

Annual Report

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Clinton Correctional Facility Manhunt

On June 6, 2015, Clinton County Correctional Facility inmates Richard Matt and David Sweat were discovered missing during the 5:30 a.m. standing count at the maximum-security prison in the village of Dannemora.

Matt had been serving a 25 year to life sentence for murder, robbery and kidnapping with no chance of parole until 2032. Sweat was serving life without parole for the killing of a Broome County NY Sheriff's Deputy.

The inmates cut through the steel walls of their adjacent cells, traversed down six stories of internal catwalks, burrowed through a cement wall, and crawled through a 24-inch diameter steam pipe for 13 feet. After cutting a second hole in the pipe, they travelled another 405 feet toward the facility's powerhouse. The two then cut a chain and lock which secured a manhole cover, and emerged at the intersection of Bouck and Barker streets, expecting to be met by Clinton Correctional employee Joyce Mitchell.



State Police participate in a morning briefing at Titus Mountain during the Clinton Correctional Facility Manhunt in June 2015

Mitchell was not there to meet Matt and Sweat, so both subjects fled the area on foot. The last sighting for the next 14 days was by a resident of Bouck Street who confronted both subjects in his backyard. They apologized and continued walking on Bouck Street. What followed would be a historic manhunt in the history of New York State.

At its peak, the manhunt necessitated the assignment of over 1,400 federal, tribal, state, county and local agencies per day, incorporating a wide range of technologically and physically demanding assignments, from some of the most highly trained tactical teams in the world, to a massive number of fixed road checks and stationary posts.

The first true break in the manhunt came on June 20, 2015, when a corrections officer visited his camp in Owls Head and observed two individuals run from the camp. Food and clothing left behind was secured, forwarded to the State Police Forensics Investigation Center (FIC) for DNA analysis, and subsequently confirmed to be from Matt and Sweat. This forensic conclusion was the first evidence that Matt and Sweat were still in the area. Roving and fixed posts were adjusted to account for this new information.

On June 26, 2015, a State Police team received a report of gunshots near State Route 30 at the town line of Malone and Duane. Members noted the smell of gunpowder near a small camper. The camper and adjacent structures were searched, and the US Border Patrol "BORTAC" tactical team was advised. A short time later, with State Police members staffing the adjacent wood line, Richard Matt refusing verbal commands to drop a shotgun, leveled the shotgun at BORTAC team members and was subsequently shot and killed. The State



Police members established a perimeter around Matt and tactical teams searched the surrounding area for David Sweat with negative results.

On June 28, 2015, Technical Sergeant Jay Cook, Troop B-TIM Unit, was patrolling Coveytown Road, in the town of Constable, approximately two and a half miles south of Canada, anticipating Sweat was travelling toward the border. Sergeant Cook observed an individual crossing the road in the area of a stone wall across a field, recognized the subject as David Sweat, and issued verbal commands for Sweat to stop. Sweat refused and began to run. Technical Sergeant Cook pursued Sweat on foot, continuing to issue verbal commands. After pursuing Sweat for over 100 yards and having no other option to gain custody of the escaped murderer, Technical Sergeant Cook discharged his Division issued firearm, striking Sweat from in excess of 50 yards. Sweat was taken into custody. T/Sgt. Cook then coordinated the immediate medical care of Sweat, undoubtedly contributing to saving his life.



Throughout the manhunt, the Clinton and Franklin County residents demonstrated an exceptional level of tolerance and support of law enforcement. At the conclusion of the manhunt, the citizens of the village of Dannemora lined Cook Street, in front of the Main Gate of Clinton Correctional, cheering every police vehicle that drove through.

New York State Police Wall of Honor



Trooper Donald R. Fredenburg Jr., 23, collapsed and died when he suffered a fatal heart attack while participating in the daily physical training run with fellow members of the 203rd Session of the Basic School on March 13, 2015.

Trooper Fredenburg was a United States Marine, having served for four years, prior to entering the Division on March 2, 2015.



Law enforcement officers in front of Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Genesee Street in Utica during the funeral for Trooper Donald Fredenburg.

BASIC SCHOOL GRADUATIONS



The New York State Police welcomed 425 new members of the State Police in 2015. Graduations were held for the 202nd and 203rd Sessions of the Basic School of the New York State Police Academy.

The Basic School for New York State Troopers consists of 26 weeks of training. It is one of the most comprehensive law enforcement recruit training programs in the country and is designed to provide newly appointed troopers with the academic foundation, physical fitness and technical skills necessary to perform their complex, varied police duties with professionalism and excellence.

Basic School training is residential; recruits are required to live at the Academy. Class sizes have ranged from 50 to more than 200 recruits, depending upon departmental needs and budgetary considerations. Each student's commitment is constantly tested by the school's demanding and rigorous college-level program.

To graduate a recruit must successfully complete 1,095 hours of training provided by certified law enforcement professionals and members of the New York State Police.

Bravery is Honored

In July 2015, Trooper Donald L. Atkinson and Trooper Lawrence F. Gurdo II, both from SP Whitney Point, were dispatched by Broome County 911 for a distressed swimmer in an area of restricted water near the main dam structure at the Whitney Point Dam in the town of Triangle. Trooper Atkinson was the first to arrive at the dam and learned from witnesses that a 14-year-old girl had been yelling for help after being pulled into one of the dam's intake tunnels. He was able to hear the girl but could not see her. Atkinson told her help was on the way and started talking to her as he entered the water. He determined she was choking from the water, was becoming increasingly tired and panicked and was at risk of hypothermia.



Trooper Atkinson receiving certificate of appreciation from Army Corps of Engineers (L. to R. Z/Sgt. Steve Meyer, Tpr. Donald Atkinson, unknown military rep., Lt. Robert Crosswell)

Trooper Atkinson approached the intake opening in an effort to locate and rescue the victim. It was at this time a passerby entered the water in an effort to assist Trooper Atkinson. Trooper Gurdo arrived on scene and provided a rope the passerby, who handed it to Trooper Atkinson. Upon receiving the rope, Trooper Atkinson continued to the intake. Simultaneously, Trooper Gurdo entered the water from the other side of the structure which contained the three intake tunnels, and proceeded to the intake tunnel entrances. Atkinson continued to check the entry way for each of the tunnels, almost being pulled into one of them by the powerful current. Upon reaching the third and last entryway, Trooper Atkinson located the victim within the tunnel. Trooper Gurdo, who had joined Trooper Atkinson, assisted him up onto an overhead ledge two feet above the water. This ledge was part of a grate covering the entryway above the intake tunnel. Trooper Atkinson finally saw the victim, exhausted and attempting to keep her head above water by grabbing onto the smooth concrete walls. He threw the victim a rope which she was able to grab onto. Trooper Atkinson and Trooper Gurdo, who had also climbed onto the ledge, then pulled the victim up and removed her from the water to the safety of the ledge. Shortly thereafter, the fire department arrived in a boat to safely extract the troopers from the structure. The victim was transported to a nearby hospital where she was treated for hypothermia, exhaustion and minor scratches and then released.

United States Army Corps of Engineer personnel assigned to the dam advised the speed of the water going through the intake tunnels is approximately 1,400 cubic feet per second, thus creating an extremely strong undercurrent. It was also determined the water temperature at the time of this rescue was 60 degrees Fahrenheit. Corps of Engineer personnel stated no one would have survived had they gone any further into the intake tunnel as they would have been pulled underwater into a ¼ mile long tunnel and would not be able to overcome the current.

Trooper Atkinson and Trooper Gurdo were awarded the New York State Police's highest award – the Brummer Award – for their heroic actions. They also received the New York State Officer of the Year Award. Furthermore, Trooper Atkinson was national named Motorola Trooper of the Year by the International Association of Chiefs of Police for his heroic actions.



Troopers Atkinson and Gurdo receive the New York State Officer of the Year Award. Pictured from left to right: Troopers Gurdo and Atkinson, Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul, NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services Executive Deputy Commissioner Michael Green, Superintendent George P. Beach II

Remembering Superintendent Constantine

Superintendent Thomas A. Constantine passed away May 3, 2015, following a brief illness.

Superintendent Constantine joined the New York State Police in 1962 as a uniform trooper. Over the next 34 years, Constantine rose through all uniform and investigative positions, serving as Troop Commander, Staff Inspector, and Field Commander.

In 1986, Constantine was nominated by Governor Mario Cuomo to be Superintendent of the New York State Police. It was the first time in 30 years that a State Police member rose through the ranks and was appointed to lead the agency.

