

New York State Police - 2010 Annual Report



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Introduction to the New York State Police

One of the ten largest law enforcement agencies in the nation, the Division of State Police is unique as the only full-service police department in New York with statewide jurisdiction; its only specific statutory restriction is that its members may not “exercise their powers within the limit of any city to suppress rioting or disorder except by direction of the Governor or upon the request of the mayor of the city with approval of the Governor.”

In many rural areas the New York State Police is today, as it was at the time of its establishment in 1917, the principal — sometimes only — department providing police services to the public.

In other areas it shares jurisdiction and works cooperatively with local agencies. This is accomplished by making available to local departments the full range of State Police specialized units, scientific and criminal investigative services, and other resources smaller departments typically cannot sustain themselves.

Wherever it operates, the State Police follows a simple philosophy: to provide whatever level of service or assistance is necessary, and to complement or supplement, as appropriate, the efforts of local law enforcement agencies.

Structure and function

The NYSP is divided into two branches, the Uniform Force and the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), under the direct operational supervision of the Deputy Superintendent – Field Command.

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While each branch has its own specific law enforcement responsibilities, each supports and cooperates with the other, and with other law enforcement agencies.

The **Uniform Force** conducts active patrols of specific geographic regions and is the first responder to most calls for police services. In areas where Uniform Troopers are the primary providers of police services, they perform routine patrols and initially respond to all types of calls for service, including burglaries, missing children, assaults, robberies and homicides.

Even in areas that have their own local village and town police departments, Uniform Troopers provide essential support. Frequently, they are the only law enforcement officers available around the clock.

Cases requiring extensive investigation or involving felonies are referred to the Division’s primary investigative arm, the **Bureau of Criminal Investigation**.

In addition to conducting investigations initiated by the State Police, BCI Investigators regularly assist county and municipal law enforcement agencies that lack the personnel, expertise or materiel needed for major crime investigations.

Specialists within the BCI deal with cases

related to narcotics, violent and serial crimes, child abuse and sexual exploitation, computer and technology-related crimes, bias-related crimes, auto theft, illegal gun trafficking, consumer product tampering and organized crime.

Also falling under the direction of Field Command is the **Office of Counter Terrorism** (OCT), which is staffed with personnel from both the Uniform Force and the BCI.

OCT is responsible for overseeing and coordinating all activities related to preventing, investigating and responding to terrorist-related matters. It interacts with the BCI and the Uniform Force to ensure that information is appropriately shared and that all terrorism-related issues are brought to the forefront for investigative and notification purposes.

It also is responsible for maintaining liaison with the state’s Office of Homeland Security, the State Emergency Management Office (SEMO), the New York City Police Department (NYPD), local law enforcement, the FBI and other relevant federal, state and local agencies associated with investigating, preventing and responding to terrorism. All NYSP troops and details are responsible for directly notifying OCT of all incidents,

responses and investigations related to, or suspected to be related to, terrorism.

Troop Structure

The New York State Police is organized into a Division Headquarters (Albany) and 11 separate troops:

- Troop A, headquartered in Batavia (Genesee County),
- B in Ray Brook (Essex County),
- C in Sidney (Delaware County),
- D in Oneida (Madison County),
- E in Canandaigua (Ontario County),
- F in Middletown (Orange County),
- G in Loudonville (Albany County),
- K in Poughkeepsie (Dutchess County) and
- L in Farmingdale (Long Island).

These nine geographically based troops provide primary police and investigative services across the state.

- Troop NYC provides specialized investigative and support services in the five boroughs of New York City, and
- Troop T patrols the roads and canals managed by the New York State Thruway Authority.

Except for Troop NYC, each troop is divided into two or more zones, each of which incorporates a number of stations. In some locations, individual stations direct the activities of smaller satellite offices.

Administrative Structure

Division Headquarters provides administrative and support services to all troops. It also oversees a number of technical and support services available to county, local and other

state agencies, as well as to members of the State Police.

These include operation of the Division's regional Crime Laboratories and Albany-based Forensic Investigation Center. Division Headquarters also serves as the base of operations for the agency's six primary sections:

- ▶ **Field Command** directs all activities of the Uniform Force, the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) and the Office of Counter-Terrorism (OCT).

Uniform Force operations include:

- Patrol and general law enforcement,
- Highway safety and traffic enforcement,
- Hazardous materials inspection and enforcement, and
- Such specialized units and services as: State Police boats, K-9s, bomb disposal, SCUBA divers and Special Operations Response Teams (the Division's equivalent of S.W.A.T.) .

BCI units and services include:

- Those devoted to combating: auto theft, computer crime and cigarette smuggling,
- Gaming Unit,
- Electronics Unit,
- Narcotics enforcement (including the regionally operated Community Narcotics Enforcement Teams),
- Gun Unit,
- Violent Felony Warrant Squad and
- Medico-legal Investigations Unit

The **OCT** is responsible for:

- Managing terrorism-related

prevention,

- Training and response activities,
- The Special Investigations Unit,
- The Criminal Intelligence Section, and
- Other multi-faceted investigative functions.

