffic enforcement efforts. Troop personnel also made 397 arrests for Driving Under the Influence.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit investigated a total of 50 fatal collisions throughout New Castle County in 2015 and handled another dozen serious departmental and pedestrian collisions. Of the 50 total fatal collisions, 21 involved pedestrians. That reality has resulted in increased focus on pedestrian-related enforcement. Troop 2 personnel issued 229 citations related to pedestrian violations in response to this trend, a 182% over 2014 totals.

The Troop 2 Administration was assisted on a daily basis by Administrative Specialist Joni Melvin, Physical Plant Maintenance Specialist Jeffrey Miller and Automotive Mechanic Scott Warren.

During the course of 2015, Troop 2 personnel remained committed to staying connected to the communities served by attending community meetings, participating in various community events and by maintaining an ever important Explorer’s Post which exposes young adults to the law enforcement profession.

In closing, several Troop 2 Troopers were recognized for their individual efforts in 2015 by way of the following Troop-level award recognition:

- Troop 2 Trooper of the Third Quarter – Trooper Patrick McAndrew
- Troop 2 Trooper of the Fourth Quarter – Master Corporal Patrick Wenk
- Troop 2 DUI Ace – Master Corporal Patrick Wenk
- Troop 2 Traffic Ace - Trooper Patrick McAndrew
- Troop 2 Criminal Ace – Cpl. Brian McDerby
- Troop 2 Trooper of the Year – TFC Ryan Kirchenbauer
bility for everything from quality-of-life issues that affect our citizens to the investigation of any serious criminal offenses that occur in New Castle County.

CIU detectives are assigned to specialized investigative squads that concentrate on specific crimes. These squads include Robbery, Property Crimes, Financial Crimes, Major Crimes, Youth Aid, Drugs, Evidence Detection and Court Liaison. In addition, two CIU drug investigators participate full-time in two federal task forces with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA).

Additional units include the Governor’s Task Force (GTF), 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. SRO’s are stationed in 20 schools throughout the county and act and serve as the school’s law enforcement officer, law-related counselor and law-related educator.

In 2015, detectives investigated and managed a significant caseload including 57 deaths, 238 robberies, 58 sexual assaults, 492 burglaries, 153 Auto Thefts, and 106 financial “White Collar” crimes, in addition to many other felony level investigations and follow-ups. Approximately 572 complaints were investigated by our SROs in the schools in New Castle County and an additional 507 youth related crimes were investigated by the Youth Aid Unit. Our Evidence Detection Unit handled 534 crime scenes while also maintaining the evidence and property lockers at all four New Castle County troops.

Many of these cases involve multiple victims, suspects and crime scenes and are part of crime “trends” identified by detectives. As such, these cases are manpower intensive and require extensive resources. 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 CIU resulted in clearance rates for sexual assaults, robberies and burglaries being above the national average. These clearance rates and the successful outcome of the investigations are 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 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 officers with monitoring the compliance of active probationers. In 2015, the Drug Unit and GTF seized over 650 grams of cocaine, 1200 grams of heroin, approximately 100 lbs. of marijuana and a large assortment of pills. In addition, they seized 41 firearms, executed 114 search warrants and conducted over 2200 checks on probationers. Both squads are also responsible for surveillance operations in support of the other detective squads. The Drug Diversion Unit is responsible for investigating the diversion of legal drugs into illegal channels and the acquiring or obtaining of controlled substances by illegal methods. In 2015 the DDU investigated 159 cases resulting in numerous defendants being arrested for multiple criminal charges.

In addition to traditional “police work” the detectives at Troop 2 are committed to programs and initiatives that strengthen our state and make our communities safer for all citizens and visitors. Examples of this are the Police Explorers Program and Troop 2’s “Community Movie Night”. During 2015, troopers at Troop 2 hosted over 600 local children at six movie night events. Guests were given demonstrations by various DSP units and then enjoyed dinner, snacks and a Disney movie on the big screen free of charge.

The detectives at the Troop 2 CIU look forward to the challenges to come in 2016 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.

Delaware State Police Troop 3 is currently located at 3759 South State Street in Camden. This brand new facility situated on approximately 20 acres was opened in December of 2015. The 31,000 square foot state of the art building is an innovative structure that serves multiple purposes including a Community Room that is a direct link to the citizens we serve. The opening of this facility marked the culmination of an idea that began several years ago to benefit both the Delaware State Police and the residents we serve. This new facility brought the Criminal Investigation and Special Investigation Units together again under one roof with patrol and other units making operations centralized and more efficient. The campus also houses a 7,000 square foot maintenance facility and evidence storage which includes a four bay garage.

Troop 3 is commanded by Captain Glenn Dixon, and consists of 97 sworn officers and 5 civilians. Troop 3 patrols Kent County with uniformed Troopers in the areas south of Dover to Sussex County. Troop 9 patrols north of Dover to New Castle County. Troop 3’s
Criminal Investigative Unit, Governor’s Task Force and Drug Unit personnel conduct all criminal investigations within the entire county.

On a yearly basis, Troop 3 supports the operations of the Delaware State Fair, two NASCAR races the Big Barrel and Firefly music festivals at Dover Downs International Speedway, the Delaware Junction music festival at the state fairgrounds, and other 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 2015, the Patrol Section made 22,393 traffic arrests, and 475 DUI arrests. Total complaints investigated in 2015 were 22,393. Three troopers are assigned to the Crash Reconstruction Unit (CRU). Twenty-two fatal crashes in Kent County were investigated by CRU in 2015.

The Criminal Investigative Unit (CIU) is commanded by Lt. Randy Fisher. It consists of 20 detectives who are assigned to several units including Major Crimes, Property Crimes, Domestic Violence, Fraud, Youth Aid and the Evidence Detection Unit. In 2015, the CIU handled 1,449 cases, made 2,609 arrests, executed 180 search warrants, as well as recovered $153,469 in property.

The Kent Drug Unit and Governor’s Task Force is commanded by Lt. Robert Wallace. 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. The Kent Drug Unit is responsible for the investigation of drug distribution organizations and their networks in Kent County.

During 2015 the Kent Drug Unit and GTF arrested 436 people on 1,663 criminal charges, seized $178,269 cash and $60,100 in other assets. Additionally, they executed 94 search warrants and recovered 40 firearms.

The Kent County Crime Watch Association completed its fifteenth year and is still going strong. There are over 60 communities active in the association. Anyone interested in starting a crime watch in their neighborhood is encouraged to contact Troop 3. 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 in 2016.

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Troop 4 - Captain Rodney M. Layfield

Troop 4, situated along US Route 113, south of Georgetown, houses both uniformed patrol and criminal investigators. Troop 4 is commanded by Captain Rodney M. Layfield replacing Captain Sean Moriarty in November 2015. Lieutenants John McColgan, Mike Berry, and David Hake oversee criminal, school resource officers & drugs, and patrol respectfully. Troop 4 areas of responsibility span 349 square miles serving the central southern portions of Sussex County. Our patrol staffing is approximately 39 Troopers and our criminal units are comprised of 46 detectives. Criminal Investigations include major crimes, property crimes, fraud/financial crimes, school resource officers, evidence detection, polygraph, governor’s task force, drug unit, community outreach, victim services and court liaison.

Troop 4

2015 HIGHLIGHTS

Patrol troopers remained at the forefront of several proactive law enforcement initiatives, responding to 22,103 criminal and traffic complaints, making 16,177 traffic, and 302 DUI arrests. They also completed 14,379 criminal reports and made 4,078 criminal arrests. 1,547 traffic collisions, 263 personal injury motor vehicle accidents, 1,272 property motor vehicle accidents were investigated. They also assisted with 13 fatal motor vehicle accidents. Patrol personnel also responded to and played intricate roles in all of the cases highlighted within this report.

Detectives collectively investigated over 2,625 significant cases. They made 6,091 criminal arrests, executed 353 search warrants, recovered approximately $906,256.5 worth of stolen property and seized $528,888 in criminal assets.

We continued our 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, under the direction of Master Corporal James “Shawn” Hatfield, over 400 children aged 10-13 attended the camp free of charge. The 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.

Although everyone at Troop 4 performed admirably in 2015, the following individuals were selected by their peers for special recognition:

- Corporal Chip Fidler - Troop 4 - Trooper of the Year - Patrol
- Detective Keith Collins - Troop 4 - Trooper of the Year - Criminal Investigations (Major Crimes Unit)
- Detective Tim Wolansky - Troop of the Year - SRO (School Resource Officer).
- Detective Daniella Rementer Smith - Trooper of the Year - SIU/GTF and was also our nominee for the Division’s 2015 Trooper of the Year Award.

Troop 5 - Captain Darren Short

Delaware State Police Troop 5 is located on U.S Route 13 just south of the intersection of U.S. Route 13 and State Route 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 forty patrol troopers, four Sergeants, one troop detective, three administrators and two civilian employees.

Captain Darren Short has been in command of Troop 5 since November 1, 2015, replacing Captain Rodney Layfield who was transferred to Troop 4. Lieutenant Tracy Condon replaced Andrew Hudak as the Traffic Lieutenant on November 15, 2015. Lieutenant Michael Wheeler is the Criminal Lieutenant and has been on staff at Troop 5 since July 2014. Troop 5 has four Patrol Sergeants, they are Sergeant Hudson Keller assigned November 15, 2015, Sergeant Mark Justice assigned May 31, 2015, Sergeant Michael Dill assigned December 14, 2014 and Sergeant Mary McGuire assigned December 14, 2014.