During his time as Superintendent, Constantine instituted State Police Forensic Investigation Support Services to provide support during violent crime investigations, more than quadrupled the number of investigators in the State Police Narcotics Unit to combat a growing drug problem, and oversaw the creation of the Colonel Henry F. Williams Homicide Seminar, the first of its kind, bringing homicide investigators from around the world to hear from leading medical, forensic, legal, and investigative experts.

Superintendent Constantine retired from the New York State Police in 1994.

He went on to be appointed Administrator of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration by President Bill Clinton, a position he held until his retirement in 1999.

Superintendent Constantine also served as Oversight Commissioner for a major reform of provincial policing in Northern Ireland, and since 1999, a professor at UAlbany's Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy.

The New York State Police thank Superintendent Constantine for his service to his country, his state, and his unwavering support of the Division during and after his time with the agency.



History Made as First Female Appointed First Deputy

In 2015, Patricia M. Groeber was appointed as First Deputy Superintendent of the New York State Police, placing her second in command of the 4,800 member agency. The appointment, made by Superintendent Joseph A. D'Amico, marks the first time that a female member has been appointed to the position in the 98-year history of the State Police.

First Deputy Superintendent Groeber oversees the daily operations of all aspects of the Division, including Field Command, Administration, Employee Relations and Internal Affairs. She joined the State Police on September 22, 1986, starting as a Trooper in Troop G. She has served in numerous positions throughout career, and was appointed on May 4, 2013, as Field Commander. In that position she was the first woman to ever serve as third in command of the agency, overseeing operations of the Uniform Force, the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, the New York State Intelligence Center and the Office of Counter Terrorism.



Aviation Unit

Flights Conducted	865
Assists to Law Enforcement	530
Emergency Medical Evacuations	103

The New York State Police Aviation unit consists of four stations with the headquarters located in Albany. The other stations are located at Adirondack Regional Airport (Saranac Lake), Stewart International Airport (Newburgh) and Greater Rochester International Airport.

On July 18, 2015, Aviation - Rochester was requested at Letchworth State Park to help rescue a 23-year-old male hiker who had fallen from a waterfall and broken his leg. The crew utilized the rescue hoist to rescue the victim.



In May 2015, Aviation – Newburgh participated in fire-fighting operations utilizing assigned Huey aircraft in the towns of Wurtsboro, Ellenville, Phoenicia, and Lanesville. Working closely with New York State Forest Rangers, they dropped over 100 buckets of water on the fires, enabling ground firefighters to contain and defeat the wildfires.

On August 28, 2015, Aviation – Albany responded to Saratoga Springs for a report of a missing six-year-old. The aircrew located the child and directed Troopers to the location, saving the child.

On March 23, 2015, Aviation – Saranac Lake and Aviation – Albany located a mother and her

two sons, ages 11 and seven, who had gotten lost during a hike on Mt. Marcy the previous evening. Due to the extremely low temperatures there was an added sense of urgency. A Forest Ranger was inserted to assist the victims and SORT members were directed to the scene. All three family members survived without serious injury.

Bomb Disposal Unit

Total Incidents Handled	332
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The Division Bomb Disposal Unit has nine members and is responsible for a majority of the upstate area, responding to calls for improvised explosive devices, recovered military ordinance, commercial explosives and fireworks.

The Bomb Disposal Unit currently maintains four facilities located in Albany, Newburgh, Watertown and Batavia. Each facility is equipped with disposal equipment such as disposal trailers, robots and hazardous materials suits. Each bomb technician carries critical first responder equipment with them including X-ray and bomb suits.

Division Bomb Technicians handled 332 incidents during 2015. These calls included 16 commercial explosive recovery and destructions, 33 military ordnance destructions, and 53 recovered fireworks destructions, totaling thousands of pounds of illegal fireworks. The unit also responded to four homemade improvised explosive device calls.

In March 2015, the Bomb Disposal Unit assisted State Police in Deposit following a burglary investigation. It was discovered that the defendant had stolen 20 pounds of C-4 and 12 detonators. Bomb Disposal Unit members responded and were able to locate the items buried in a wooded area.

In March 2015, the Bomb Disposal Unit assisted the city of Schenectady Police Department and New York State Parole after a search of a parolee's residence resulted in the discovery of detonating cord, detonator, an improvised explosive device and ammunition.

In April 2015, the Bomb Disposal Unit was assigned to assist the Massachusetts State Police with security at the Boston Marathon. The New York State Police sent bomb technicians with their explosive detection canines to the event.

In December 2015, the Bomb Disposal Unit was requested to assist the city of Schenectady Police Department with a suspicious item found in a yard behind a residence. Examination of the item revealed it was a 16 oz. can filled with gasoline, gun powder, fireworks, and rags wrapped in black tape with a fuse attached. The defendant thought people were trying to break into his apartment and he constructed the device as a booby trap. and SORT members were directed to the scene. All three family members survived without serious injury.

Canine Unit

The New York State Police Canine Unit was first organized in 1975 when the Division sent its first three members to the City of Baltimore, Maryland. These three initial canine teams were specifically trained in explosive detection in preparation for the 1976 and 1980 Olympics. All canines are donated through the generosity of breeders, private individuals, and humane societies. State Police canines are named after deceased members killed in the line of duty.

The current strength of the State Police Canine Unit is 90 teams. Of these teams, 86 are full-service dogs (patrol trained) with a detection specialty. The remaining four are bloodhounds. There are 57 narcotic detection teams, 28 narcotic teams cross trained for cadaver detection, 29 explosive detection teams and four bloodhound teams.

In June 2015, Trooper Eric F. Knapp, Troop D – Oneida, was requested to assist the Postal Inspector with a canine narcotics sniff of three suspicious packages. K-9 Scotty alerted to all three packages which contained two pounds of cocaine and 16 pounds of marijuana. The two cocaine packages were packed in multiple vacuum sealed bags along with masking odors of vinegar, carbon paper and dryer sheets. The marijuana package was a box, within a box, with the marijuana in vacuum sealed bags, sealed in double layers of Ziplock bags.



Trooper Dean Nolte and Canine Nugent at the Erie County Fair

In July 2015, Trooper David B. Ruderfer, Troop T – Albany, and K9 Lane conducted a vehicle and traffic stop on I-87 northbound in the town of Plattekill. After the operator and the passenger offered several discrepancies about their whereabouts, reason for trip, and timeline, the operator gave verbal consent to search the vehicle. K9 Lane alerted on the front passenger's side door, door handle and seat. Further search of the front seat located a clear plastic bag containing approximately 36 grams of cocaine.

The Contaminated Crime Scene Emergency Response Team (CCSERT) four regional teams provide state-level response to actual, suspected or perceived crime scenes in which chemical, biological, explosive, radiological, or nuclear contamination or components may be present. 120 members are all certified Hazardous Material Technicians that can provide emergency response capability to support law enforcement agencies when responding to contaminated crime scenes or hazardous conditions.

The first documented clandestine drug lab involving methamphetamine in New York State was in 1999. During that year, there were a total of four clandestine/drug labs discovered, three of which involved the manufacturing of methamphetamine. The number of clandestine labs/incidents in New York State has continued to increase with the Contaminated Crime Scene Emergency Response Team (CCSERT) handling 327 clandestine labs during 2015.



Members of CCSERT at a scene in Lewis County

On November 28, 2015, CCSERT Central was called to George Street in the village of Croghan where a deceased subject was found along with numerous unknown chemicals and hand-written chemical equations. Preliminary testing led members to believe that the deceased was possibly manufacturing PCP. The New York National Guard 2nd Civil Support Team and CCSERT worked together but were unable to determine the purpose of the chemicals possessed by the deceased. CCSERT assisted in the removal of the deceased from the apartment and the Department of Environmental Conservation assisted with the removal of the dangerous chemicals.

On December 24, 2015, CCSERT Central team responded along with the Madison County Sheriff's Department, to the town of Lincoln to mitigate one of the largest methamphetamine labs ever found in Madison County. The investigation revealed the defendants were making methamphetamine and disposing of the cooking materials in the creek behind their residence. One hundred and twenty-four spent "one pot" bottles were recovered along with finished methamphetamine, precursors used in manufacturing methamphetamine, marijuana and firearms. The defendants were each charged with felony unlawful manufacture of methamphetamine 3rd degree and felony unlawful disposal of a methamphetamine lab.

CNET

The New York State Police has five regional Community Narcotics Enforcement Teams (CNET) deployed across the state to help local police with areas impacted by drug trafficking and related street crimes.