- ▶ **Administration** oversees the Division's fiscal operations:

- Central Records Section (including the State's Pistol Permit Registry),
- Crime Laboratory System,
- Public Information Office,
- Asset Seizure Program,
- Quartermaster Section,
- Aviation Unit and
- Fleet Operations

- ▶ **Technology & Communications** coordinates the activities of the Communications and Information Services units.

- ▶ **Employee Relations** conducts labor negotiations and oversees:

- New York State Police Academy,
- Personnel,
- Employee Staffing, and
- Such functions as recruitment, equal employment opportunity and the Employee Assistance Program.

- ▶ **Internal Affairs Bureau**, consisting of separate Audit and Investigation units, is responsible for ensuring the integrity, efficiency and quality of State Police operations.

Executive-level Support

Office of Counsel

Attorneys assigned to the Office of Counsel are sworn State Police members who provide the necessary legal assistance in connection with a broad range of State Police operations.

The Litigation Unit oversees the defense of lawsuits brought against the agency and its employees, and provides legal and technical assistance to the State Attorney General's Office.

Attorneys assigned to Counsel's Office work closely with district attorneys across the state in criminal investigations and prosecutions, and also provide assistance to prosecutors dealing with challenges to scientific evidence and other technical issues.

Members assigned to Counsel's Office teach a variety of courses to recruits, current members and employees, as well as to outside personnel at the State Police Academy and various locations across the state.

They also participate as instructors for the New York Prosecutors Training Institute.

The State Police Chief Counsel serves as the agency's ethics officer. He and other office members advise the Division and its employees regarding the requirements of ethics laws concerning reporting requirements, gifts and other matters.

The office reviews changes in state and federal law and makes recommendations for related changes in Division operations.

It prepares legal service bulletins to help

keep police officers and prosecutors aware of changes in the law.

Office members also work with field personnel to assist in decisions concerning asset forfeiture and Freedom of Information Law requests. They draft and review leases and contracts, and prepare and review legislative proposals.

Division attorneys respond to phone calls, faxes and emails requesting legal advice and assistance on a daily basis.

Counsel's Office also coordinates the Division's response to subpoenas for personnel and records, and oppose subpoenas that are overbroad or seek disclosure of privileged material.

Finally, the office oversees the prosecution of employee misconduct matters

Planning and Research

The Planning and Research (P & R) Section supports all NYSP operations by:

- Conducting analyses to identify new, more responsive, efficient and effective ways to operate.
- Investigating applications for new technology.
- Pursuing grants to fund new and ongoing initiatives.
- Updating the agency's policy and operations manuals.
- Researching, evaluating and comparing products being considered for adoption or deployment to the field.
- Oversees the selection and deployment of Soft body Armor for Uniform and BCI personnel.

- Supporting Division executives and field personnel with comprehensive briefings, statistical analyses, research, position papers and reports on law enforcement-related topics.
- Providing oversight of the State Police Intranet, producing, editing and approving content.
- Managing the Division's Employee Suggestion Program, coordinates the agency's participation in the New York State Employee Suggestion Program, and produces the Division's annual report to the governor and the legislature.
- Responding to requests for information and policies received from other criminal justice, governmental agencies, and the public.

Accreditation

Planning and Research manages the Division's program designed to achieve and maintain accreditation through the New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation Council.

2010 marked the end of the five-year accreditation cycle and the Division successfully passed a full review of all accreditation standards.

Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR)

Planning and Research oversees the Division's Uniform Crime Report (UCR) submissions to the FBI through the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services.

In conjunction with Information Services, the section manages an electronic process for reporting BCI and Uniform crimes to DCJS and the FBI's UCR program through a Records Management System.

Using improved case management tools available on the Division Intranet, members and supervisors keep track of investigations and ensure that basic elements of the crimes are properly documented.

Member & Civilian Safety

To improve safety throughout the agency, the executive-level Division Safety Committee reviews agency policy, procedures, equipment and training.

ECDs Focus for 2010

To reduce injuries to officers and others, Division researched and implemented an Electronic Control Device (ECD) Pilot Program. An ECD is a weapon that uses electricity to override voluntary motor responses or apply pain in order to gain compliance or overcome resistance.

Advantages of using a ECD include:

- A reduction of injuries to officers and defendants.
- Officers have an additional less-lethal option to gain compliance.
- Subjects can be subdued from a safer distance.
- Recovery time is quick.
- Decontamination is not required.

The ECS employed in the Division's 6-month pilot programs was the Taser from Taser International.

The Taser Pilot Program, which began in December 2010, involved the use of 153 Tasers and training of 590 officers including members of the Special Operation Response Teams (SORT) and troopers in all Troops but one.

The six-month pilot was funded by the NYS Trooper Foundation and the NYS Thruway Authority.

- The Trooper Foundation made a donation of \$200,000 to pay for 142 ECDs and the additional equipment needed to use them, such as: training cartridges, live cartridges, batteries and evidence download cables.
- The Thruway Authority purchased the all ECDs and equipment needed to support the troopers assigned to Troop T.