In 2015, Troop 5 adopted the Stratified Policing Model which analytically addresses the crime and traffic issues present in the Troop 5 area. By employing this model, Troop 5 is able to pro-actively address the short-term and long-term criminal and traffic trends in the Troop Territory. The current long-term criminal trend of daytime residential burglaries is a major focus of Troop 5 and as a result there has been success in the reduction of these crimes. The current long-term traffic trend has been the crashes in the U.S. Route 13 corridor between Laurel and Seaford, which is being addressed on a daily basis. Troop 5 also continues to address short-term trends through targeted enforcement and traffic initiatives.

Troop 5 works in Community Outreach to build strong relationships with the communities that they serve. A highlight of this outreach is the annual Troop 5 Needy Family Project. Troop 5 focuses on needy families and seniors in Western Sussex County by providing Christmas gifts and food to these families. Troop 5 also partners with the Coverdale Crossroads Community to provide needed supplies and gifts to underprivileged children in that community. Troop 5 also participates in other Community Events such as the Night-Out Events for each of the Municipal Agencies in the Troop Territory.

By fostering strong and transparent relationships with the community and by addressing the crime and traffic trends in an efficient and proactive manner, the hard working men and women of Troop 5 provide professional, competent and compassionate law enforcement services to Sussex County.

Troop 6 - Captain Michael Reader

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 citizens residing in 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 Blvd, and has been a fixture in the area for over 40 years.
The Troop currently has 54 uniformed patrol troopers and 4 administrators. The command staff consists of Capt. Mike Reader, Lt. Jeff Whitmarsh and Lt. Tom Brackin. The administrative assistant is Ms. Donna Newth-Showell, and our mechanic is Scott Ferguson. Tom Ventura is our plant maintenance, trades mechanic.

2015 was another very busy year for Troop 6. Along with a busy complaint load, there were several high profile events that Troop 6 personnel coordinated, to include the DuPont Shareholders Meeting, where Troop 6 handled security operations for the event. Troop 6 continues to forge relationships with its private sector partners and was involved in several Active Shooter table tops with area corporations and schools.

The Troop 6 Retail Theft Unit continued to make several multi-jurisdictional arrests this year aided by utilizing enhanced crime fighting systems such as “Crime View” and “RAPID”. This unit has more than exceeded all expectations and closed out the year with over 1,100 criminal arrests for shoplifting and related crimes. This highly motivated and successful unit has received accolades from our retail community partners as well surrounding Law Enforcement Agencies.

Troop 6 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 a team, which has resulted in several arrests of serial felons. To highlight any one individual effort would be a disservice to the entire Troop as the number of significant arrests made by the Troopers at this troop is 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 2016.

Delaware State Police Troop 7 is situated just west of Lewes on State Route 1, providing full-service policing to the residents of the eastern third of Sussex County. Troop 7’s territory encompasses over 247 square miles. One of Delaware’s fastest growing regions, the troop area contrasts multi-million dollar ocean-front communities with some of the most economically disadvantaged areas in the state. This includes the busy Route 1 corridor spanning from Milford to the Indian River Inlet, including the stretch between Lewes, Rehoboth and Dewey Beach. It also reaches west to farmland and densely-populated retirement communities, including the Long Neck area. Bordered by the Atlantic Ocean and the Delaware Bay, the area is a premier vacation destination, attracting hundreds of thousands of visitors annually. Home to one of the largest outlet centers on the East Coast with over 140 retail stores, Troop 7’s service needs continually grow as more are drawn to this region as their year-round residence.

Currently, 57 uniformed troopers and six civilian personnel serve the area. In addition to patrol troopers, this cadre includes four members of the county-wide Collision Reconstruction Unit (CRU), three college-aged cadets and three troop administrators. During 2015, Troop 7 investigated 998 felony complaints, 6,060 misdemeanor complaints and initiated 9,459 other service calls, including proactive patrol checks. Troopers made 626 felony arrests, 2,558 misdemeanor arrests and assisted in other case clearances in conjunction with the Troop 4 Criminal Investigative Unit.

Through the vision of Criminal Lieutenant S. Benjamin Parsons, community outreach efforts were amplified through the in-house designation of a two-member Community Action and Intelligence Officer team in 2015. This unit works in conjunction with the statewide Community Outreach Unit as a conduit for neighborhoods needing rapid assistance with crime prevention and problem resolution. The team also seeks and develops criminal intelligence to maximize investigative results. An example of the unit’s early success began with educating area merchants about the importance of reporting suspected shoplifting. Merchant response led the unit to pursue retail theft cases that otherwise would have gone unreported. These investigations developed into felony-level cases, clearing related burglaries, thefts from motor vehicles and multiple other crimes. Although shoplifting reporting has naturally risen, arrests have increased 27%, with a 186% increase in the number of cases pending with solid investigative leads. Although still in its formative year, the unit’s dialog with various communities is fundamental to its early success.

At the direction of Traffic Lieutenants Charles Groce (now retired) and Kristopher Thompson, traffic safety remained a top priority at Troop 7, pairing education with enforcement. Troopers effected 16,027 traffic arrests, 436 DUI arrests, and over 50 seatbelt and child restraint arrests. Citing 1,001 offenders, Troop 7 led state police impact on drivers using hand-held cell phones. In addition,
the CRU investigated 39 fatal crashes resulting in 41 deaths, as well as 33 serious injury collisions. Ten of those deaths occurred in Troop 7’s area, a 29% decrease from 2014. In a continuing prevention effort, the CRU team maintained its educational outreach to new high school student drivers. Recognized as an expert on distracted driving, CRU Sergeant Anthony Mendez represented DSP several times on the national circuit, creating awareness of strategies to overcome unnecessary risks.

In 2016, Troop 7 will continue focusing on crime reduction, traffic safety and community connection to provide the best possible service to the citizens and guests of The First State.

Troop 9, located in Odessa’s historic district, has proudly served as New Castle County’s Southernmost Troop since 1971. Throughout 2015, the Troopers assigned to Troop 9 continued their dedicated service to the citizens and visitors of southern New Castle County and northern Kent County. Thirty-five uniformed troopers, and four civilian support personnel are assigned to the Troop.

Captain Thomas Logan has been the Troop Commander at Troop 9 since July of 2015, coming to Troop 9 after two and one half years serving as Troop Commander at Troop 2 in Glasgow. Prior to the arrival of Captain Logan, Captain Jason Sapp had served as Troop Commander. In 2015, Lieutenant Michael Wysock served as the Traffic Lieutenant and Lieutenants Thomas Paskevicius and Andrew Hudak served as the Criminal Lieutenant.

Traffic operations and enforcement are overseen by Lieutenant Michael Wysock. These efforts have a major impact on keeping our roadways safe and 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 several initiatives that focused on targeting speeding, aggressive driving, DUI and pedestrian safety. In 2015, Troopers handled 1,335 property damage and 330 personal injury collisions. Troop 9 Troopers also issued 12,247 traffic citations and arrested 183 individuals for driving under the influence, thereby enhancing the safety of citizens driving on our roadways.

Criminal enforcement was under the oversight of Lieutenant Thomas Paskevicius during most of 2015. In October 2015, Lt. Andrew Hudak replaced Lt. Paskevicius, who moved on to another assignment. Troopers on patrol responded to calls for service and focused on outward signs of criminal activity. Troopers were also vigilant in detecting less visible criminal activity while on patrol. Their efforts often resulted in the apprehension of criminals in the process of committing crimes. Troopers communicated daily with detectives and other specialized units providing them continuous updates on what was happening on the streets. Troopers handled 436 felony and 2,476 misdemeanor investigations during the year, resulting in 226 felony and 981 misdemeanor arrests.

Additionally, the administration at Troop 9 was assisted by the four Patrol Sergeants, who provide daily oversight to Troopers under their supervision. The role Sergeants Carl Bond, Kerry Reinbold, Dana Jaros and Edward Larney played on a day to day basis was a crucial element to the success of Troop 9 during 2015. In October 2015, Sergeant Reinbold was promoted to Lieutenant and transferred to another assignment and his replacement, Sergeant Andrea Boone joined the team and hit the ground running.

The Troop 9 administration was assisted on a daily basis by Administrative Specialist Theresa Daniels, Physical Plant Maintenance Specialist Richard Daniels and Automotive Mechanic Kevin Spangler. Victim Service Specialist Veronica Colombo was also assigned to Troop 9 and worked closely with both Troop personnel and Detectives to facilitate the post-incident needs of our victims. The civilian staff at Troop 9 is second to none and is critical to the success of our mission.

In addition to the service given on patrol, numerous Troop 9 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, Dodge-ball Madness, Red Robin Tip a Cop, Over the Edge, Special Olympics Summer Games and Fall Festival, and the Special Olympics swimming, basketball and bowling events. During many of these events, Troopers receive the honor of placing award medals around the necks of the participants and forge a partnership with the community through the direct contact. The Law Enforcement Memorial Run, Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS) Run and the National Police Memorial are other popular events among the Troopers and the participation level is strong.

Lastly, Troop 9 has continues to maintain a proactive working relationship with the community. Troopers regularly attend community meetings in Townsend and Kent County. The interaction with citizens and local politicians is a key element in creating and maintaining a partnership and establishing trust through communication. Troop 9 is also extremely proud of our partnership with the
Appoquinimink School District, the district that serves the New Castle County portion of the Troop area. In 2015, Troop 9 personnel took part in numerous school safety initiatives throughout the district ranging from security assessments to intruder exercises to full-scale active shooter drills wherein school staff members were exposed to reality based training.