Arrests	880
Undercover Purchases	854
Guns Seized	658
Vehicles Seized	22
Currency Seized	\$1,355,349

In May of 2015, members of CNET Central initiated an investigation into two major heroin dealers in the city of Utica, New York. The case concluded with the arrest of 24 people on federal conspiracy charges and three heroin suppliers.

In March of 2015, information was provided to CNET Capital in regard to an individual transporting a large amount of cocaine from New York City to the Saratoga County area. The target vehicle stopped resulting in 30 grams of cocaine being seized.

In April of 2015, members of CNET Hudson Valley developed information that an individual was selling heroin in Fishkill, New York. Following an investigation, Troopers from SP Monroe executed a traffic stop of the suspect. He attempted to flee on foot, tossing a semi-automatic handgun as well as narcotics before being taken into custody. A search warrant of the suspect's house was executed and approximately two ounces of heroin, 2.5 ounces of cocaine, 16 grams of hydrocodone, 17 grams of marijuana, guns, numerous high capacity ammunition magazines and various drug paraphernalia were seized.

In April of 2015, CNET Southern Tier discovered several subjects actively cooking methamphetamine in Cortlandville, NY. During the investigation, it was learned a person wanted on warrants for Unlawful Manufacture of Methamphetamine fled the apartment. An upstairs resident arrived home and members heard loud crashes and screaming. The resident stated someone had fled out the back of the apartment. After a search, the suspect was located by the CNET Southern Tier K9 team. Four people were arrested and police seized four ounces of methamphetamine oil, one gram of processed methamphetamine, "one pot labs" packaging material, scales and other hazardous items used to manufacture methamphetamine.



State Police CNET and the NYSP Special Operations Team arrest two people and seize 140 guns, many of them stolen, after executing a search warrant in a narcotics investigation in the Town of Lumberland, Sullivan County. SP also seized heroin, marijuana

Crime Lab

The NYSP's Crime Laboratory System (CLS) provides statewide support to all state criminal justice agencies with state-of-the-art forensic analytical and investigative capabilities and expert testimony related to the investigation and resolution of criminal matters. The System has four laboratories located across the state.

Forensic Investigation Center Cases	6,533
Mid-Hudson Regional Lab Cases	3,167
Southern Tier Regional Lab Cases	1,606
Western Regional Lab Cases	937

In June and July 2015, following the escape of Richard Matt and David Sweat from Clinton Correctional Facility, the Biological Sciences section analyzed 343 evidence items and issued 20 separate forensics reports. DNA matches to both Matt and Sweat were made on 24 items. By providing rapid evidence turnaround, the identifications provided crucial information about the escapees' location and direction of travel, enabling law enforcement to focus their search.



A Forensic Scientist III examines evidence for possible biological material using an alternate light source

In September of 2013, a 22-year-old woman visiting New York City from a foreign country was lured to an isolated area and raped her at knife point. A DNA profile was developed resulting identifying the perpetrator who was subsequently apprehended and brought to justice in July of 2015.

In May of 2015, a subject robbed a bank in the town of Bethlehem. Sunglasses worn by the suspect were submitted to the FIC and a partial latent print was secured off one of the lenses. The suspect was identified using the fingerprint analysis.

IAB

The Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) has a wide range of responsibilities that further the mission of Division. It is divided into two sections: An investigative section that oversees investigations into allegations of misconduct by Division employees and an audit section that manages the Division's audit and inspection processes.

Investigative Section

One of the primary responsibilities of the IAB is to ensure the prompt and thorough investigation of allegations of misconduct by NYSP employees. In 2015, the IAB Investigative Section conducted 545 investigations with the final determination as follows:

FINAL DETERMINATION	NUMBER OF INVESTIGATIONS
CLOSED BY INVESTIGATION	79
FOUNDED	250
UNFOUNDED	89
UNSUBSTANTIATED	127
TOTAL	545

IAB staff also must respond to critical incidents with troop and field command supervisory personnel throughout the year. A critical incident is defined as any action by a sworn member that results in serious physical injury or death to another person or member.

Audit Section

The internal audit process is considered an essential tool for government accountability. The current internal audit process allows us to comply with the mandates of the Internal Control Act by obtaining, analyzing and evaluating information concerning the operations, administration and management of any troop, zone, station, detail or section. This process helps identify strengths and weaknesses, and leads to instructions, recommendations, and/or suggestions to improve Division's performance. In 2015, the IAB Audit Section conducted 31 Division-level audits.

To maximize the success of our zero tolerance policy regarding illegal drug use and drug/substance abuse, the Division randomly screens all sworn members using urinalysis and hair testing methods. The Division's testing standards have been designed to ensure the member's personal confidentiality and dignity is maintained while simultaneously safeguarding the screening process. In 2015, the IAB Audit Section conducted a total of 1,678 urine tests and 559 hair tests broken down as follows:

Tests Administered	Urine Tests	Hair Tests
Member Random Drug Tests	1131	12
Probationary Trooper Tests	327	327
Recruit Trooper Tests	220	220
Total	1678	559

Surveys

The NYSP administers several types of citizen satisfaction surveys on a regular basis. During Division-level audits, IAB staff members perform telephone and personal surveys with internal and external customers. In addition, IAB has managed a mail survey program since April 1999.

Early Intervention Program

The Early Intervention Program (EIP) is a progressive, remedial program, conducted under the oversight of the Chief Inspector. It is a two-phase process, designed to identify Members who demonstrate a pattern of conduct in need of improvement. The program provides support to Members in the form of counseling, re-training, re-orientation, or increased supervision. The EIP provides these resources with the intent to prevent minor professional or personnel issues from becoming a larger concern.

NYSIC

Requests for Investigative Assistance 7,824

Intelligence Bulletins Disseminated 262

The New York State Intelligence Center (NYSIC), is the officially designated

fusion center for New York State. Since its opening in 2003, the New York State Intelligence Center has promoted timely and accurate information exchange among New York law enforcement agencies at the local, state, and federal level.

The NYSIC, a multi-agency, all-crimes fusion center identifies, prevents, and protects New York against emerging domestic and international terrorist and criminal threats through information collection, analysis, and dissemination of intelligence. The NYSIC provides investigative and analytic resources, subject matter expertise, and information in an effort to detect, prevent and respond to both criminal and terrorist activity.

The NYSIC is comprised of two separate sections, the Counter Terrorism Center and Criminal Intelligence Section, that work together seamlessly to support the NYSIC Mission.

- In November of 2015, the New York State Police and NYSIC co-hosted the annual New York State Intelligence Summit in Bolton Landing, NY. This Summit provided attendees with terrorist threat briefings, overviews of new counter terrorism initiatives from both a national and state perspective, as well as a poignant presentation on the Clinton Correctional Facility escape and manhunt.
- In June of 2015, the Counter Terrorism Center assisted the North Greenbush Police Department regarding a larceny investigation involving a foreign national stealing NYS Lottery instant scratch-off tickets totaling \$27,000 from his employer's gas station. The CTC developed leads resulting in the successful location and arrest of the subject as he attempted to board a one-way flight to Pakistan at JFK International Airport.
- On November 23, 2015, a NYSP Narcotics Officer contacted NYSIC via telephone advising of a large shipment of cocaine headed by vehicle to Troop B from California. Following an investigation by NYSIC, Troop B personnel intercepted that vehicle. Following an interview and search, State Police located a hidden compartment inside the vehicle and recovered approximately 47 kilos of cocaine from the vehicle.
- In January 2015, a NYSIC Intelligence Analyst investigated a Virginia law enforcement agency's bulletin regarding subjects who had used cloned credit cards at a liquor store. The analyst identified a group of individuals from Queens, NY, resulting in multiple out-of-state arrests.
- In 2015, members of the Narcotics Intelligence Unit/GIU developed information regarding a drug trafficking organization in Orange County, NY. A multi-state coordinated investigation into significant cocaine sales between NY and NJ involving two separate outlaw motorcycle gangs culminated in early 2016 with the arrest of 18 individuals, seizure of 4 pounds of cocaine, and a .45 caliber firearm.
- In 2015, members of the Gang Intelligence Unit developed information regarding the criminal conduct of the East Coast Syndicate Outlaw Motorcycle gang. Intelligence developed at the NYSIC sparked an investigation by the NYSP Special Investigations Unit and CNET Capital. This investigation led to the arrest of members of a dangerous outlaw motorcycle gang operating in the Capital District.

OEM

Training Exercises	91
Emergency Operations Center Activations	27
Field Deployments	33

The New York State Police Office of Emergency Management, works in collaboration with New York State OEM staff and liaisons with federal, state, and local partners to enhance emergency preparedness and response capabilities throughout the State. The OEM enables the Governor and senior staff to formulate the appropriate level of State support and response during disasters and emergencies.