Although a full review and evaluation will occur at the conclusion of the six-month period, in the first month of use there were 25 reports of situations being resolved due to the deterrent effect of the Taser and only two incidents where the Taser had to be used.

Deterrence is defined as either a verbal warning to stop unwanted behavior or the Taser was unholstered and pointed at a suspect to stop the unwanted or aggressive behavior.

At the end of December, all Troops, except L and T, had a incident that was deterred by the Taser.

Safety Training Courses Conducted

Several safety-related training courses were conducted during 2010:

- AED and CPR Recertification
- Blood Borne Pathogens Refresher
- Defensive Tactics Refresher
- Defensive Tactics Instructors In-Service
- Emergency Medical Technician Certification for 30 Division Members
- Special Operations Response Team members were trained as Certified New

York State First Responders

- Division Defensive Driving Course Instructors received updated training
- Three Defensive Driving Courses for Division Civilians and Sworn Members
- Dignitary Protection Driving Course for Protective Services Unit
- BCI Personnel Trained on 18" Monadnock Baton
- In-Service Tactical Firearms Training Program
- Firearms Instructors and Special Operations Response Team members were trained in Less Lethal Munitions
- Use of Firearm Loading/Unloading Stations

Additional Issues

The committee also addressed the following:

- Patrol Rifles
- Taser Compliant Pepper Spray
- Spit Protection
- Winter Hats
- Replacement Flashlights

Awards and Honors

34th Annual New York State Police Annual Awards Day Ceremony

A total of 22 sworn and non-sworn members of the New York State Police received awards for bravery, investigative persistence, education, traffic safety and community service at the 33rd annual New York State Police Awards Day Ceremony, held May 11 at the Division's Academy in Albany.

The following awards were presented:

Brummer Award 2010

The Brummer Award, established in 1968 by Wall Street financier and philanthropist Bertram F. Brummer, is given annually for valor, heroism or outstanding performance of duty. It has been awarded 90 times, including 13 times posthumously.

Inv. Rodney Livolsi Tpr. Steven J. Borbee

On January 10, 2009, Tpr. Ian E. Henry stopped a yellow cab for speeding on I-90 in East Greenbush. While talking to the driver, the passenger, opened a duffel bag containing an assault rifle. While Tpr. Henry was attempting to control the weapon through the window, the cab driver got out of the cab.

Tpr. Henry and the cab driver were able to quickly moved to the rear and away from the taxi shortly before the passenger began firing the assault rifle.

Over the course of the next 43 minutes, the passenger, later identified as Darrell O. Brown, fired 28 rounds of .223 caliber ammunition in various directions.

While driving his personal vehicle on I-90, Inv. Rodney Livolsi (NYSIC) saw Tpr. Henry and the cab driver running down the highway.

Although he was off-duty and unarmed, he immediately pulled over to assist and called the COMSEC dispatch point to advise them of the situation.

As Brown began firing in their direction, Inv.



Livolsi opened the rear hatch of his Jeep, put the taxi driver inside and told Tpr. Henry to use the Jeep for cover and, then drove in reverse to get them safely out of range of the shooter.

When Lt. John E. Agresta arrived coordinated the response of additional resources while taking fire from the gunman. He attempted

to negotiate with Brown, and returned fire as necessary.

East Greenbush Police Chief Christopher P. Lavin responded, evaluated the situation and ordered a patrol rifle brought to the scene.

Then, he led a rapid deployment team, assisted by POs James D. Cook and Glenn P. Rauch, to establish a vantage point from which to observe the shooter and provide cover to the team members.

After Tpr. Steven J. Borbee (Troop G) responded to the scene and was learned that Lt. Agresta and Tpr. Devine were about 100 yards from Brown. Tpr. Borbee immediately went to their location with his assigned .308 caliber rifle and was briefed by Lt. Agresta.

While being shot at by Brown, Tpr. Borbee took a prone shooting position and, as soon as Guilderland's rapid deployment team was in place and Officer Rauch, authorized by Chief

Lavin to fire, struck Brown twice, Tpr. Borbee immediately fired his rifle once striking the gunman in the head and disabling him.

The East Greenbush team crossed about 85 yards of woods and swamp and disarmed Brown.

Many other officers responded to assist



and were presented with a Superintendent Commendation Award—Lt. John E. Agresta, Inv. Timothy A. Northrup, Tpr. Ian E. Henry, Tpr. Fred G. Scarano, Tpr. Jeffrey M. Devine, and Tpr. Michael J. Keefe—or a Certificate of Appreciation—Guiderland Police Officers Chief Christopher P. Lavin, Officer James D. Cook, Officer Glenn J. Rauch and Retired State Police First Sergeant Donald Egan—for their actions in this life-threatening situation

Superintendent's Commendation Awards

Recipients of the Superintendent's Commendation Awards were selected from among the many members who received Superintendent's Letters of Commendation during this prior year.

Their awards are presented in recognition of extraordinary performance of duty or exceptional contributions to the New York State Police.