Troop 9 is fortunate to have so many hardworking men and women willing to work around the clock to protect our citizens and those visiting Delaware. The Troop 9 area is large and presents many diverse challenges. The Troopers at Troop 9, along with the civilian staff, consistently and professionally meet the demands and challenges that are presented to them by providing excellent service to all.

Aviation - Captain Charles Condon

The Section consists of 31 pilots and medics providing 24-hour coverage from two locations (Georgetown and Middletown). During 2015 the Section flew 2,635 missions, transported 244 trauma patients and flew 1,269 hours. The aircraft currently utilized include 4 helicopters and 1 fixed wing aircraft, a 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.

Pilot and Medic Training
The pilots attended training at Bell Helicopter in the Bell 407 and the Bell 429 aircraft. The training is essential in practicing emergency procedures of each aircraft and to keep each pilot proficient in the operation of each aircraft. In 2015, the medics attended training to satisfy their continuing education credits needed to maintain their paramedic certifications.

DSP Tactical EMS Missions
The DSP Tactical Medic Mission provides medical support for the Special Operation Response Team, Explosive Ordinance Disposal Unit and the SCUBA Team during high risk operations. In 2015, the DSP Tactical Medics had a total of 188 activations.

AED Deployments:
Delaware State Police Aviation Section oversees the divisions AED program. In 2015 Troopers deployed their Automated External Defibrillator (AED) 11 times.

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 2015

RECOM

- Total Incidents Dispatched 66,992
- Total Incidents Handled Without Dispatch 48,281
- Total Incidents Handled 115,273
- Total 9-1-1 Calls Received 377,689
- Total Admin Calls 110,840
KENTCOM

- Total Incidents Dispatched 87,623
- Total Incidents Handled Without Dispatch 27,679
- Total Incidents Handled 115,302
- Total 9-1-1 Calls Received 93,809
- Total DSP Admin Calls 104,590

SUSCOM

- Total Incidents Dispatched 76,667
- Total Incidents Handled Without Dispatch 36,742
- Total Incidents Handled 113,409
- Total 9-1-1 Calls Received 111,692
- Total Admin Calls 140,100

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. Continued Education was provided to Suscom and Kentcom employee’s so that they may meet their EMD/EFD certifications.

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 2015.

The Communications Section continued its enhanced community outreach program by hosting an annual open house at SUSCOM in the spring of 2015. This event is a very a successful one which is attended by local area schoolchildren who were treated to tours of the communications center, public safety displays and food.

During 2015, the following Section employees were honored by the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials International (APCO) during National Public Safety Telecommunications Week in April:

Telecommunicator of the Year Runner Up - RECOM – Frank Rivera

TEAM AWARD
Co - Winners
- Patricia Tucker, Ronald Rhodes Jr., Kristen Holderbaum, Kenneth Kersey, John Wood- Delaware State Police- Kentcom

Runner Up - Samantha Riale, Dan Hafich, Sean Parkes, Thomas Kern- Delaware State Police - Recom

LINE SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR
Runner Up - Heather Baer- Delaware State Police - Suscom

Center Manager of the Year
Winner - Stacey Slover- Delaware State Police- 9-1-1 PSAP Manager

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 14 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.
Through monthly and annual training sessions, team members sharpen their skills needed to peacefully resolve life or death situations. The team’s ultimate goal is to end a crisis situation without violence, injury or loss of life. This goal was obtained in 2015, when the unit responded to four critical incidents, which all ended peacefully. The team was also requested by the Seaford Police Department to assist with a robbery suspect that was barricaded in a home. The team responded and worked with the Seaford Police Department to take the suspect into custody without loss of life or property damage.

The primary focus for 2015 was the arrival and familiarization of the new Negotiations Operations Center (NOC) vehicle. Members concentrated on learning the capabilities of the vehicle and integrating communications and video feed between the NOC and the Delaware State Police Command Post during a crisis incident.

The Conflict Management Team sent 3 team members to a 40 hour basic hostage negotiations school in Maryland and 6 team members attended a conference hosted by the F.B.I. in Baltimore Maryland. The Conflict Management team hosts a 2 day course twice a year for 911 dispatchers which focus on emergency operators communications during critical incidents. The team also hosts a 5 day basic hostage negotiations school which is open to all law enforcement throughout the state.

The Delaware State Police Criminal Intelligence and Homeland Security Section is a statewide function under the command of Captain Daniel Meadows. The section is comprised of the Homeland Security Unit under the supervision of Lt. Tim Hulings and the Investigations and Support Unit under the supervision of Lt. Dan Sponaugle. Lt. William Crotty was responsible for special projects and helped coordinate the implementation of a new policing model for the Delaware State Police. At the direction of the Executive Staff, Lt. Crotty was instrumental in the development of the Delaware State Police S.P.E.A.R. program (State Police Enhanced Analytic Response). He also worked on several other technology based initiatives in support of the strategy. 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 several task force officers. These officers work in partnership with several federal agencies such as the United States Marshalls Service, The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Federal Bureau of Investigations. We also continued a state partnership dedicated to the investigation of firearms violence in Delaware.

During 2015, 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 242 groups classified as “gangs” or “developing gangs” with various sets and cliques containing approximately 1,084 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.

In 2015, the section continued a program to deploy three sworn member of the Division as “Criminal Intelligence Officers.” These Troopers are designed to fully take advantage of information available through a variety of methods and leverage that information in the furtherance of solving crime. These Troopers also provide ongoing training to assets in the field regarding responsible intelligence collection and the value of that information. This program has been a great success contributing to increased clearance of crime through partnership with criminal investigators. These Troopers have also been instrumental in providing reporting to DSP leadership to aid in the deployment of resources in response to crime events and trends.

During 2015 the section’s Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, working with the section’s High Technology Crime Unit, investigated 246 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 2015 the section’s High Technology Crimes Unit fulfilled over 502 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 2015 the section’s Electronic Surveillance Unit responded to 2,850 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 32 wanted criminals that would not have been otherwise located in a timely manner. The total number of wanted
fugitives located as result of this initiative is 151 since the inception of the program.

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 leverage information regarding crime trends and identifying offenders. In 2015 DIAC provided 2,300 information and/or intelligence products to our federal, state and local public and private sector partners.

- In 2015, DIAC continues to provide 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. DIAC also reports local intelligence information up to the federal government in support of the counter-terrorism mission. Considering the threats that face our nation on a daily basis, the DIAC is committed to vigilance in the responsible sharing of threat information. The DIAC is able to accomplish this mission with full consideration of the rights to privacy and civil rights/civil liberties of the citizens of Delaware and those that visit or work in our state.

- 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 and DIAC website) DIAC received 76 suspicious activity reports in 2015. 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.

The Delaware State Police Intelligence Section instituted a Terrorism Liaison Program in 2015. The program is managed by Cpl/3 Tim Kerstetter. He has been instrumental in providing training and education to a wide array of disciplines on matters of homeland security. This information includes specific information about the threats that face a vast cross section of individuals. He has also been vigilant in training law enforcement, first responders, and private sector partners in the pre-operational indicators prior to a terrorist event. In today’s climate, considering the significant increase of adverse events in the United States and abroad, this role is vital to the safety and security of our state and nation.

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 Criminal Intelligence Unit, Critical Infrastructure Unit, made valuable contributions to ensuring the safety of critical infrastructure sites in Delaware. Mr. Ron Bounds coordinates the efforts of this unit and is a dedicated professional conducting vulnerability assessments and managing special projects. In 2015, Mr. Bounds continued to manage a project that is vital to the protection of sites along Delaware’s waterways.

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 allows 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 inter-agency relationships with the Wilmington Police Department, DNREC, the New Jersey State Police, Pennsylvania State Police, regional fire and rescue departments, the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, DHS Homeland Security Investigations, Amtrak Police Department, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The unit has also developed meaningful partnerships with numerous private sector partners. The DSP Maritime Unit has participated in numerous outreach opportunities to encourage responsible reporting of suspicious activity in the maritime domain. The DSP
Maritime Unit is currently the only agency working within Delaware state and local government with a full time Maritime Homeland Security mission.

The Criminal Intelligence Section was proud of the ability to provide proactive criminal investigations, valuable case support, and the facilitation of an information sharing environment in 2015. The DIAC will continue to evaluate the standing information needs and priority intelligence needs of our stakeholders in Delaware. We will continue to evaluate the threat environment and how it applies to Delaware. The DIAC will continue to work toward its core mission of detecting, preventing, investigating and responding to criminal and terrorist activity. We will continue to disseminate intelligence and facilitate communications between state, local, federal agencies and private sector partners, to help them take action on threats and public safety issues.

**Critical Incident Stress Management Team - Sergeant Francis L. Fuscellaro II**

In 2015, the Delaware State Police Critical Incident Stress Management Team continued to be led by Sgt. Francis L Fuscellaro II and the team assistant John Shoemaker, a supervisor with Kent County Communications. This year the team added 6 new members from throughout the state. The new members are Lt. Douglas Deveney, Cpl. Brett Cordrey, Cpl/2 Dale Toomey, Cpl. Joshua Dear, Dispatcher Brandi Ober, and Donald Bluestein, who is retired Team Leader of Wilmington Police Department’s CISM Team currently employed as an agent with D.A.T.E. The team also lost a member, Sgt. Michael Nichols, do to retirement. Presently the team consists of 15 sworn and 7 civilian members who have received training endorsed by the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation. The Delaware State Police CISM Team continues to provide services to law enforcement and emergency service personnel for both state and municipal agencies throughout the State of Delaware.