In 2015 there were some significant events where NYSP OEM helped coordinate efforts:

On January 26 and 27, 2015, winter storm Juno hit Long Island. Over 30 inches of snow fell in parts of Suffolk County as well as significant snow totals in Nassau County of 15-20 inches.

On June 6, 2015, multiple agencies worked the New York Racing Associations Belmont Stakes Race Day at Belmont Park in western Nassau County.

On July 16, 2015, first responders were called to a structure collapse of a parking garage at UHS Wilson Hospital in Johnson City. It had been determined that the second floor ramp of the parking structure had collapsed onto the first floor.

On May 9, 2015, first responders were called to a reported 50 acre brush fire along the Canadian Pacific Railroad in Broome County. Multiple residences were evacuated, displacing approximately 75 residents to nearby shelters opened by the American Red Cross.



2015 Belmont Stakes

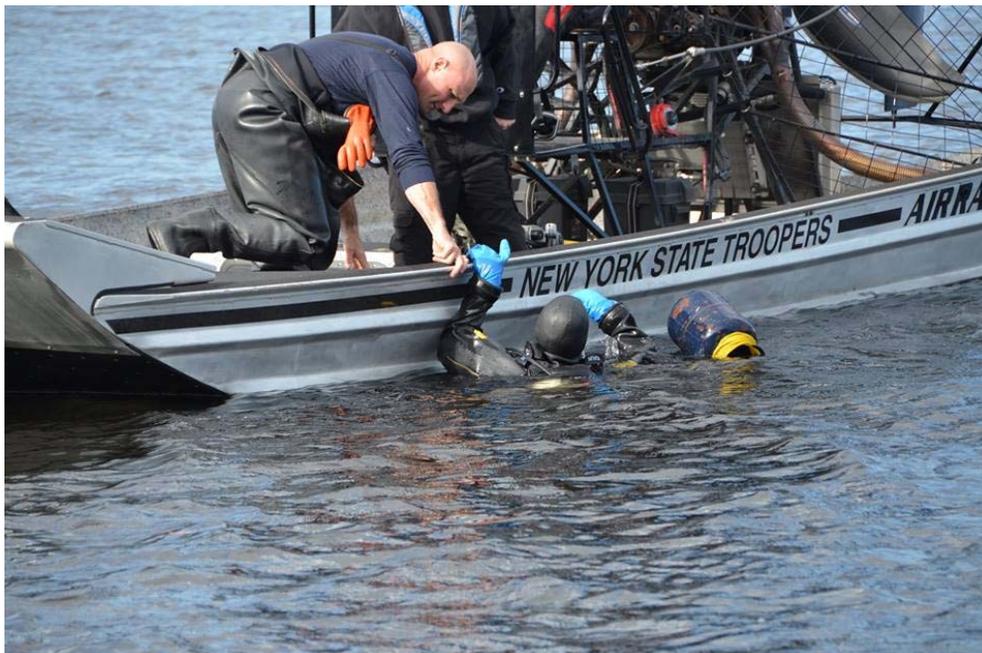


Parking garage collapse

Dive Team

The New York State Police Dive Team is the oldest public safety dive team in the United States. Operating since 1932, its 65 members are spread out over eight Troops in upstate New York. The NYSP Dive Team is also the largest in the country and regularly provides specialized services to communities and law enforcement agencies across the state and the Northeast.

NYSP divers perform regular patrol and administrative duties when not assigned to a dive operation. With its arsenal of 21 boats, including four airboats, and a multitude of underwater electronic search equipment, the team can respond to boat accidents, drowning, flood emergencies, swift water rescues, and other water related emergencies.



Members of Troop K and H participate in SCUBA training at Lake Taghkanic State Park in Columbia County, New York.

In March 2015, members of the Troop K Dive Team and SORT Dive Team members, conducted a tactical operation to capture an armed robbery suspect who had fled across the Ramapo River and was stranded on a rock in the middle of the river. Dive Team members utilized a Division Airboat to approach the subject, remove him from the rock and arrest the subject.

In December 2015, Division Dive Team members responded to the Hudson River to search for a homicide victim. The victim was suspected to have been placed in a suitcase and disposed of in the river in the city of Troy. A month-long search ensued, including hundreds of dives, eventually locating of the victim near the Port of Albany, still in the suitcase.

SIU

The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) conducts and supports investigations requiring specialized investigative techniques, including surveillance (physical and electronic), undercover operations, and the use of informants; these investigations are often long term and multi-jurisdictional.

Felony Charges	550
Currency Seized	\$8,675,983
Vehicles Seized	6
Firearms Seized	16
Felony Charges	550

- In June of 2015, members of SIU-Valhalla completed a long-term investigation into a multi-faceted gambling operation. The operation involved separate organized crime groups within New York State and involvement with off-shore sports gambling services. This case progressed into the execution of over 30 search warrants in several phases, resulting in the successful arrest and prosecution of 28 organized crime figures.
- In November of 2015, SIU - Binghamton, in conjunction with the Broome County Special Investigations Task Force and the FBI, concluded a one-year investigation into a street gang operating in the Binghamton area, conspiring to traffic drugs and firearms. The individuals in the group had also been involved in murder, rape, assault and robbery for the past 10 years. Fifteen federal search warrants and nine federal arrest warrants were obtained and executed, seizing U.S. currency, narcotics and weapons.
- In September of 2015, UPS Security contacted SIU Albany regarding information relative to a gambling investigation. A total of 676 bets were placed totaling \$180,684. A search warrant was executed on the suspect's home, vehicle and person. Gambling records, \$3,725 in cash and a Ford F-150 were seized as a result. The defendant was charged with three counts of Promoting Gambling and following a second search warrant, he was arrested again for Promoting Gambling 1st degree.
- In November of 2014, SIU Utica developed information regarding narcotics and weapons trafficking by a Utica street gang known as the Stueben Street Boys. In 2015, following a joint investigation, with the assistance of NYSP SORT, search warrants were executed at 11 locations in Oneida and Albany Counties. As a result, nearly one pound of cocaine, several ounces of heroin, six handguns, roughly \$6,000, and three vehicles were seized. Twelve defendants were arrested for narcotics and weapons-related charges.
- During 2015, SIU Rochester initiated multiple investigations into suspected sex trafficking involving massage parlors operating in the Monroe County area. In each instance, search warrants were obtained and executed at both the location of the massage parlor, as well as the residence of the suspect masseuse. Six subjects were charged with Prostitution and Unauthorized Practice of Massage, and over \$30,000 was seized.

SORT

The Special Operations Response Team supports the New York State Police with a tactical response to critical events and other specialized assignments within the state of New York. SORT duties include operations involving, counter terrorism, disaster relief, hostage rescue, clandestine labs, high risk/violent felony arrests, searching for escapees and wanted persons, searching for lost or injured hikers, civil disturbance, high angle rope rescue, tactical patrol, barricaded persons, and high-risk dignitary protection and escort.

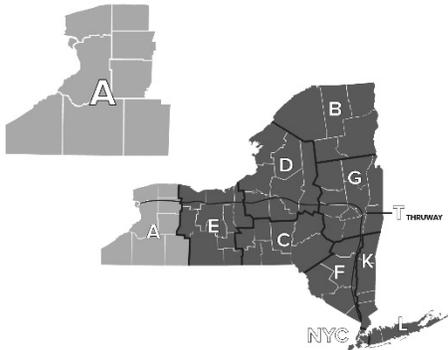
The Special Operations Response Team was created in 1980 to provide a tactical response element for the Winter Olympics in Lake Placid. There are currently five regional teams: Capital, Central, North, South and West. The Teams are a full-time asset providing their specialized services to communities and law enforcement agencies across the state. Each Troop also has .308 Riflemen, who are available to work with the SORT in certain critical incidents. In addition to the .308 Riflemen, each Troop also has enhanced canine handlers who are cross trained to assist SORT in a variety of situations, along with their canine partners.



Special Operations Response Team – West members train at a movie theater in Olean, NY.

- In March of 2015, SORT assisted Troop K Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) with the execution of a warrant in the city of Poughkeepsie related to successful manhunt for a wanted suspect in a homicide investigation.
- In June of 2015, SORT assisted SIU Utica with the execution of four search warrants in the city of Utica involving high-risk controlled entries, cleared the residences and secured the all of the primary suspects. Six handguns, two of which had been reported stolen, a ballistic vest, 16 ounces of cocaine, one ounce and nine bundles of heroin, along with drug paraphernalia, and over \$35,000 was seized.
- In July of 2015, SORT responded to a barricaded subject armed with a shotgun and his eight-month-old child with him inside his residence. Prior to SORT's arrival the suspect discharged one round into his estranged girlfriend's vehicle. With the assistance of negotiators, SORT was able to retrieve the child from the suspect and he surrendered.