- ▶ **Sgt./SC Corey S. Harmon**
Inv. Andre R. Dunlap
Inv. Scott M. Mills
Inv. Richard V. Qualey
Tpr. John H. Szymkowiak
Tpr. Frank C. Velletta

On June 18, 2009, Sgt./SC Corey S. Harmon was responding to a reported armed bank robbery in Elma, where three men were seen fleeing the scene in a dark SUV, when he saw the suspected vehicle. He alerted all responding patrols and initiated a pursuit. The driver abandoned the vehicle on SR-63.

While Invs. Andre R. Dunlap and Scott M.

Mills were en route to the scene, a witness flagged them down and told them that a man ran into her barn. A search of the barn uncovered clothing that possibly belonged to one of the suspects. Tprs. Frank C. Velletta and John H. Szymkowiak joined the investigator. They located and followed footprints outside of the barn

Inv. Dunlap and Tpr. Szymkowiak entered a wooded area on the property and found and took one of the suspects into custody.

State Police and Genesee County Sheriffs personnel located and apprehended a second man in the area of the suspected vehicle.

Based upon information from one of the men in custody, Inv. Richard V. Qualey and Major Scott Ritchie (NYS Parks Police) found the third man who had remained at large in the wooded area and took him into custody without incident.

The three men were charged with Robbery 1st and Criminal Possession of a Weapon and were remanded to the Genesee County jail.

Major Scott Ritchie was presented with a NYS Police Certificate of Appreciation.

- ▶ **Inv. Darryl D. O'Shei**

On June 6, 1992, the body of man who had been shot multiple times was located in a ditch along Sawyer Road in Carlton.

After an extensive investigation, the alleged murder weapon was located and a suspect was identified, but with little substantive information or physical evidence the case went cold.

In August 2003, Inv. Darryl D. O'Shei

reopened the case and, over the next six years, diligently pursued every possible lead, re-interviewed every one involved and developed new leads and witnesses.

The new evidentiary material Inv. O'Shei developed lead to an indictment for Murder 2nd against a man and a woman, closing a 17-year-old homicide case.

- ▶ **Senior Inv. Charles E. Bishop**
Inv. Scott T. Weightman

A suicide was reported at a residence in Churubusco, on August 20, 2009. The body of 51-year-old man was discovered by his father.

The investigators noted inconsistencies at the scene, which led them to believe the evidence had been tampered with to give the appearance that the murder was a suicide.

A 33-year-old Chateaugay woman, who was arrested for the murder on October 27, 2009. When interviewed by Sr. Inv. Bishop and Inv. Weightman, she provided a statement admitting she caused Miller's death and was charged with Murder 2nd.

- ▶ **Tpr. David A. Kemp**

On February 24, 2009, Tpr. David A. Kemp was the first emergency responder at a house fire in Union. The single-family residence was heavily involved in fire with flames already coming through the roof.

A neighbor informed Tpr. Kemp that an elderly woman occupied the residence, and had not been seen leaving the house

Tpr. Kemp entered the smoke filled house and located an 80-year-old woman asleep

in a first floor bedroom. Tpr. Kemp woke the woman, led her out of the house to safety, and placed her in his Troop car to await fire and medical personnel.

► **Sr. Inv. Brian D. Meier**
Sr. Inv. Kevin V. McGrath

On October 4, 2008, Sr. Invs. Brian D. Meier and Kevin V. McGrath were working with the City of Middletown PD to control the unusually high number of violent crimes being committed in the greater Middletown area.

Shortly after 3:00 a.m., Sr. Inv. McGrath and Middletown Det./Sgt. Gerry Mishk saw a suspicious man behind a local business establishment, and when Det. Mishk approached the man, he suddenly viciously stabbed the detective in the abdomen.

When the investigators rushed to assist, the man stabbed Sr. Inv. McGrath in the abdomen and fled on foot.

Meier and McGrath pursued the man for four city blocks and confronted him in a dimly lit parking lot. The man again threatened them with the knife and refused repeated commands to drop the weapon.

Sr. Inv. Meier discharged one round from his sidearm, striking the man in his chest, and after a brief struggle, the investigators took the man into custody.

The man, who was later identified as a predicate felon, was transported to a hospital and, eventually, died.

► **Sgt. S/C Joseph J. Crispino II**

On April 21, 2009 at about 6:35 a.m.,

Sgt. S/C Joseph J. Crispino II responded to a request from the NYS Park Police for assistance with a suicidal female threatening to jump from the Bear Mountain Bridge.

When he arrived, Sgt. Crispino saw two Park Police Officers speaking with a woman who was lying on the open, outer service platform.

As a crisis negotiator, Sgt. Crispino talked to the highly intoxicated woman, who said she was depressed over finances and family problems and just wanted to end it all.

Sgt. Crispino persuaded the woman to stand up on the service platform and he grabbed her from behind and, assisted by the Park Police, pulled her over the service railing onto the bridge walkway.

► **Sr. Inv. Gary J. Mazzacano**
Tpr. Brian K. Engel
Tpr. Jeffrey L. Galm

On November 10, 2009 at about 7:45 a.m., NYSP Troopers and Dutchess County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a 911 report that a man with a rifle was inside the principal's office at Stissing Mountain Middle School in Pine Plains.