In 2015 the Delaware State Police CISM Team responded to approximately 60 incidents, which included police involved shootings, military re-integration, fatal accidents, as well as other traumatic events for law enforcement and emergency service personnel. During 2015 Lt. Deveney attended Force Science Institute’s course in Alexandria VA. The course teaches students how to recognize and articulate important psychological, biological, and physiological factors that can influence human behavior and memory in force encounters and pursuit situations. Sgt. Fuscellaro II traveled to Atlanta Ga., to become an ICISF Instructor for Group Crisis Intervention. The team now has an ICISF Instructor for Assisting Individuals in Crisis, Ret. Sgt Justiniano, and Group Crisis Intervention, Sgt. Fuscellaro II.

The Team was contacted by Sussex County Paramedics reference assisting them in creating a CISM team. Sgt Fuscellaro II worked with John Timmons from Sussex County Paramedics to create a team for them. Sgt. Fuscellaro II also met with members of The Department of Corrections assisting them in revamping their CISM team. Ret. Sgt. Justiniano conducted a 2 day Assisting Individuals in Crisis Course at the Sussex County Paramedics Administrative Building and Sgt. Fuscellaro II conducted a 2 day Group Crisis Intervention Course at the same location. This allowed the new Delaware State Police team members and Sussex County Paramedics team members to attend and get the courses completed.

Dr. Ellen Marshall served as the Head of the Psychology Department for Delaware Technical and Community College, Owens Campus, Georgetown DE. She continues to work closely with the Delaware State Police CISM team as well as other Teams in the State. She is the Team’s Mental Health Coordinator, where she volunteers her time. She has conducted approximately 30 one-on-one CISM sessions not including the responses she does with the Team, making the team’s total number of incidents/responses just approximately 80 for the year.

**Division of Gaming Enforcement - Lieutenant Marshall D. Craft, Jr.**

The Delaware Division of Gaming Enforcement (DGE) 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; Casino Background Investigations, Criminal Investigations and Intelligence. These three distinctive components, working together, provide a comprehensive approach to ensuring the integrity of the gaming industry.
The Casino Background Investigators consist of one supervisor, six background investigators and two Administrative assistants. The purpose of the civilian background investigations is to ensure that casino employees and companies associated with them meet the requirements of the Delaware Licensing law and they possess the financial responsibility, Honesty and Integrity required of a Delaware Gaming License.

The Criminal Investigations and Intelligence model consists of eight Delaware State Troopers and one agent from the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement. The primary function of criminal investigations is to investigate & prevent gaming crimes, promote public safety, gather pertinent intelligence information from multiple sources and developing actionable plans to facilitate effective and efficient policing activities. There is also one full-time Deputy Attorney General assigned to the unit for the Administration and Enforcement of DGE Objectives.

In 2015, Detectives investigated 524 complaints resulting in the seizure of $185,648.00 and 195 of the complaints were gaming related. The complaints consisted of 83 felony complaints, 234 misdemeanor complaints and 207 miscellaneous cases resulting in 443 criminal charges. The charges consisted of 190 felony charges and 253 misdemeanor charges. Forty-four individuals were carded by DGE, 11 individuals were arrested for underage gambling and 2 individual were arrested for underage drinking. DGE assisted outside agencies with 130 investigations and generated 59 security bulletins and 9 gaming intelligence reports. There were 5 Gaming employees arrested in 2015. DGE continues to focus on table game crimes, cheating schemes, structuring, money laundering and intelligence sharing to protect the integrity of Delaware’s gaming industry.

Executive Protection Unit - Sergeant Keith R. Mark

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 Executive Protection Unit is tasked with:

- In-depth knowledge and constant monitoring of the Governor’s schedule.
- Perform advance work at every location that the Governor will be in attendance. This includes interior and exterior floor plans, emergency exits, staging locations, employee threats or concerns, knowledge of local police jurisdiction (and notification of same), closest emergency/trauma care center, on site emergency care and primary and secondary routes of all events.
- Investigate threats against Governor, First Family, staff and any other dignitary that could be relevant to the safety of the First Family.
- Liaison with numerous in state and out of state law enforcement agencies, national and international federal agencies, national and international security agencies in order to ensure the safety and efficiency of the Governor’s responsibilities and endeavors.

EPU is primarily charged with the protection of Governor Jack A. Markell and the First Family. The EPU unit will extend its protective detail services to include the Governor’s staff and Delaware’s Federal Congressional Delegation or other dignitaries at the request of the Governor, if deemed necessary by the EPU, or under high threat circumstances.

Typically, the Executive Protection Unit will advance and escort the Governor on any event to include: business visit, lectures, meetings, public town halls, legislative hall events, social events, charity events, out of state events, meetings, and any other events where the Governor request our assistance.

During the 2015 calendar year, the Executive Protection Unit has provided out of state security for the Governor on 68 occasions. All out of state travel requires advance work and coordinating with our counterparts in the jurisdiction of travel. In addition, the Executive Protection Unit provides security to the Governor and First Family on countless in-state events that take place daily throughout the year.

The Delaware State Police Executive Protection Unit is one of the smallest details with in the National Governor’s Security Association (NGSA). Although Governor Markell’s schedule is extremely demanding, busy, and constantly changing; without fail the members of Executive Protection Unit consistently meet the mission through their professionalism, teamwork, dedication to duty, unwavering work ethic and exemplify the Division’s philosophy of “Service Before Self”.

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The Delaware State Police Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Team is the longest serving bomb squad in the State of Delaware and the only unit responsible for all hazardous devices calls outside the City of Wilmington and incorporated areas of New Castle County. Its eleven 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 calendar year 2015 the DSP-EOD team was called to service a staggering 123 times. This tempo continues to rival most full time bomb squads in major metropolitan areas.

In 2015, the team certified four new technicians to reach it’s FBI approved staffing limit of eleven certified technicians. The typical wait time for a new “recruit” to attend the FBI Hazardous Device School (HDS) in Huntsville, AL is approximately 18 months. During that time, they are still required to attend monthly team training and respond to calls for service. Each recruit is assigned to an experienced bomb technician on the team also known as a Field Training Officer (FTO). The FTO evaluates the new technician daily during training and acts as a mentor to the officer throughout his probationary period. After twelve months on the team, the recruit’s progress is evaluated by all of the senior members of the team. Only recruits possessing the integrity, leadership, attitude, and discipline, required for this profession are permitted to submit their application to attend the prestigious Hazardous Devices School.

All members of the team, except for the officer in charge are part time. Team members keep their skills honed by attending three days of intense training each month and at least 80 hours of advanced training per year. Maintaining this level of proficiency and operational tempo in a part time capacity is a testament to their dedication and commitment to the team, the division and the citizens of Delaware.

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 it’s using our sophisticated equipment to assist with drug and weapons investigations, 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 update our specialized equipment and attending advanced training, our EOD Team will remain prepared to face threats against our communities and critical infrastructure facilities at a moment’s 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.

It is the Fiscal Control Section’s goal to provide efficient and professional financial services to the Division. To achieve this, members of the Section strive to:

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

In conjunction with the Administrative Officer – Budget (Major), the 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 (OMB), pre-audits all financial obligations for the Division, ensures authenticity before processing, and ensures compliance with all purchasing procedures. During 2015, 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 they relate to the State’s economic situation. Fiscal Control continues to remain cognizant of all federal funding and spending guidelines.

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 seven 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 2015, the Homicide Unit investigated 25 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 25 new cases investigated by unit members, sixteen were homicide investigations, with 18 victims. The clearance rate was 44% which does not include warrants currently on file for three (3) additional Murder 1st suspects. The unit also investigated 3 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 2015.

This year the Homicide Unit hosted the 20th 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 150 criminal investigators representing approximately 42 law enforcement agencies from the northeast region attended the conference, which included several nationally recognized speakers. Topics included crime scene management, domestic related homicides, and human decomposition and child death investigations.

The Homicide Unit Commander is Captain Melissa Hukill. Sergeant David Weaver brings 28 years of law enforcement experience to the unit. Detective Fred Chambers transferred out of the unit and was replaced by Detective Dan Grassi. In November 2015, Detective William Porter retired after 26 years of service with the Delaware State Police. His position was filled by Detective Mark Csapo. Administrative Assistant Debra Hughes also adds to create a cohesive unit, 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 as the Brasstrax technician who retired from the Delaware State Police in December 2015 after serving 28 years with the Division and Mr. Carl Rone who is the certified forensic firearms examiner. Contractor Robert Freese also assists in the IBIS matches.

From November 2006 through December 2015, 5,633 firearms related investigations have been submitted to the FFSU for examination. During 2015, a total of 767 firearms related cases were submitted for evaluation including, 50 murder investigations, 767 firearms, 2,039 cartridge cases and 585 bullet specimens were submitted to the unit, which provided forensic firearms services to 21 Delaware law enforcement agencies, as well as several federal law enforcement agencies. In addition to the submissions received by the FFSU, 330 IBIS/Brasstrax ballistic case matches were confirmed by the forensic firearms examiner. The examiner provided expert witness testimony regarding the results of the forensic ballistics examination and offered services such as firearm serial number restoration, gunshot 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 Whitney Fitzwater conduct the alcohol analyses of all DUI/alcohol and DUI/drug cases (except fatal accidents) statewide. In 2015 they received 1,152 blood evidence kits for review and analyzed 1,241 samples for BAC. 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 2,291 subpoenas to appear in Delaware courts during 2015.