Troop A



Arrests	5,309
Calls for Service	55,908
Accidents	4,838
Total Vehicle and Traffic Tickets	94,430
Distracted Driving Tickets	3,996
Move Over Tickets	579

Troop A serves Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, and Wyoming Counties in the western portion of New York State.

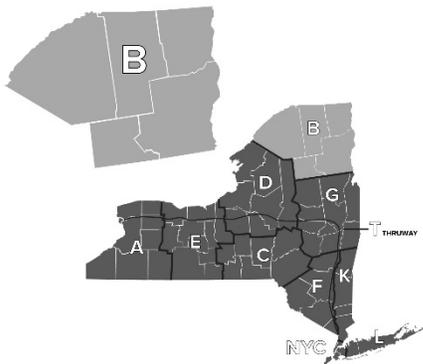
On February 12, 2015, SP Boston was advised a pregnant female ready to deliver her baby was in a vehicle in the parking lot of the station. The husband was directed to pull the car into the heated garage and a State Police Sergeant and local volunteer firefighter delivered the baby boy.

On April 20, 2015, town of Attica man was been reported missing by his adult son. Information was developed and the man was found deceased, buried underneath a compost and manure pile at the rear of his family farm. BCI members, with assistance of Wyoming County Sheriff’s investigators, completed an investigation resulting in the arrest of the man’s wife for Murder 2nd degree.



Left: Trooper Jeffrey Bebak playing four square at the Boys and Girls Club, Buffalo NY. Above: Troopers working security outside Ralph Wilson Stadium, home of the Buffalo Bills.

Troop B



Arrests	5,360
Calls for Service	34,900
Accidents	5,703
Total Vehicle and Traffic Tickets	64,262
Distracted Driving Tickets	1,942
Move Over Tickets	413

Troop B serves counties in the northern portion of New York State including Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, St. Lawrence counties.

In March of 2015, State Police in Canton responded to a residence to check the welfare of a man. Troopers trudged through waist deep snow, gained entry to the home and determined the 65-year-old man had suffered a diabetic emergency. Troopers assisted in providing emergency medical attention and the man made a full recovery.

On October 15, 2015, State Police in Ogdensburg assisted with a Troop D investigation regarding two burglary suspects. Troopers were able to locate the men, take them into custody, and with the assistance of SP Canton BCI, tied them to multiple crimes spanning two troops and several townships.

On March 2, 2015, the Glens Falls National Bank in Plattsburgh was robbed. A SP Wilmington trooper recognized the suspect description and vehicle as someone within his patrol area. Due to the trooper's knowledge, the suspect was quickly identified and successfully arrested the next day.



Trooper Anthony "Bobby" Cordick, and Sergeant/Station Commander Fred R. Atkinson, both stationed at SP Plattsburgh, were recognized by Clinton County Stop-DWI for their distinguished dedication to DWI enforcement. This marks Sgt/SC Atkinson's tenth year receiving the award.

On February 21, 2015, an investigation into a missing 12-year-old boy in Star Lake led to the arrest of a 43-year-old internet predator for Sexual Abuse 1st Degree and other charges.

In March 2015, SP Lewis received a report of a possible unlawful surveillance in the town of Willsboro. Two cameras were located and secured from a bedroom of a residence where a female had been asked to sleep while housesitting.

The owner, a school teacher, was in Florida serving as a chaperone for a senior trip. SP Lewis BCI members coordinated with Florida and New York law enforcement, along with the Westport Central School District, to ensure the suspect's removal from contact with the students on the trip.

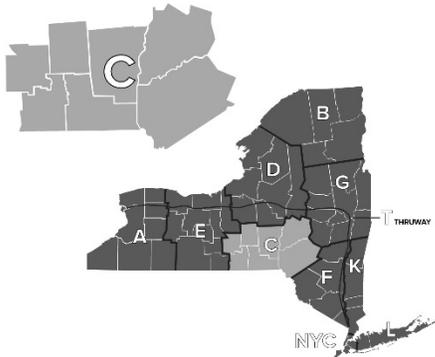
The suspect was arrested upon his return to New York. He was sentenced to four to 12 years in prison, effectively ending his tenure as the director of a town owned youth camp, school board member, and teacher.

In October 2015, the Troop B Narcotics Enforcement Unit (NEU), coordinating with Uniform Patrols near the Akwesasne Mohawk Indian Reservation, located the two suspect vehicles which were found loaded with 238 pounds of marihuana. Two Canadian citizens were arrested and charged federally with Conspiracy to Possess and Sell Marihuana.



State Police along with other law enforcement agencies participated in the Essex County Law Enforcement Torch Run to benefit the Special Olympics. The run began in the Village of Saranac Lake and traveled along State Route 86 in the village of Lake Placid, ending at the famous Olympic Oval.

Troop C



Arrests	4,239
Calls for Service	47,983
Accidents	6,180
Total Vehicle and Traffic Tickets	74,882
Distracted Driving Tickets	2,225
Move Over Tickets	1,670

Troop C serves Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Otsego, Tioga, and Tompkins Counties.

In March of 2015, State Police in Richfield Springs responded to a domestic dispute where a woman claimed she was assaulted and held captive by the suspect who drove away with a long gun. Troopers arrested the man after a traffic stop in the town of Exeter. The suspect was found to possess the long gun, over three pounds of marihuana, and over \$2,000 in currency. State Police were given permission to search the suspect’s residence and also located an apparent former marihuana growing operation. The suspect faced multiple charges including Criminal Possession of Marihuana 2nd degree, Assault, and Criminal Obstruction of Breathing.



Major Donald Faughnan and T/Sgt. Joe Hommel received a traffic safety award in Binghamton in December 2015. From left to right: Captain Fowler (Division Traffic), Major Donald Faughnan (SP Sidney) and T/Sgt Joe Hommel (SP Sidney)

In September of 2015, State Police in Ithaca responded to a larceny of a substantial amount of company funds. An investigation determined that from 2007 to September of 2015 the company’s accountant forged the signature of the company’s president on numerous checks, embezzling more than \$240,000.

In March of 2015, State Police in Owego responded to a report of a robbery at gunpoint at a restaurant in the town of Owego. The suspect threatened the clerk and then confronted the manager at gunpoint. The investigation revealed the manager conspired with the suspect. The two suspects were charged with Robbery 1st degree.

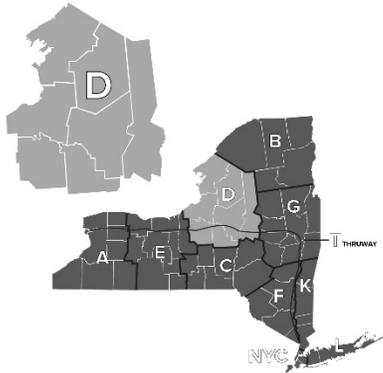
In December of 2015, State Police investigated a report of a missing 56-year-old Dryden man. The man needed assistance with medication and had recently been visited by the man's late girlfriend and boyfriend who had not visited before. Attempts to

locate the man discovered his cell phone was used in the state of Georgia and ATM transactions were made in Tennessee. Shortly after, the missing man was located deceased in Georgia. In cooperation with investigators from Troop C and Troop E, and officials from the Fort Olgethorpe Police Department in Georgia and the FBI, the visiting daughter and boyfriend were located and arrested as Fugitives of Justice and extradited to Georgia for arraignment for Murder and Exploitation of Elder or Disabled Person charges.



(Left) Unveiling of the Trooper Christopher Skinner Memorial Bridges in Broome County in August 2015. (Right) Train derailment that occurred in Marathon, May 2015

Troop D



Arrests	6,212
Calls for Service	80,856
Accidents	9,061
Total Vehicle and Traffic Tickets	101,872
Distracted Driving Tickets	5,516
Move Over Tickets	1,153

Troop D serves Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, and Oswego Counties.

In May of 2015, State Police responded to a burglary in progress at the American Legion Post in Black River, NY and arrested the suspect. SP Watertown assumed the investigation and search warrants were executed, ultimately linking the man to approximately 10 other local burglaries, and identified him as a trafficker in stolen guns and property. The man was convicted on federal gun trafficking related charges.



Members of the Special Operations Response Team during a demonstration at the New York State Fair.