The suspect, who has a lengthy criminal history, was upset over the treatment of U.S. military personnel by the government.

Within minutes Tpr. Brian K. Engel and off-duty Tpr. Jeffrey L. Galm entered the school, and being familiar with the facility, were able to tactically get to a safe location and prevent the gunman from gaining access to any of the students or faculty.

From that vantage point, the troopers were able to assess the situation and give responding police officers needed information regarding the gunman.

As lead negotiator, Sr. Inv. Gary J. Mazzacano, after some discussion, was able to persuade the gunman to disassemble his weapon and surrender. A potentially volatile incident was terminated without harm to anyone.

► **Tpr. Robert F. Orth**

On September 13, 2009, Tpr. Robert F. Orth, on a stationary traffic post in the center median of the Robert Moses Causeway in Islip, saw the driver of a vehicle commit two traffic infractions.

When he attempted to stop the vehicle the driver sped away and Tpr. Orth gave pursuit. When the vehicle was disabled in the center median by the heavy brush and small trees, the driver fled on foot.

As Tpr. Orth pursued the man, he suddenly stopped, faced the trooper and threatened to kill him. A struggle ensued during which Tpr. Orth struck the man twice with his issue expandable baton, with no noticeable effect, and the man was able to get the baton away from the trooper.

After being repeatedly struck in the head and forced to the ground, Tpr. Orth was able to draw his issue sidearm and fired one round, striking the man as he attempted to flee on foot.

At this time, two good samaritans stopped to assist Tpr. Orth, They chased the man and were able to tackled and subdued him until assistance arrived. The subject died at the scene a short time later.

The two samaritans were presented with Certificates of Appreciation.

► **Sr. Inv. Joseph M. Commisso**
Inv. Lawrence Colucci
Inv. Alan J. Harshany

On December 6, 2009, the Seneca Niagara Casino Unit received complaint from Grove City, Ohio woman that her credit card was compromised at the Seneca Niagara Casino.

A thorough investigation by Sr. Inv. Joseph M. Commisso and Invs. Lawrence Colucci and Alan J. Harshany generating substantial evidence and uncovered an organized group involved in an identity theft/credit card scheme.

With the support of the U.S. Secret Service, federal search warrants were drafted and executed, resulting in the discovery of 750 fraudulent credit cards, an encoder, stamping equipment, and more than 1,000 valid credit card numbers.

The investigation also determined that the group had illegally transferred more than \$230,000 over a two-month period.

Eight people were arrested and charged in Federal Court with Identity Theft Fraud, Access Device Fraud and Bank Fraud.

Supervisor Recognition Awards

These awards acknowledge the outstanding work sworn and non-sworn (civilian) supervisors.

► **Lt. Neil Gallivan**
Z/Sgt. Jose M. Vazquez, Jr.

Lt. Gallivan and Z/Sgt. Vazquez have

demonstrated tireless leadership and supervision in the planning, coordination and execution of a full-time detail of troopers assigned to patrol alongside members of the Rochester PD in high crime areas.

The lieutenant and sergeant have generated and sustained a high level of enthusiasm among the members of the detail. They have sacrificed countless hours, often working evening and night shifts and on weekends to support and guide the efforts of this detail.

Their efforts have resulted in the establishment of a well respected, stable and cohesive detail whose work has had a direct effect in reducing violent crime and in improving the quality of life for the Rochester residents.

► **Nils A. Anderson**

Nils A. Anderson, Plant Utilities Engineer IV, Forensic Investigation Center was honored for his extraordinary dedication and outstanding work performance in maintaining the operational capabilities of the entire Center including the maintenance and repair of all the various building and laboratory specific systems and equipment.

Office, which is dedicated to improving the information delivery process.

Civilian Employee Recognition Award

This award is presented annually to the civilian employees who make a significant contribution to the Division of State Police.

► **Roger L. Angell,**

A General Mechanic in Troop C, Roger Angell started as a station cleaner in 1987. Since then, recognized for his talents and dedication, was promoted to Maintenance Assistant Mechanic and then to his present position.

Over the years, in addition to his regular job duties, he often took on duties and responsibilities outside of his job description—coordinating and guiding projects in Troop C and Division Headquarters in Albany.

► **Julie A. Pizziketti**

Assist. Dir. of Biological Science, Forensic Investigation Center, Julie Pizziketti was recognized for her commitment to overseeing the flow of thousands of DNA cases through the analytical process and ensuring that case analysis work and reports are completed to the highest standards in the profession.

In addition, she voluntarily assumed the additional task of providing specialized training on the identification, collection and preservation of DNA evidence to law enforcement and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners. She conducts lectures for police and district attorneys statewide.

Julie Pizziketti participated in the production of a training video to accompany the newly redesigned collection kits. The video was chosen from among 1700 entries to receive a platinum award which is the highest honor bestowed by the Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals.

Her outstanding work ethic, commitment

to victims of sexual assault and her tireless efforts on behalf of the laboratory, the criminal justice community and crime victims have earned her this honor.