Mrs. Louie continues to assist Director Willey with administrative tasks such as filling evidence supply orders. Additionally, Mrs. Louie manages 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 2016, 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 members statewide. 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 2015, the Unit conducted six in-service 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, the Delaware Capitol Police, the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement and the Seafood Department.

Moreover, in April the Unit hosted an intense week-long training conference that was attended by a total of 54 police officers including Troopers representing the following agencies: the Alabama Highway Patrol, Connecticut State Police, Florida Highway Patrol, Idaho State Police, Maryland State Police, New York State Police, Oregon State Police, Pennsylvania State Police, South Dakota Highway Patrol, Texas Highway Patrol, Utah Highway Patrol, Virginia State Police and Wyoming Highway Patrol.

Throughout 2015, Honor Guard members participated in 54 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. This year Unit members were joined at St. Polycarp’s by members of the Pennsylvania and Maryland State Police Color Guards as we honored our fallen brother and sister Delaware troopers. In addition, the Unit participated in numerous other events such as the funeral services for Attorney General Beau Biden and multiple 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 during 2015: Captain Peter Steil, Captain George Bullen, Lieutenant Raymond Querey, Sergeant Raymond Taralia and Corporal William Warren III. These five Troopers served the citizens of Delaware admirably and Unit members did their best to honor that service one final time! Additionally, Unit members had the sobering honor of helping lay to rest the Reverend Colonel Oscar D. Frundt, the long-time spiritual leader of the Delaware State Police in his role as Chaplain. Again, Unit members did their very best to honor a man that stood beside every Trooper for over 50 years, marrying, counseling and even presiding over many funeral services for Fallen Troopers along the way. Father Frundt will surely be missed by Unit members.
The Delaware State Police Human Resources Section provides a full array of critical services to more than 710 Troopers and over 220 civilian employees. These services include all on-boarding activities with recruiting, application processing, testing, pre-employment background investigations including polygraph examinations, and new employee orientation. In addition, the Human Resources Section is responsible for benefits and payroll, workmen’s compensation, Early Warning System, employee assistance, EEOC compliance, labor relations, internal transfer and competitive promotion processes, career development, wellness programs, fitness and weight monitoring as well as separation and retirement.

The Human Resource’s commitment to excellence comes from a team of dedicated civilian employees providing daily administrative functions and support for over 930 employees. In addition, the Human Resources Section is comprised of a Recruiting & Application Unit, Polygraph Unit, and Background Investigative Unit (BGI). The Human Resources team is currently led by Captain John Campanella (Director), Lieutenant Alexander Peterson (Assistant Director), Administrative/Legal Services Manager Ms. Monica Holmes, Payroll/Benefits/EEO Manager Ms. Rhonda Davis, Polygraph Unit Sergeant Christy Ballinger and Application/Recruiting/BGI Sergeant Jaime Dorsey-Sterner.

The Background Investigative Unit (BGI) is comprised of nine casual/season investigators that are retired Delaware State Troopers. The BGI Unit is responsible for conducting comprehensive in-depth investigations on all employees hired by the Division. At peak times in the application process, Troopers from around the state are temporarily transferred to HR to conduct background investigations on recruit troopers. In 2015, over 100 pre-employment background investigations were completed that underwent at least two levels of review for a decision.

The Polygraph Unit Detectives are all nationally certified examiners and, while assigned to Human Resources, are housed within the criminal investigative facilities across the State. This allows the polygraph examiners to assist the CIU units as needed with polygraph exams or assist other detectives. The Polygraph Unit is comprised of one sergeant, three full time examiners and three part time examiners. In addition, two former members of the unit, who were promoted out of the unit, continue to maintain their certification by assisting with examinations on a part time basis. During 2015 over 500 polygraph examinations were conducted.

In March 2015, the 88th DSP Recruit class began with the selection of 21 Recruit Troopers. In September 2015, the 89th DSP Recruit Class began with the selection of 14 Recruit Troopers. In total, 35 Recruit Troopers were hired in 2015 to replace retiring Troopers. During 2015 administrators processed over 2,200 applications for the position of Trooper.

DSP Recruiters attended over 100 career fairs/recruiting events, primarily in Delaware due to travel restrictions, facilitated numerous “How to Succeed” seminars, mentored recruits in training, conducted oral board interviews and screened applicants at the PT Tests. In 2015, Human Resources processed over 400 applications to hire 27 full-time or casual seasonal civilian employees into various roles replacing those who separated or retired from the Division. The 911 Communication Centers and State Bureau of Identification continues to see the highest turnover of employees keeping the Section busy with testing, backgrounds, and interviews. The Human Resources Section extends a sincere thank you to the dozens of Delaware State Police employees, and retirees, who continue to actively recruit, test, investigate, and hire the future generation of troopers.
The Information Technology Section is comprised of two separate areas; Information Support Services and Audit, Training and Validations.

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. Three full time employees support over 5,000 users accessing federal CJIS systems and other State databases in support of the criminal justice function. The units’ focus and purpose is to ensure the timeliness, accuracy and completeness of Delaware’s records in the 21 person and property files in NCIC and other federal CJIS systems. The three full time employees in this Section are Barbara Pollitt (auditor), Eric McNatt (trainer) and Linda Johnson (quality control).

Reporting directly to the Section Chief of the Information Technology Section is Information Support Services. Information Support Services is comprised of 12 full-time and three casual-seasonal employees. In addition, one contractual employee augments the application support area. The Section is responsible for application support, network operations, help desk support and mobile device installation and support to our entire Division. The 13 full-time employees are Kenneth Allen (Manager), Jamie Roy, John Caskey (network operations), Jonathan Gafford and Andreah Smith (help-desk support), Brandon Hart, Mary Stewart and Troy Bennett (application programming support), Ian Smith and Robert Halley (mobile support) and Mark Hartman (CAD Specialist) and Tammy Barletto (digital evidence). The three casual-seasonal employees are Linda Dove and Unique Washington (help-desk support) and Terri Shapter (application support). Our on-site contractor is Keith Caskey (application programming support).

Network administration employees manage the entire network under the control of the Division which provides access to over 100 systems to our users. Help-desk support provides technical support to the Division’s sworn and civilian users comprised of about 960 employees for all devices connected to the network as well as all applications running on the network. The Division’s mobile computing needs are managed by technicians who are responsible for installing and maintaining laptop computers, printers, modems and Digital Video Recorder (DVR) technology in the Division’s patrol vehicles. The application support group develops and maintains a variety of programs to address the internal needs relative to the overall management and operation of the Division.

Notable projects during the calendar year included our involvement in the construction of the new Troop 3 in Camden, an upgrade of our state message switch and user-interface software to a web-based application, the continued development of the Statewide CAD system for emergency 911 operations, the upgrade of our Biometric Identification System, the partial consolidation of our server inventory at the William Penn Operations Center managed by the Department of Technology and Information and an fact-finding/budgetary effort to research body worn camera technology for our uniformed patrol officers.

The Division is technology dependent and is able to meet its statutory responsibility because of the tireless and unselfish efforts of the men and women of the Information Technology Section who continue to take on every challenge knowing the key role they play in keeping Delaware’s citizens and visitors safe. They also recognize the role they play in our overall homeland security effort. The support role they fulfill cannot be understated and allows our Troopers to have the tools and technology they need to do their jobs safely and professionally.

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, Americans with Disabilities Act, 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 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, civil subpoenas for crime reports, 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 eleven (11) 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, Division of Forensic Science 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 148th General Assembly 1st 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.

- **SB #41** – Bill gives state law enforcement agencies the ability to prosecute those who aim the beam of a laser pointer at an aircraft.
- **HB #191 & HB #192** – Acts establish that municipal and county governments may pass ordinances regulating the possession of firearms, ammunition, components of firearms, and explosives in county and municipal buildings and police stations.
- **SB #69** – Bill requires ATV operators less than 18 years of age to wear a helmet and operate an ATV without passengers.
- **SB #6** – Bill increases the penalty for committing terroristic threatening that causes evacuation of a building, place of assembly, or facility of public transportation from a class G felony to a class E felony.

**Mounted Patrol Unit - Master Corporal Alison Meadows**

The Delaware State Police Mounted Patrol Unit (DSP MPU) is a division of the Delaware State Police Special Operations Unit. The unit was established in July 2012 and its efforts are coordinated by Cpl/3 Alison Meadows. This year the unit’s role further expanded its operational capacity under the leadership of Major John Evans. In 2015 the MPU received over 100 requests for service throughout Delaware in areas of community outreach, crowd control at specialized events and conducting state-wide daily patrols for the summer.

The MPU’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. Participation in the MPU is a collateral assignment to the Troopers’ regular duty. The unit currently consists of six draft horses, ten field riders and one full time Trooper. The breed of MPU horses consist of five Percherons and one Shire, with an average age of twelve years old. The size of MPU mounts vary from weighing 1,900 pounds and standing 17.2 hands tall (6’0 at the shoulder) to weighing 2,200 pounds and standing 18.3 hands tall (6’5” at the shoulder) The MPU’s nonprofit organization “Delaware State Police Mounted Patrol Unit, Inc.” raised funds throughout the year to assist with providing training equipment for the horses or members of the unit.