In October of 2015, State Police investigated a case involving two brothers that were physically assaulted by their parents and Word of Life Church members. It was learned after weekly religious services, the brothers were brought before select members of the congregation, told to confess their sins and to repent. The brothers confessed and were counseled by the other church members, which resulted in both brothers being beaten with an electrical cord, as well as being punched and kicked. One of the men died from his injuries. Both parents of the victims were arrested for Manslaughter in the 1st Degree. The victims' sister and three other individuals were charged with Assault in the 2nd Degree.



Ed Lewis arrest for the 2-year-old Jeremiah Jones death.

In August of 2015, Troopers pursued a vehicle in Frankfort, NY and after the operator lost control of the vehicle, they pursued the suspect on foot. The subsequent investigation revealed the suspect was wanted for a homicide in the Bronx in December 2014. He was turned over to the NYPD on a Murder 2nd Degree warrant.

In February of 2015, State Police responded to the hospital for an unresponsive two-year-old child in critical condition in the town of Scriba. The treating physician determined the child had suffered a traumatic brain injury. A male suspect was charged with two counts of Assault 2nd degree for the incident. The victim ultimately succumbed to his injuries and the manner of death was ruled a homicide. In April 2016, the suspect pleaded guilty to Manslaughter.



Members of Troop D participate in the Syracuse St. Patrick's Day Parade.



Trooper Leslie Marrero visits with a local Girl Scout Troop

Troop E



Arrests	6,276
Calls for Service	82,643
Accidents	8,462
Total Vehicle and Traffic Tickets	128,257
Distracted Driving Tickets	5,395
Move Over Tickets	1,232

Troop E serves Cayuga, Chemung, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, and Yates Counties.

In February 2015, State Police investigated a report of a missing woman, leading them to suspect foul play. Members from numerous locations in Troop E, assisted by K-9 Units from Troops E, A and D, along with members of state, county and local law enforcement, conducted land searches for the missing woman. On March 12, 2015, the body of the missing woman was found down an embankment along the side of a road. The investigation into her death is ongoing.



Investigators Michael Lostracco and Daniel Armstrong searching for evidence in the Kimberly Rouland Homicide

In March of 2015, Troopers assigned to Operation IMPACT in the city of Rochester initiated a traffic stop of an operator not wearing his seatbelt. It was determined the driver was also operating with a suspended license. A loaded semi-automatic handgun, which was stolen during a 1999 burglary, was located in the trunk along with 63 grams of cocaine, and more than \$4,000.

On April 21, 2015, Troopers from SP Wellsburg responded to a report of a robbery at the First Heritage Federal Credit Union in the Town of Southport. A male suspect passed a note to a teller, demanded money and left the credit union with a quantity of stolen cash. Investigators for SP Horseheads interviewed victims and obtained video surveillance from the credit union and local businesses. The images and video were posted on Division social media pages and within minutes received numerous credible leads. One of those leads led to a person of interest, a local resident known to law enforcement. The suspect was taken into custody, positively identified as the perpetrator, and subsequently pled guilty to Robbery 3rd degree and was sentenced to prison.

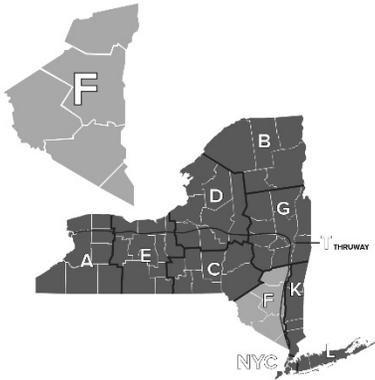


SP Rochester 2015 STOP DWI Awards Banquet – L to R – Sergeant Ken Kehl, Troop E TIMS, Inv. Robert G. Miller, Troop E CRU , Trooper Mark J. Villone, Trooper Thomas J. Loewke, Major Craig S. Hanesworth, Captain Kevin M. Reilly, Trooper Patrick W. Hargather, Lieutenant Samuel P. Spezio.



Watkins Glen NASCAR Race Color Guard L to R – Trooper Trevor Wallner (SP Big Flats), Trooper Todd Sullivan (SP Horseheads IP), Trooper Paul Campbell (SP Big Flats), and Trooper Kevin Backer (SP Wellsburg)

Troop F



Arrests	11,024
Calls for Service	74,057
Accidents	6,949
Total Vehicle and Traffic Tickets	107,356
Distracted Driving Tickets	4,461
Move Over Tickets	1,530

Troop F serves Greene, Orange, Rockland, Sullivan, and Ulster Counties.

In June of 2015, SP Catskill BCI members conducted an investigation into a child who was determined to have suffered an intracranial brain hemorrhage. Members located the parents of the child and identified inconsistencies in the father's account of the events. The father eventually admitted to losing his temper and head butting the infant. The father was subsequently charged with Assault in the 1st degree for causing life-threatening injuries to the child.



SP Stewart Airport members at the New York Air Show

In April of 2015, SP Middletown BCI developed intelligence indicating prostitution was a significant issue in the region. SP Middletown BCI conducted operations that resulted in the arrest of five women and one man for prostitution in the town of Walkill. Following the initial efforts, additional undercover operations were conducted resulting in the arrest of 13 men for patronizing a prostitute. Joint details with the city of Middletown Police Department and town and village of Chester Police Departments resulted in the arrest of another four women for prostitution, and 15 men for patronizing a prostitute.

On April 19, 2015, the Village of Cornwall Police Department turned over a missing kayaker case to SP Montgomery. The victim's fiancé managed to dial 911 and report his kayak had capsized in the Hudson River. An investigation revealed the woman was responsible for the death of her fiancé and she was arrested for Murder 2nd degree.

In July of 2015, following a month-long investigation, State Police at Haverstraw arrested a man for grand larceny 2nd degree for fraudulently stealing over \$100,000.00 from local banks. The investigation revealed the subjects were depositing counterfeit checks into bank accounts that were created with fraudulent identification and businesses.

In September of, 2015, SP Monroe and the Troop F Forensic Identification Unit investigated a case involving the sexual assault of a nine-year-old female by an intruder who had entered her unsecured bedroom window. Identifiable fingerprints were obtained from the window, then taken to the Forensic Identification Center in Albany to expedite identification. The suspect's identity was confirmed and an arrest warrant was obtained. The suspect was arrested in Virginia while boarding a bus in an attempt to flee to South America.



Members salute Trooper McDonagh on the 40th anniversary of his death in the line of duty. Trooper McDonagh was shot on December 14th, 1975, in the hamlet of Sugarloaf.

In March of 2015, investigators at SP Montgomery received information regarding a package containing 25 pounds of marijuana headed to a Kingston, NY address. SP Montgomery coordinated with CNET and SP Catskill to further the investigation, leading to the arrest of the recipient for Criminal Possession of Marijuana 1st degree.



Students from the Orange-Ulster BOCES Law Enforcement class toured Troop F Headquarters. At the end of their tour, Trooper Dickman (K-9 handler) and his partner, Sam, along with Trooper Margini, gave a K-9 demonstration.

Troop G



Arrests	8,874
Calls for Service	65,278
Accidents	9,095
Total Vehicle and Traffic Tickets	97,881
Distracted Driving Tickets	4,276
Move Over Tickets	907

Troop G serves Albany, Fulton, Hamilton, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren, and Washington Counties.

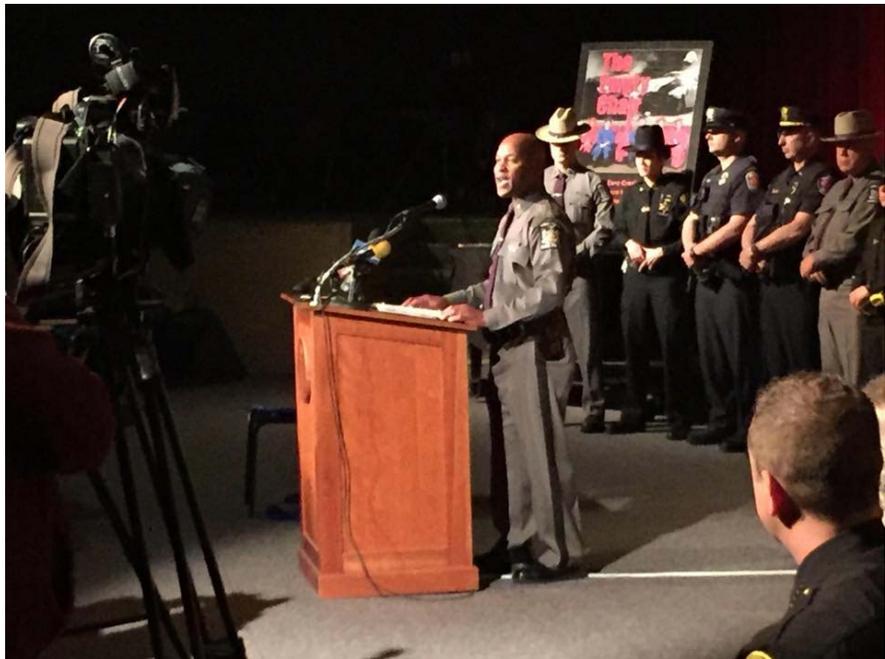
In December of 2015, Investigators and Troopers worked tirelessly to locate a 17-year-old runaway. She was in the company of a 59-year-old male in Oklahoma with a history of sexual offenses. She was returned to her parents unharmed, and the subject was arrested on multiple local and federal charges in Oklahoma, including Sex Trafficking and Kidnapping.