Superintendent's Traffic Safety Award

Presented annually in recognition of a member's commitment to saving lives and reducing accidents through public education and enforcement, this award is made possible with the help of the NYS Trooper Foundation.

► **Tpr. Kenneth M. Ahigian, Jr., Troop G**

Tpr. Kenneth M. Ahigian Jr., (G-Saratoga) exhibits an outstanding commitment to the enforcement of both the Vehicle and Traffic Law and the Penal Law, routinely leading the station with his efforts.

In the calendar year 2009, Tpr. Ahigian issued 758 traffic summonses to motorists, including 142 seatbelt tickets and 70 non-interstate speeding tickets. Also displayed an outstanding commitment to removing intoxicated and impaired drivers from the road, he made 64 DWI arrests and six for accident related DWI offenses.

Aside from his Vehicle and Traffic work, Tpr. Ahigina made 156 misdemeanor arrests, 135 of which were drug related offenses.

George M. Searle Memorial Award

Established in honor the late Deputy Superintendent George M. Searle, this award is presented annually to individuals who distinguish themselves in training and education.

► **Inv. Donald L. Kinne**

During 2009, Inv. Donald L. Kinne (H-Academy) identified a need for specialized criminal interdiction training and conceived, designed and delivered an "Advanced Criminal Interdiction through Traffic Training" seminar.

This training integrates advanced interdiction efforts for troopers on patrol, giving them the latest intelligence, trends and skill sets to confront the ever-changing face of criminal and terrorist-related contraband smuggling operations over NYS highways.

Over one hundred state and local law enforcement officers are now equipped with the latest knowledge and skills to keep them safe, and help protect NYS residence from the many threats which contraband smuggling operations present to the public.

► **T/Sgt. Thomas R. Fuller**

T/Sgt. Thomas R. Fuller (Traffic Services-CVEU) is the administrator of the State Police's Hazardous Material and Technology Program in the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit at Division Headquarters.

Sgt. Fuller is active at the state and federal levels and conducting training on numerous hazardous materials and serving on advisory boards and committees.

A nationally certified hazardous materials instructor, T/Sgt. Fuller's experience and expertise has made it possible for members of the State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit to stay in the

forefront of trends and enforcement strategies.

Additionally, he has saved the State of New York countless dollars by conducting such training in house rather than expensive out-of-state training.

Superintendent's Unit Citation

This award was established to recognize the outstanding efforts made by members of a particular unit or detail.

► **Troop E Operation Impact Detail**

A special unit, the Troop E Operation Impact Detail, works in partnership with members of the Rochester PD and the Monroe County SO to fight crime in Rochester and greater Monroe County metro area.

The unit has operated on a part-time basis since 2002 and, in April of 2008, the unit began full-time operation with the permanent assignment of 10 officers. The unit typically operates during hours of high crime activity—afternoons, evenings and weekends.

For designated periods during the summer, team members train and work with Rochester police officers to combat violent crime in the most violent sections of the city.

The rest of the year, team members patrol separately applying the latest information on crime trends from the Monroe County Analysis Center.

Patrol presence on the city streets as well as aggressive enforcement of the Vehicle and Traffic Law by the troopers

has resulted in a measurable drop in the number of gun crimes and homicides.

In 2009, Detail Members made 243 felony arrests, 880 misdemeanor arrests, 591 drug interdiction arrests, 93 DWI arrests and 4820 Vehicle and Traffic Law arrests.

Most importantly, they have brought a sense of safety to some of the most troubled streets in the city. The Detail often receives praise from the Mayor of Rochester and Chief of Police David Moore.

Tpr. William V. McDonagh Community Service Award

This award was established in honor of the late Tpr. William McDonagh, who was killed in the line of duty on December 14, 1975. Tpr. McDonagh actively participated in community events and this award recognizes State Police members for their exceptional community service efforts.

► **Tpr. Connor G. Sutton**

During the past year, Tpr. Connor G. Sutton (B-Canton) has worked tirelessly to raise funds for the American Cancer Society and other charities.

He is a team leader for "Cops for a Cure Team," that participates in the Relay for Life, and has spearheaded numerous other events to raise funds by organizing charity basketball games between area schools, members of the law enforcement community and hospital staff members in the North Country. He also organized and sponsored a hugely successful golf tournament.

Tpr. Sutton participates in various Special Olympics Torch Run events and fund raisers, and he raised money for the NYS Adult Rehabilitation Centers by running a half marathon.

His efforts have raised thousands of dollars for charities and brought recognition and credit to our agency and law enforcement in the North Country.

► **Tpr. Sabrina Vazquez, Troop D**

In July of 2009, Tpr. Sabrina Vazquez organized and led the first NYSP Junior Police Academy. Held at a local high school in Syracuse, the program provided young people in Central New York with an opportunity to practice leadership skills and build character and integrity. Although open all youth, a special emphasis was placed on recruiting disadvantaged youth.

Academy students participate in activities such as courses in leadership, first aid and CPR; see demonstrations of K-9, basic arrest and defense techniques; take a trip to the County Medical Examiner's Office, and responded to basic crimes in progress.