In January the MPU was awarded $10,000 U.S.C. from the Criminal Justice Council. This award enabled the MPU to remain at Wellspring Farm located in Bellevue State Park. During this time, the MPU maintained its’ mentoring program with the Wellspring Farm Pony Club. In late January and February, the Unit participated in the Martin Luther King Parade as well assisted with patrol during the Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge festivities in Lewes. March and April yielded appearances at events such as Wilmington’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade and the Greenwing’s Youth Day in Sussex County. In May the MPU received a brand new Adam goose neck trailer graciously purchased by the Kent County Levy Court. This trailer now enables the MPU to haul four mounts at one time. Also during May the MPU responded to Cabela’s for its’ annual Heroes Weekend, in Newark, augmented ground patrol at Wintertur’s Point to Point races, as well as attended Delaware’s Police Memorial Service in Dover. Moreover, the MPU represented the DSP in Washington D.C. during National Police Memorial Week, honoring those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.
The MPU participated in several multiple joint agency training missions this year with the Pennsylvania State Police Tactical Mounted Unit, Lancaster City Mounted Patrol and the Bethlehem Mounted Patrol, focusing on riot and crowd control incorporating exposure to gun fire, smoke grenades and fireworks in low-light scenarios. The MPU was requested by the City of Philadelphia Police Department to assist their mounted patrol unit with crowd control during the September Papal visit.

In June, the unit provided both a security and ceremonial role during the viewing and funeral for Vice President Biden’s son, Attorney General Beau Biden. Shortly thereafter, the unit began a sixty day temporary assignment for the summer conducting state-wide patrols in various neighborhoods. The focus of these patrols was community outreach wherein the presence of the MPU horses broke down barriers and intrigued curiosity among residents, inviting interaction and open dialogue. The unit also supplemented patrols at the State Fair for ten days, as well as, various summer festivals including Firefly, Big Barrel and Delaware Junction.

In September the MPU partnered with the Department of Corrections and moved its operation to the James T. Vaughn Correctional Institute in Smyrna. Now partnered with the DOC, the MPU furthers its mission of cost saving measures, and offers resources for justice involved individuals re-entering society. Specifically, low risk offenders are identified and trained to provide daily care to the MPU horses as well as be responsible for barn maintenance. Upon release from prison, the offender receives a certificate from the Department of Corrections and Delaware State Police citing the benchmarks he met in horse care and barn maintenance. As a result of implementing this vocational rehabilitative program, offenders will garner specialized skills for future employment and the mounted unit will continue to exist at minimal to no cost of the citizens of Delaware.

In late October and early November, six Troopers were selected and trained to join the MPU. These Troopers participated in eighty hours of Basic Mounted Patrol Training, instructed by the MPU NCOIC. Areas of instruction included equitation, stimulus training, patrol/arrest procedures, formations and terrain searches. The riders also underwent a field training program lasting three months before officially being accepted into the MPU. The mounted unit rounded out 2015 by conducting weekend crime prevention patrols at the Christiana Mall as well as represented the DSP in various holiday parades.

The MPU looks forward to 2016 as it further settles into its’ new facility at the Department of Corrections. The MPU is honored to augment and enhance the traditional function of the Delaware State Police during public events and specialized patrol activities in this unique capacity. The MPU will continue to provide professional, competent and compassionate law enforcement services for the citizens and visitors of Delaware. In addition, the MPU will further focus on community outreach efforts to enhance partnerships with the businesses and communities we serve.

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 honor, 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 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 2015, Captain Robert Hudson, Lieutenant Michael Nelson, Lieutenant Jon Wood and Ms. Charlotte Stepnowski were assigned to the office.

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 2015, the Office of Professional Responsibility investigated 14 citizen’s complaints and 24 administrative complaints.
The DSP Pipes and Drums maintained 19 performing members through the year. The band is currently attempting to grow its’ ranks after falling from a peak membership of 27 performers. Late in 2014, the band received approval to make uniform orders for three new pipers who endured eight months to a year of training to acquire the skills necessary to publicly perform with the group. Those new members are: Lieutenant Matthew Cox, Corporal Scott Weaver and Trooper First Class Eric Saccomanno. Currently, the band also has approximately nine troopers who are attending bagpipe lessons, and six troopers are receiving drum instruction. The ascension of these students to performing members of the band should sustain the group’s existence into future generations.

The band performed at 50 public events in 2015. Administratively, the band remained under the leadership of Lieutenant Millard Greer. Mr. Robert Galloway has been the volunteer pipe instructor since the band’s inception in December of 2001. The drum corps is currently instructed by volunteer Mr. Scott Warren, who joined the band in 2006.

During 2015, the band performed at 5 funerals. Notably, the band performed at the funeral of longtime Delaware State Police Chaplain Colonel Father Oscar Frundt in April. The band also appeared on national media outlets in June of 2015 while performing at the funeral of Joseph R. “Beau” Biden III, Delaware’s former Attorney General and son of sitting Vice President of the United States of America Joseph R. Biden, Jr.

The band continued its support of our nation’s military in 2015 with performances for a Delaware Army National Guard Homecoming Ceremony, the Dover Air Force Base annual Retreat Ceremony and the Delaware State Troopers Association’s Wounded Warrior Week Ceremony in Bethany Beach.

The band continues to honor requests for playing at opening ceremonies of Divisional events. The band also makes appearances at community events that involve the Delaware State Police. Notable events during 2015 included: the Wilmington St. Patrick’s Day Parade, a May performance at the Point-to-Point Steeplechase races on the Winterthur Museum grounds and the Delaware Special Olympics Opening Ceremonies in June.

The Planning and Research Section provides support to the Executive Staff reporting to the Deputy Superintendent. The Section is staffed by Captain Joshua Bushweller, 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.

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 2015 and look forward to the challenges that will be presented in 2016.

**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 484 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 Standard Operating Procedures.

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 William Nottingham and Master Corporal Patty Sennet-Wysock, 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 currently is preparing the Division for its ninth re-accreditation, which will take place in April 2016.

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**Public Information Office - Sergeant Richard D. Bratz**

The Delaware State Police Public Information Office (PIO) continues the proud tradition of supplying the media and the 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 Richard D. Bratz 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, oversees, and facilitates the Citizen’s Police Academy in all three counties.

Master Corporal Jeffrey Hale 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
- Assists the Community Outreach Unit
- Facilitates the Citizen’s Police Academy
- Creating and Maintaining a Social Media Strategy
- Creating and Sending Social Media Posts relevant to current issues
- Attend Relevant Training as well as staying current with in-service training

During 2015 the Public Information Office disseminated approximately (977) 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, Supply and 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 employees.

With the budget amount allocated to this section in Fiscal Year 2015 the section covered the purchasing of supplies and 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 division’s 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, Supply and 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. After two members resigned from the team, the unit added Tpr. Michael Lipp and Tfc. Kevin Macauley.

There were ten callouts in 2015, these activations included:
- Assist DSP Homicide in an attempt to locate a victim in Garrisons Lake.
- Assist Dover P.D. in Wyoming Mill Pond for a gun involved in a homicide.
- Assist DSP Homicide in another attempt to locate the victim of a homicide in Lake Como.
- Assist Dover P.D. in locating evidence to a homicide in a pond off Walker Road. A cell phone was recovered.
- Assist Newport P.D. with an attempt to locate a safe in the Christiana River.
- Recovery of a 9mm Lugar handgun in the White Clay Creek for DSP Homicide Unit.
- Assist NCCPD for possible evidence involved in a homicide in a pond off Brackenville Rd.

The Scuba Team provided assistance and or demonstrations for the following groups. Citizen’s Police Academy, Trooper Youth Week, DSP Recruit classes, DSP Museum, Troop 2 movie night out, University of Delaware, Ocean Gate Corp, Milford Middle School, Seafood Night out celebration, Green wing Youth Day and the Polar Bear Plunge.

The Scuba Team attended four separate out of State Training Opportunities.
- Jan. 10-13: Three members attended the NYSP Academy in Albany to assist, monitor and learn their three-day tryout procedure for Scuba members. New water confidence tests were monitored and evaluated.
- Mar. 3-6: Four members attended the NYSP Ice Diving Training at Lake George in NY.
- July 13-16: Three members attended KMDSI Maintenance and repair Technician Course at the Divelab Systems, Panama City, Florida.
Other noteworthy dives/assists:
DSP Scuba provided water safety for the DSP SORT Team and NCCPD SWAT Team. Located a large concrete anchor block and attached a channel marker for the Wilmington Tug company. The team completed a hull survey for the Delaware River and Bay Cooperative. Certified three members as repair technicians and secured an equipment repair room at Troop 2 for Scuba equipment maintenance.

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 2015, the team responded to 143 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.

The team continues at a pace rivaling some full-time tactical teams, responding to 143 calls for service, an increase of 27 activations from the previous year. The team reacted to armed barricades, numerous high-risk warrants and vehicle stops. The team was activated for three critical incidents in 2015, as well as, conducting two 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 continues to send members to the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Charleston, SC for a Commercial Vessel Boarding Course. This course taught basic ship boarding skills on vessels in port and also while underway. The team currently has all members trained in maritime tactical operations. During 2015, the team assisted the Department of Homeland Security (Immigration and Customs) with boarding three ships that were anchored in the Delaware Bay. The team provides security for DHS while they fingerprint and interview Foreign Nationals prior to their arrival at the Ports of Wilmington & Philadelphia.

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. During the past two years, the Special Operations Response Team has been activated for 259 incidents. The operational tempo of the team continues to rival that of full-time teams across the country with the anticipation of 2016 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 John Laird

Captain John Laird, Jr. serves as the Director of the State Bureau of Identification (SBI), while Ms. Renee Rigby serves as the Assistant Director. Lt. Kerry Reinbold is the Officer in Charge of the Regulatory Section which oversees the Professional Licensing Section and Sex offender Apprehension and Registration Unit.