In December of 2015, Troopers responded to a 911 call of a man with a gun inside a liquor store. Upon arrival, the man was still inside the store, with a cash register drawer tucked under his arm, and a gun in his sweatshirt pocket. The troopers were able to talk the subject into surrendering and he was arrested and charged with robbery.

In March of 2015, following a traffic stop in the town of Guilderland, Troopers discovered the operator to be in possession of 17.2 ounces of marihuana, ¼ of an ounce of concentrated cannabis, numerous smoking devices and vaporizers and \$1,520 of US currency. Search warrants

were issued and executed in Orange County, which led to the seizure of approximately 160 pounds of marihuana, two ounces of marihuana wax, \$8,400 in US currency, \$6,500 in money orders, heat sealers, money counters, packaging material and empty rubber containers for storing marihuana wax, along with the arrest of two other individuals.

In September 2015, Troopers responding to an early morning shots fired call at a residence were quickly able to make sense of a chaotic scene and determine that a male subject had suffered a gunshot wound

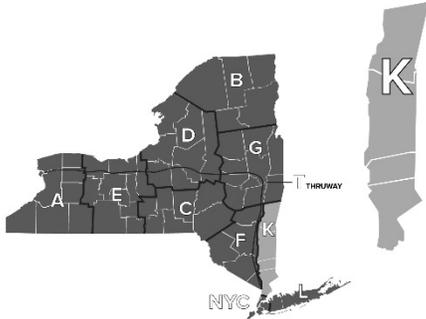


Major Steven James, Troop G Commander, kicked off the 2015 Empty Chair Campaign at Shaker High School in Latham, NY. The campaign focuses on teen driving safety during prom and graduation season.

to the abdomen. Troopers cleared the scene to allow for EMS and to interview witnesses, which ultimately led to the arrest of subject for Murder 2nd degree.

In October 2015, a simple vehicle and traffic law violation resulted in multiple felony drug arrests when troopers stopped a vehicle for failure to signal prior to making a turn, and failing to come to a complete stop at a signal. A subsequent search and investigation led to marijuana, heroin residue, paraphernalia, and a home grow operation being discovered. Two men were arrested and charged with three felonies and two misdemeanors.

Troop K



Arrests	4,041
Calls for Service	60,899
Accidents	7,919
Total Vehicle and Traffic Tickets	90,744
Distracted Driving Tickets	3,416
Move Over Tickets	1,348

Troop K serves Columbia, Dutchess, Putnam, and Westchester Counties.

In March of 2015, SP Rhinebeck assisted the Hyde Park Police Department with a homicide investigation. A deceased female was located on the grounds of the

former Hudson River Psychiatric Center. As the result of an important tip, a search warrant was executed at a residence within the city of Poughkeepsie. Inside the residence were witnesses to the crime, as well as a person who helped dispose of the body. The evidence gathered and eye witness accounts led to an arrest Murder in the 2nd Degree. The suspect plead guilty to Manslaughter 1st Degree and is serving 20 years in state prison.

In August of 2015, the State Police investigated an 82-year-old missing man in the Town of Ghent. An investigation and search of several hundred acres failed to locate the man. Family revealed the man had a history of hiding from those searching for him. Utilizing a circular search pattern, State Police located



In December of 2015, members of Troop K, with the assistance of local businesses, residents, and State Police employees made the holiday season a little brighter for the less fortunate. Troopers participated in the Annual United States Marine Corps Toys-for-Tots campaign and Zone 1 hosted their 14th annual Holiday Open House and Toy Drive. All donations were distributed by local school districts, county service agencies and the Marine Corp Toys-for-Tots program to ensure local children were able to experience the joys of the holiday season.

the missing man who had crawled into briar patch, hiding for over 48 hours. Extremely dehydrated and disoriented, the man was transported to Albany Medical Center, treated and stabilized.

In September of 2015, members of the State Police conducted a joint investigation regarding the embezzlement of over \$5.7 million dollars from the Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department. The suspect was charged with one count of wire fraud and six counts of subscribing to false tax returns.

In September of 2015, SP Stormville was advised of a bank robbery at the Chase Bank in LaGrange. State Police observed a vehicle matching the description of the one that fled the scene, initiated a traffic stop and three male subjects were taken into custody. Their identities were confirmed as the suspects involved in the bank robbery and discovered several connections regarding other bank robberies in the Hudson Valley region. The three suspects were charged with Robbery 3rd degree.

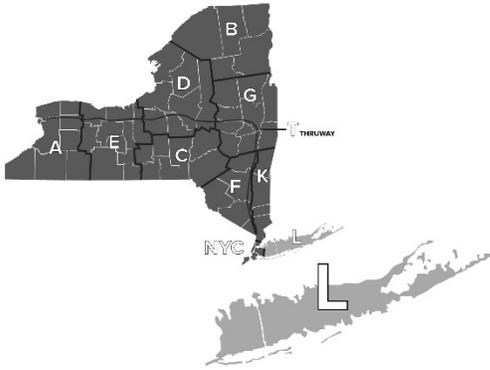


Bank Robbery, LaGrange, NY



Wappinger Stand-off on Pine Ridge Drive

Troop L



Arrests	1,215
Calls for Service	26,860
Accidents	7,505
Total Vehicle and Traffic Tickets	71,616
Distracted Driving Tickets	4,675
Move Over Tickets	287

Troop L serves Nassau and Suffolk counties on Long Island.

In January of 2015, SP Farmingdale investigated a report of a woman screaming on the Southern State Parkway in Nassau County. Troopers responded and were met by a woman clutching her six-year-old son, stating that he could not speak or breathe. A Trooper opened the boy's airway and the boy began to breathe on his own. The Trooper worked to keep his airway clear and the boy was transported to a hospital.

In February of 2015, Troopers seized 13.9 grams of cocaine and 43 grams of marijuana from inside a



Troop L members at the Barclays Golf Tournament at Bethpage in Farmingdale, NY

vehicle during a traffic stop on the Southern State Parkway.

In July of 2015, SP Brentwood patrols responded to a report of a car fire with entrapment on the Southern State Parkway. After a rear-end collision, one of the vehicle operators fled the scene. Three occupants of the vehicle that was rear-ended died in the crash. With the assistance of Troop L Major Case Unit, the SP Brentwood BCI was able to locate the suspect and charged him with DWI and Manslaughter 2nd.

In October 15, 2015, the Troop L Forensic Identification Unit, along with the Troop L Collision Reconstruction Unit, responded to a hit-and-run pedestrian fatal on the Southern State Parkway in Suffolk County. The victim had been struck by two vehicles which both left the scene. Troop L FIU was able to secure vehicle debris parts from the roadway and identify possible vehicles based on part numbers and paint colors. The vehicle that initially struck the pedestrian was identified and was secured by Troop L Major Case Unit members within 24 hours of the crash. The driver was identified, arrested and charged with leaving the scene of a fatal automobile accident.

In November of 2015, the Troop L Narcotics Enforcement Unit concluded a yearlong heroin investigation, culminating with the execution of five simultaneous search warrants resulting in eight people arrested and the seizure of \$459,000 in US currency, 200 grams bulk, along with 17,800 prepackaged bags of heroin, two ounces of cocaine, four handguns (one defaced), three assault rifles, and eight vehicles.

In December of 2015, SP Valley Stream patrols responded after several vehicles were struck by bricks and large concrete blocks thrown onto the Meadowbrook Parkway from a pedestrian overpass. One person was hospitalized with injuries. Following interviews and an anonymous tip, investigators interviewed the two males, ages 17 and 19, and identified them as the two who committed the crimes. The defendants were each charged with the crimes of Reckless Endangerment 2nd degree, Criminal Mischief 2nd degree, and Assault 2nd degree.