Tpr. Vazquez also developed the STARS program (Self-esteem; Teamwork; Advancement; Respect; and Self-Motivation) based on the same goals as the Junior Police Academy, but offered part-time throughout the school year.

Directed primarily at disadvantaged youth, STARS provides them with lessons on integrity, character and leadership. Tpr. Vazquez meets with STARS students at least once a week for 3-4 hours.

These programs provide young people

with the chance to experience a positive interaction with law enforcement and serve as a long-term recruiting mechanism for the State Police.

New York State Police Certificates of Appreciation

State Police Certificates of Appreciation are presented to individuals who, over a period of time, have made a significant contribution to the criminal justice system or who have provided valuable assistance in a life threatening situation.

► **William H. Brown**

William H. Brown, President of Leroy Holding Company Inc., in Albany, provided the use of his company's facilities and vehicles to the State Police Academy for the Criminal Interdiction Training Program (see Inv. Donald Kinne, George M. Searle Memorial Award).

William Brown's generosity was instrumental in the success the training program that involved a hands on training component with particular emphasis on searches of tractor trailers for contraband.

To that end William Brown, and his Safety Director, Donald Dessureau, graciously provided the required trucks and an indoor venue to conduct the classes.

The State Police would have been unable to run this class without their help.

► **Mr. Thomas Longe**

For several years, Thomas Longe, President of D.A. Collins Construction Company, had made his commercial property in Wilton, NY, available to the

State Police Academy to conduct training exercises for the Basic School, In Service and Specialized Training.

The State Police has conducted drills in room entry and building searches, which would not have been possible without Thomas Longe's generosity.

Additionally, the location has been of particular help to the members of our SORT who must maintain an absolute proficiency in these skills.

► **Firefighters/Paramedics Richard Park Thomas Barnard, Albany FD**

On May My 6, 2009, as he was en route to a NYSP training site in Clifton Park, Sr. Inv. William H. Standinger (C-Ithaca) became involved in a minor vehicle collision.

Albany Fire Department Engine Company 10 responded to the scene and Firefighters Richard Parker and Thomas Barnard realized immediately that, although the senior investigator had not been injured, he showed significant symptoms of having suffered a stroke.

The firefighters started a course of treatment to help minimize the damage caused by the stroke, and Inv. Standinger's condition was stabilized.

Sr. Inv. Standinger was transported to Albany Medical Center and, subsequently, return to duty, thanks to the Firefighters.

► **William Bruno Joseph Gadigan**

On September 13, 2009, two good samaritans, William Bruno and Joseph

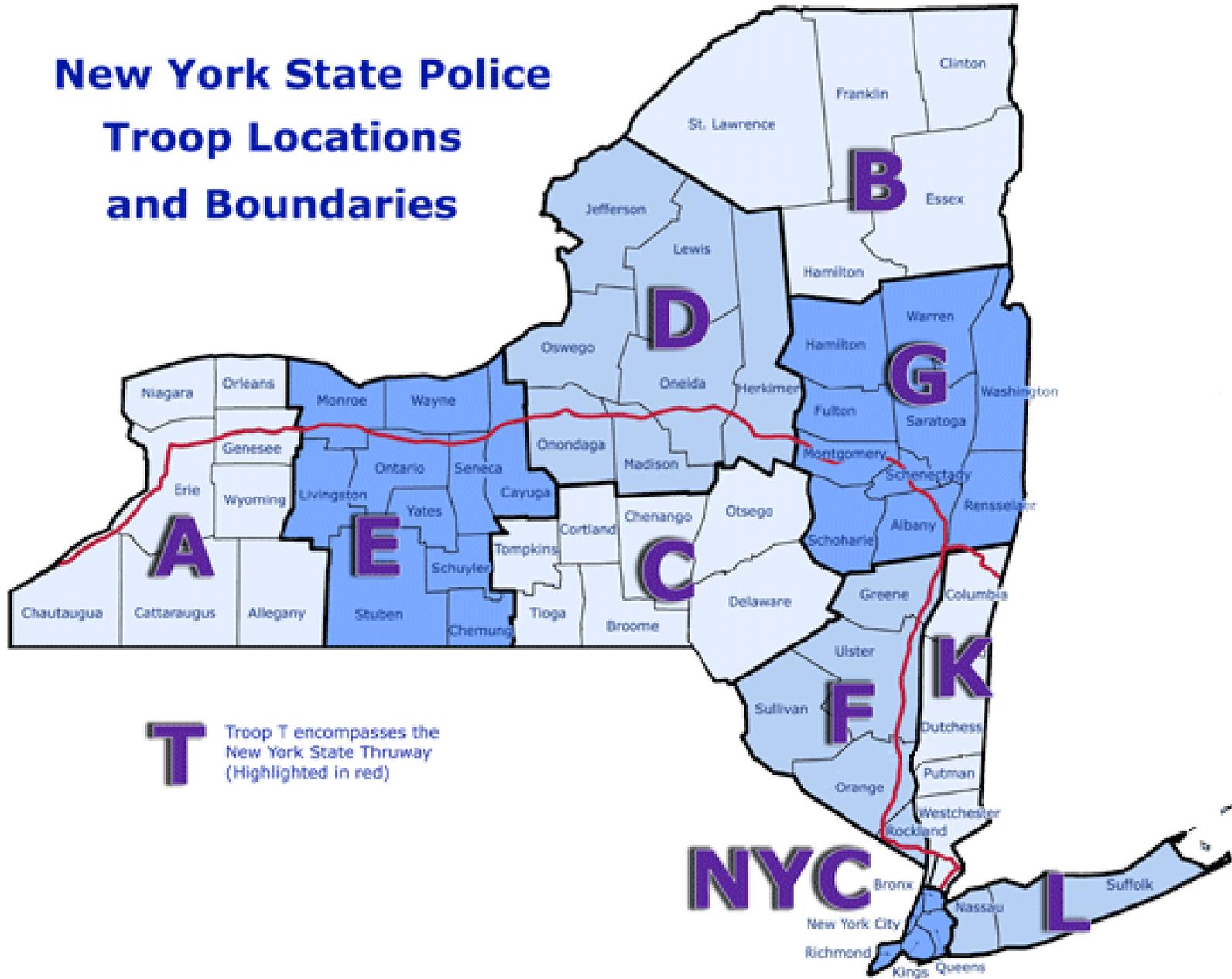
Gadigan, were traveling northbound on the Robert Moses Causeway in Islip, when they noticed two men fighting on the left shoulder of the roadway. (See Tpr. Robert F. Orth, Superintendent's Commendation Awards.)