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-four people work in the following separate, but interrelated sections; the Expungement Section, the Criminal History Section, the Fingerprint Identification Section, Front Desk Operations, the Professional Licensing Section, the Quality Control Section and the Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration Unit (SOAR).
There are three SBI offices. The main office is located in the Blue Hen Corporate Center in Dover. There is also an office located inside of Troop 2 in Glasgow, which is referred to as SBI North, and an office inside of the Thurman Adams State Service Center in Georgetown, which is referred to as SBI South. The SBI South location just opened in March of 2015.

The Expungement Section is the designated starting point for all adult expungement requests and all pardon requests. Personnel in this section report directly to Lt. Reinbold. 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 2015, the Expungement Section processed 927 requests for expungement orders and 346 pardon applications.

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 ten employees. This section processed 54,933 criminal history requests in 2015.

Ms. Lisa Seymour supervises the Fingerprint Identification Section. This section is responsible for the maintenance and oversight of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) 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 eleven employees. In 2015, the section processed 73,958 print cards and did comparisons on 6,866 Criminal Summons.

Ms. Mindie Pleasanton supervises the Front Desk Operations at all SBI locations. There are thirteen 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 Matthew Zolper 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 monitored approximately 8,000 licensed employees in 2015. Professional Licensing is also required to monitor the Regional Automated Property Information Database (RAPID). The section is also responsible for the credentialing of all HR 218 (Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act) permit holders.

Ms. Mary Sheppard supervises the Quality Control Section which consists of seven 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 2015, 76,270 crime reports were reviewed and approved by this section.

Sergeant Joseph Rose supervises 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 4,737 registered sex offenders in the State of Delaware. The SOAR unit consists of fourteen employees including five sworn detectives, four agents, and five 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.

The Tactical Control Unit (TCU) is currently made up of 50 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 2015, TCU was extremely busy and deployed a total of 17 times. These deployments included providing security at several large events such as Delaware State University Homecoming. TCU also deployed and assisted with security at multiple protest rallies. TCU deployed for two statewide warrant execution operations. TCU participated in a federally graded Strategic National Stockpile exercise.
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. Training also consists of qualifying with all divisionally issued firearms after donning gas masks and other issued protective equipment. During 2015, the unit conducted joint riot control training with the Wilmington, Dover, Newark, Capitol Police and University of Delaware Police departments. TCU for the first time began conducting training with Delaware Army National Guard. TCU participated in two large scale crowd control exercises as well as two large scale active shooter exercises.

Traffic Operations  - Captain Daniel Hall

With an overall mission to reduce motor vehicle collisions, the Traffic Operations Section (TOS) performs an array of diverse functions. Led by Captain Daniel Hall and Lt. Matthew Cox, section personnel coordinate Divisional traffic enforcement while conducting statewide record-keeping. The section also provides proactive and reactive enforcement via our Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit (CVEU). That unit staffs two commercial vehicle weigh facilities, one at Blackbird and on Rt. 301 in lower New Castle County. Additional enhancements to roadway safety are carried out via the Electronic Red Light Safety Program (ERLSP).

Fatal crashes in Delaware resulted in the deaths of 130 people in 126 crashes (31 involved pedestrians) in 2015. Delaware State Troopers investigated 86% of all fatalities. Excessive speed and pedestrian error was the number one cause of death, while inattentive driving caused the majority of personal injury and property damage collisions. In an effort to reduce this needless suffering, the Delaware State Police participated in numerous traffic enforcement campaigns, most of which were funded through Delaware’s Office of Highway Safety. Additionally, the TOS specifically targeted crash producing behaviors via monthly traffic action plans. All eight patrol troops implemented their monthly action plan based on collision trends, dangerous driving behavior, and citizen complaints, specific to each troop’s area of responsibility. Police presence was notably increased on targeted highways through the Drive to Zero, the Pedestrian Safety and Labor Day Weekend Initiatives. The OHS also assisted with DUI, Aggressive Driving, Child Restraint, Pedestrian and Seatbelt violation enforcement funding. These initiatives focused on holidays, summer months, special events and locations such as US 40 in Bear. In 2015, in an effort to reduce crashes and reign in hazardous driving behaviors, Delaware Troopers took the following enforcement actions:

2015 Divisional Traffic Enforcement Activities

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Additionally, 30,044 red light violations were reviewed and 21,835 assessments were issued via the ERLSP.

Administrative personnel, working out of the DSP HQ complex in Dover, fulfill several duties and responsibilities. Among them is the development of traffic initiatives, programs, and campaigns to promote increased police presence and enforcement on Delaware roadways. This is accomplished using a range of analytical tools, including the Fatal Analysis Report System (FARS) and the Divisional Statistician. Recently, the section has begun utilizing Omega Crime View to more accurately identify and isolate problem traffic areas throughout the state. In addition, the section coordinates data-driven targeted enforcement in each Troop’s jurisdiction at monthly Traffic Lieutenants’ meetings. Collection, archiving, and dissemination of motor vehicle collision reports is another responsibility. In 2015, section personnel processed 15,498 collision reports and fulfilled 14,492 requests for collision report copies from the public, attorneys, insurance companies and others. Additionally, the Traffic Section oversees training and supervision of the Division’s Coban Mobile Digital Recorders (in-car cameras). This included more than 217,165 video clips related to DUI, Traffic Stops, Drug and Criminal Investigations. The Traffic Section also provides copies of all DUI recordings to the appropriate prosecutors and troopers.

Commercial vehicle safety is the mission of the TOS’s Truck Enforcement Unit (TEU) and the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP). TEU personnel are primarily responsible for the operation of the Blackbird and RT 301 weigh facilities. They also utilize portable scales to conduct commercial vehicle weight checks and ensure size regulation adherence throughout the state. MCSAP personnel conduct inspections of commercial vehicles and their operators at various locations throughout the state and at the Division’s two weigh facilities.
2015 TEU & MCSAP Activities

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The Traffic Operations Section also manages the Division’s annual Administrative Patrol Program. Troopers not normally assigned to any of our eight patrol troops are tasked with conducting enforcement activities over the state’s major holiday travel weekends. To enhance safety and demonstrate an increased police presence, these “extra” Troopers are assigned to notable crash areas identified from previous year statistics. Significantly, no personal injury or fatal crashes occurred on any assigned highways over the 2015 Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day or Thanksgiving holiday weekends!

**Training Academy - Captain Sean E. Moriarty**

The Delaware State Police Training Academy is located on the headquarters complex in Dover, Delaware. The academy is a full time residential training facility. The academy staff is comprised of 14 unique individuals who are committed to providing divisional members and allied law enforcement agencies with the knowledge, skills, and abilities and skills necessary to provide compassionate, comprehensive public safety services to the citizens and visitors of the State of Delaware. The DSP Training Academy is comprised of three units, which provide a variety of training to law enforcement officers and civilian members throughout the region. Those units include canine training, firearms training, as well as, recruit, in-service and elective training at the main facility.

On November 1, 2015, Captain Sean E. Moriarty succeeded Captain Galen M. Purcell at the Academy as the Director of Training and Delaware Council on Police Training Administrator. As of December 31, 2015, the DSP Academy Staff was comprised of Lieutenant Joseph Spagnolo (Assistant Director of Training), Sergeant Frank Fuscellaro (Senior TAC Officer), Corporal Christopher Martin (TAC Officer), Corporal Devon Horsey (TAC Officer), Ms. Vanessa Laughman (Administrative Specialist) and Mr. James Howard (Culinary Specialist).

In 2015, the DSP Academy provided basic recruit training for the Division of State Police and many other Delaware law enforcement agencies. In February of 2015, 53 members of the 87th Delaware State Police (32 troopers) and 79th Municipal Recruit (21 officers) class successfully graduated from the academy and continued with their field training (FTO). In July of 2015, 42 members of the 88th Delaware State Police (21 troopers) and 80th Municipal Recruit (21 officers) class successfully graduated from the academy and continued with their field training (FTO). In September of 2015, 42 members of the 89th Delaware State Police and 81st Municipal Recruit class initiated training at the DSP Academy. The 38 remaining recruits are scheduled to graduate in February 2016.

The Academy staff provided mandatory and elective in-service training to incumbent members of the State Police and law enforcement agencies from throughout the region. Mandatory annual in-service training was provided to each member of the Division during the year predominantly in the form of the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT). During that training, troopers trained with federal law enforcement and various municipal officers in an interactive and collaborative manner in order to prepare for an active shooter event. In addition, numerous elective in-service classes were provided throughout the year.

In June of 2015, the DSP Academy staff hosted the 44th Annual Trooper Youth Week in conjunction with the American Legion. Thirty five high school students representing 20 different high schools throughout the state spent a week at the DSP Academy learning about a career in law enforcement and recruit training.

Between January and April of 2015, the DSP Academy continued its partnership with Delaware Technical and Community College (DTCC) with the LEO program. Under the leadership of Corporal Christopher Martin, several DSP instructors taught various COPT courses with the DTCC criminal justice students as part of the DTCC and DSP Academy curriculum. The program allows students to complete a portion of the Academy training prior to being hired by a law enforcement agency.
In 2015, the Firearms Training Unit (FTU) was led by Lieutenant Douglas Deveney. As of December 31, 2015, the FTU instructional staff consisted of Sergeant John Maher, Corporal Donald Boulerice, Corporal Carey Brower and Corporal Ronald Malkin. The FTU trained every DSP Academy recruit, conducted spring and fall in-service training, administered the ALERRT training throughout the state, conducted LEOSA (HR 218) qualifications, and facilitated additional training for numerous municipal and state law enforcement agencies.