Damaged car from Meadowbrook Parkway overpass incident.

Troop NYC



Arrests	0
Calls for Service	112
Accidents	0
Total Vehicle and Traffic Tickets	4
Distracted Driving Tickets	0
Move Over Tickets	0

Troop NYC serves New York City.

In March 2015, a forgery investigation conducted by the Queens Criminal Squad led to the arrest of a woman employed at a doctor's office for stealing and creating multiple pads of official New York State prescription sheets, then filing at her discretion. The suspect was arrested for

forgery, identity theft and other related charges.

In February of 2015, SP Marcy investigators in Troop D contacted the Brooklyn Criminal Squad and requested assistance with an ongoing investigation into possession of child pornography. A Micro SD card was discovered, which contained images of child pornography. The SD card was analyzed by Troop D Computer Crimes Unit, identifying a suspect. The Brooklyn Criminal Squad located and arrested the suspect.

In May of 2015, the New York Drug Enforcement Task Force (NYDETF) Group T-31, arrested two males for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the First Degree and seized 74 kilograms of heroin with a street value of \$40,000, along with approximately \$2,000,000 in US currency, and a loaded .380 caliber handgun. The seizure is the largest seizure of heroin in the New York area and the fourth largest within the United States by the Drug Enforcement Agency or a DEA Task Force.



Troop NYC

In October of 2015, following a heroin overdose in Sullivan County, members of the New York OCDESF Group Z-41 and Sullivan County Sheriff's Office initiated an investigation into a heroin drug trafficking organization operating in Bronx, which distributed heroin to the Westchester, Orange, Sullivan, and Albany counties, as well as Long Island. Multiple suspects, as well as an active heroin mill and stash locations were located. Group Z-41, with the assistance of federal, state and local executed seven search warrants in New York



NYSP Detail for the funeral services of Governor Mario Cuomo

and New Jersey. One search warrant was an active heroin mill located in Bronx, NY. Five males were arrested, and approximately one quarter kilogram of heroin was being processed for distribution. Another warrant executed at a stash location in Manhattan, NY yielded approximately eleven kilograms of heroin. Other locations secured between one quarter and one half kilograms of heroin, totaling approximately 12 kilograms of heroin, along with drug paraphernalia. Police seized more than \$100,000 in cash, along with weapons and 5,000 glassine bags of heroin.

In September of 2015, members of the NYDETF Group T-42, working in conjunction with the New Jersey State Police, assisted with an investigation in Teaneck, NJ. Group T-42 attempted to interview the resident of a home and he attempted to flee. A search of the residence resulted in the seizure of 21 kilograms of heroin and drug paraphernalia. With additional intelligence gained through this enforcement action, members of Group T-42 seized approximately \$245,000 in US currency during a traffic stop in Bronx, NY. This additional step led to the search of a residence in Yonkers, NY where three defendants were arrested, \$5,000 in US currency and seven kilograms of cocaine were seized.

In January of 2015, two NYPD Police Officers were shot and wounded while responding to a robbery in progress at a convenient store in the Bronx. The next morning, members NYC Violent Felony Warrant Squad joined a task force of NYPD and New York / New Jersey US Marshal Fugitive Task Force members. Entry was made into a house where the suspect was believed to be. The residence was empty, but police seized 27 kilograms of heroin with a street value \$1.8 million dollars. The team later located the male with a possible co-defendant from a previous robbery and took them into custody.



Troop NYC BCI and Uniform members along with members of FDNY and U.S. Marines '2015 Toys for Tots'



NYSP participating in 2015 Veteran's Day Parade



NYSP participating in 2015 St. Patrick's Day Parade in NYC

Troop T

Troop T serves the New York State Thruway from New York City to Western New York.

In October of 2015, Troop T Albany stopped a vehicle for speeding on Interstate 87 in the City of Albany. A search of the vehicle resulted in the arrest of the operator and seizure of six duffel bags containing a total of approximately 100 pounds marijuana, oxycodone pills, and marijuana cigarettes.

Arrests	2,679
Calls for Service	48,051
Accidents	10,565
Total Vehicle and Traffic Tickets	147,210
Distracted Driving Tickets	4,945
Move Over Tickets	2,592

In March of 2015, Troop T received a report of a robbery at a gas station located at the Ramapo Service Area on Interstate 87. Troopers located the suspect stranded on a boulder in the nearby Ramapo River. The man was taken into custody for robbery with the assistance of multiple members of Troop T, Troop F, Division Aviation, SORT, Dive Team members, Crisis Negotiators, local law enforcement and fire departments.

In September 2015, Troop T – Syracuse was advised of an Amber Alert issued by the Vermont State Police for a four-year-old female taken by her non-custodial grandmother and the grandmother’s boyfriend. Troopers observed a vehicle matching the description and initiated a traffic stop. Troopers took the occupants into custody and the child was turned over to be reunited with her legal guardian. The man and woman were charged relative to arrest warrants issued by the Vermont State Police for Felony Custodial Interference and Felony Unlawful Restraint in the 2nd degree.



K-9 Ash pictured after locating more than 20 pounds of marijuana in a vehicle during a traffic stop on the New York State Thruway

In June 2015, Troop T Buffalo was advised to look for a tractor trailer on Interstate 90 westbound. The driver was wanted for murder out of Los Angeles, California. The driver’s cell phone signal put him in the vicinity of the Ripley Toll Barrier and responding patrols were directed to that area. At the Ripley Toll Barrier, Troopers located the tractor trailer, positively identified the driver and placed him into custody without incident. He was arraigned as a fugitive from justice on the warrant from California.



Trooper Brendan D. Filli was honored by STOP DWI and Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) with an achievement award for his excellence in removing drunk drivers from the road.

2015 Statistics

Uniform Activity	
Uniform Responses	577,547
Uniform Arrests: Total Felony, Misd & Violations	55,229
Vehicle and Traffic Stats	
Traffic Tickets Issued	978,514
Speeding Tickets	358,198
Safety Restraints	54,905
DWI Arrests	11,639
Collision Investigations Conducted	78,359
Collision Result of Distracted Driving	5,229
Collision Result of Alcohol	2,008
Collision Result of Speed	15,754
Fatal Accidents Investigated	235
Distracted Driving Tickets--Cell Phone	26,157
Distracted Driving Tickets--Texting	14,690
Move Over Law Tickets	11,711
Commercial Vehicle Activity	
Vehicles Weighed	40,344
Vehicles Inspected	78,839
Inspection Violations	123,314
A.E.D. / Naloxone	
A.E.D. Usages	224
Field Saves (patient did not live past 5 days)	17
Full Reversals (patient recovered-stable)	8
Naloxone Usage	102
Subjects Responsive after Naloxone Use	70
Aviation	
ENCON	156
Medivac	103
Law Enforcement	530
Emergency Management - Special Operations	
Bomb Disposal Unit Responses	440
Special Operations Reponse Team Responses	287
SCUBA Unit Responses	260
K9 Unit Responses	4,901
NYSP EM Assist to Locals (SORT/SCUBA/CCERT)	388
Emergency Management - CCSERT	
Clandestine Drug Labs Investigated	327
Presentation/Outside Agency Training	32
Pistol Permit Bureau	
Law Guns Hotline	3,387

Computerized Ballistic Report	
Cartridge Cases Entered	897
Cartridge Case Hits	45
CNET Activity-Gun Investigation Unit Activity	
CNET Arrests	880
CNET Weapons Seized	658
Seized Assets - Drug Currency (CNET)	\$1,355,349
Seized Assets - Drug Vehicles (CNET)	22
Guns Seized Agency Wide	
Handguns Seized - agency wide	1,082
Long Gun Seized - agency wide	1,152
Total Guns Seized - agency wide	2,234
Computer Crimes Unit (CCU)	
CCU Regional Total	1,456
CCU Regional # Agencies Assisted	369
Computer Forensic Laboratory Cases	
Computer Forensic Laboratory Cases	195
Agency Assists	105
Internet Crimes Against Children Cases	
Internet Crimes Against Children Cases	1,851
Agencies Assisted	1,651
Violent Crime Investigation Team	
Cases	588
Agencies Assisted	399
Violent Felony Warrant Squad	
State Police warrants	141
Local/Other Agency Warrants	1,306
Out-of-state Warrants	88
NYSIC	
Criminal Gun Clearing House Entries	4,599
Gang/Gang Members Placed in GRIP/VGTOF	1,606
Intelligence Bulletins / Advisories Disseminated	262
Gun Tip Line Calls	22
NYSIC - CTC	
Terrorist Tip Line Calls Received	371
Terrorists Case Investigations	132