In 2015, the DSP Canine Training Unit was led by Corporal Jeffrey Miller and Corporal Leonard Aguilar. Those troopers oversaw the initial and recurrent training of 50 canine teams that included patrol, narcotic and explosive detection dogs throughout the state. In the spring they conducted an initial patrol certification class and a decoy class. In the summer and fall they held narcotic training certification courses. In the fall they also conducted an explosive certification course. They facilitated numerous canine demonstrations, terrain searches and educational events where canines were requested. They worked in conjunction with the school resource officers and administered narcotic searches in many schools. Additionally, they participated in several significant events including Dover Downs NASCAR Races, the Firefly Concert, Big Barrel Country Music Festival, Delaware Junction Country Music Festival, Amtrak and DRBA Ferry surge patrols and the Delaware State Fair.

Overall, the entire Delaware State Police training staff 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 men and women at assigned to the Delaware State Police Academy look forward to the many new challenges they will encounter and overcome in 2016.

Transportation - Mr. Mark Balfantz

The Delaware State Police Transportation Section is headed by Fleet Manager Mark Balfantz and supported by ten 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 2015, the unit provided services to over 4,000 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 criminal justice system by issues beyond their control. The unit is under the Direction of Debra Reed, located at Headquarters. The advocates, who are located at various offices throughout the state, include Veronica Colombo, Casey Wilson, Nancy Will, Nina Brown, Eunice Mercado and Crystal Dalton. During this year we also rehired Corrie Schmitt to fill a vacancy at the troop 2 location. Ms. Schmitt was employed with the unit in the past and we are very fortunate to have her back in the unit. Also
during this year, we welcome Administrative Specialist Angela Brown who is located in the Headquarters office and provides supportive services to all advocates statewide as well as crisis services through answering our 24 hour toll free hot-line.

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 hot-line. 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 2015, 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. In October of this year, the Victim Services Unit teamed up with Cpl. Adrienne Owen of the Domestic Violence Unit to sponsor a “Paint Nite” fund raiser held at the DSTA hall (Delaware State Troopers Association) to bring awareness to the issues surrounding Domestic Violence. The event sold out and was a huge success. All proceeds are deposited into the Victim Services emergency assistance fund which provides emergency financial needs to crime victims.

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).
Each year the Delaware State Police Executive Staff selects one trooper for the Trooper of the Year Award. To be nominated, a trooper must exceed performance standards and be recognized by his or her peers as one who consistently displays integrity and work ethic.

This year, nine Delaware State Troopers were nominated. The Executive Staff selected Sgt. Dannaile Rementer from the Troop 4 Sussex County Drug Unit as the 2015 Trooper of the Year for her outstanding efforts and contributions to the Division and the citizens of Delaware.

Dannaile has been a member of the Division since September 8, 2006. In that time, she has established herself as a hard worker, who is highly motivated, detailed and very productive. Due to her tenacious work ethic and ability to work well with others, she was transferred into the Sussex County Drug unit on May 16, 2011 where she continued to excel in her capacity as an undercover drug detective. Amongst her peers in the law enforcement community, Detective Rementer is regarded as an expert in the area of clandestine methamphetamine laboratory investigations. In addition to emergency responses to these Hazmat scenes, she also proactively investigated methamphetamine labs to uncover them throughout Sussex County. She is highly skilled in this area and has been certified by the Drug Enforcement Administration at their clan lab school in Quantico, VA. Detective Rementer is routinely called upon by other members of the Delaware State Police, members of DNREC Waste and Hazardous Substance Team, and other agencies throughout the state for her expert opinion in clandestine methamphetamine laboratory investigations.

Her individual productivity statistics during 2015 are merely one reflection of her overall performance. Within the first six months of the year alone, she made 41 Felony and 12 Misdemeanor arrests. She individually seized 3,317 grams of marijuana, 281 grams of cocaine, 39.37 grams of crack cocaine, 3.802 grams of methamphetamine, and a remarkable 62.42 grams of heroin, a drug that is widely known as creating an epidemic across the country.

One stellar example of her impact on the heroin trade includes a several month long investigation she conducted in early 2015. Detective Rementer concluded this investigation by executing two search warrants located at the Sunrise Motel Seaford, DE where the total seizure included 8,088 bags of heroin, $7,537 in suspected drug sale proceeds, and a fully loaded Ruger 9mm handgun. Another significant example of Detective Rementer’s performance for 2015 was demonstrated during Operation “In the House” which initiated in March 2015. Detective Rementer was one of three investigators conducting this investigation. The Troop 4 Major Crimes Unit, Delaware State Police Homicide Unit, Sussex Drug Unit and the Delaware Department of Justice organized and conducted this operation, which targeted an organized crime enterprise. The suspects in the organization were involved in Homicides, Racketeering, Home Invasion Robberies, Illegal Weapons Possession and the Distribution of Illegal Narcotics. The performance of Detective Rementer in collaboration with others during the investigation resulted in one of the most successful and celebrated investigations in the history of the Delaware State Police. The initial phase of the operation ended with the execution of over 25 search warrants. At that time, a Sussex County Grand Jury indicted 30 individuals. As a result of the investigation, the following items were seized: 2,321.7 grams (over 2 kilograms) of cocaine, 108.03 grams of heroin, (over 7,200 bags of heroin), 7,921.65 grams of marijuana, .02 grams of methamphetamine, and 41 prescription narcotic pills. Investigators also recovered and seized $135,310.00 in suspected drug sale proceeds, 19 firearms, and 15 vehicles. Of greater importance, indictments were obtained for the defendant’s involvement in a Double Homicide and Home Invasion, which occurred on June 22nd, 2015.

Dannaile’s former supervisor, Sgt. Mark Dawson says, “Detective Rementer is an outstanding investigator who clearly possesses the characteristics of an elite Detective. Her character is that of a leader who is well respected amongst her peers. Her knowledge, skills, and ability combined with her strong work ethic are evident and exemplified in her performance during 2015.”

Dannaile’s Troop Administration says, “The personal characteristics of Detective Rementer allowed her to shine as a Detective and a leader in the Sussex Drug Unit. She is highly motivated with impeccable administrative skills and a willingness to go the extra mile for her fellow Detectives. She would always be willing to work long hours to help her team members with their respective investigations. Her work ethic is meticulous while she is always mindful of case law and drug unit policy and procedures to ensure successful prosecution of her cases. Detective Rementer is routinely tapped as an expert witness for her opinion and court testimony in reference to her fellow officers’ investigations.”

Sgt. Rementer represents the epitome for this prominent award.
Each year the Delaware State Police Executive Staff selects one civilian employee for the Civilian of the Year Award. Civilian employees who are nominated for this award display outstanding performance and meet 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. Recognition by their peers for outstanding character and integrity.

This year, seven civilian Delaware State Police employees were nominated. The Executive Staff of the Delaware State Police selected Agent Donna Farra from the Troop 2 Criminal Investigative Unit as the 2015 Civilian of the Year.

Agent Farra’s career with the Delaware State Police began on July 1st of 2006. Since then, she has served as an Investigative Agent in our Drug Diversion Unit. An extremely knowledgeable investigator, she brought with her a great deal of experience from various factions of law enforcement. From 2002 to 2006, Agent Farra was a paralegal at the Delaware Department of Justice. Prior to that, she served as a deputy sheriff in Pennsylvania for several years.

In April of 2015, Agent Farra was selected to take over and review several cases from a fellow Agent who was soon to retire. Her instincts led her to a decision to significantly expand the investigation of one particular case. This investigation eventually revealed additional instances of the identified suspects forging prescriptions. She also discovered an additional previously unidentified co-conspirator and tied in suspects from other cases. Her efforts subsequently directly led to the arrest of 5 defendants on a total of 52 felony charges.

In another example, Agent Farra initiated an investigation into stolen and forged prescriptions from an anonymous Crime Stoppers complaint in September. With very little information to go on, Agent Farra’s investigation revealed that a former employee of a local doctor had stolen a prescription pad from the office. This individual then went on a spree, forging numerous prescriptions over a 3-month period to illegally obtain over two hundred 30mg Adderall tablets (a Schedule II Narcotic). Agent Farra’s investigation resulted in 15 felony charges against this defendant.

Not only does Agent Farra handle more than her share of investigations, she consistently assists her co-workers whenever necessary. During one particular period when Troop 2’s Financial Crimes Unit found itself overwhelmed with cases and short on investigators, Agent Farra stepped up to the plate. Because she was able to clear up several cases, the unit’s Investigators were able to focus on larger scale cases that required more in-depth attention. The FCU Sergeant was quick to point out that she had done an excellent job and required very little supervision.

In total, Agent Farra’s investigations during 2015 resulted in a total of 166 felony arrests - well above the unit average. Despite consistently managing a heavy caseload, all of Agent Farra’s investigations are thorough and include the utmost attention to detail. This type of work ethic and productivity has been typical of Agent Farra for each of the ten years she has been assigned to the Drug Diversion Unit. Her investigative skills and dedication to the mission are outstanding!

Ever the consummate professional, Agent Farra consistently goes above and beyond her assigned duties while serving as an example of excellence and upholding the high standards of the Division and the Drug Diversion Unit. Her gregarious nature has resulted in her fostering many professional relationships with hospital, pharmacy and law enforcement agency employees throughout the region. She is highly regarded by her law enforcement peers, including those in the DEA, and is frequently specifically called upon to assist them with investigations.
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