As they got closer to the fight, the samaritans saw that one of the men was a NYSP trooper. When they stopped and exited their vehicle to help, they saw a man on top of the trooper who was repeatedly striking the trooper on the head with a baton.

The trooper, Tpr. Robert F. Orth, was able to draw his issue sidearm and fired one round, striking the man as he fled on foot.

William Bruno and Joseph Gadigan chased the man and were able to tackled and subdued him until assistance arrived.

New York State Police Troop Locations and Boundaries



From the thunder of Niagara Falls to the tranquility of the region's many vineyards, Troop A exhibits a breadth of diversity unsurpassed anywhere in New York State — and all the policing challenges that go with it.

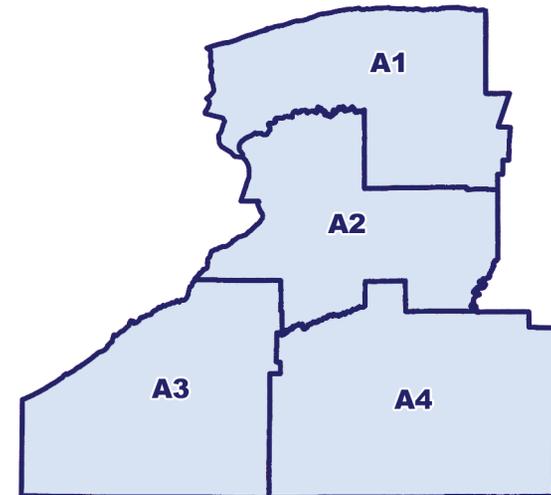
The eight counties comprising this western most troop are home to 22 State Police stations. From them, Uniform and BCI personnel serve the residents of 11 cities, 162 towns and 65 villages. Troopers and investigators throughout the region maintain regular patrols, assist motorists, investigate crimes and crashes, and provide around the clock emergency and disaster relief services as needed.

Because many Troop A stations are located near large metropolitan areas, such as Buffalo, the state's second largest city, members participate in numerous urban details, recruitment efforts, community speaking engagements and crime prevention programs.

One of four original State Police troops established in 1917, Troop A's four border crossings bring streams of tourists to and from Canada, and the heavily traveled web of highways connecting its population centers makes activity continuous for the troop's various highway safety details.

Troop A also is home to five Native American reservations: the Allegany, the Tuscarora, Tonawanda, Cattaraugus and Oil Springs.

Troop A



Population: 1.5 million (approx.) **Service Territory:** 6,455 square miles

Counties Served: Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chatauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans & Wyoming

Headquarters: Batavia (Genesee County)

Zone 1: Albion, Grand Island, LeRoy, Lockport, Niagara

Zone 2: Alden, Boston, Clarence, Elma, Holland, Newstead, Warsaw

Zone 3: Collins, Ellery, Fredonia, Jamestown

Zone 4: Amity, Ellicottville, Fillmore, Machais, Olean

2010 Selected Statistics

Calls for Service: 42,003

Vehicle and Traffic Law Enforcement

DWI Arrests: 1,371

Speed: 38,012

Safety Restraints: 13,630

Total V & T: 116,277

Index Crimes

Violent

Murder: 4

Rape: 46

Robbery: 14

Assault: 220

Property

Burglary: 628

Larceny: 2,596

Motor Vehicle Theft: 106

Part II Offenses: 14,236

Troop A - 2010 Interesting Cases

Senior Rescued from Partially Submerged Vehicle

March 11, 2010 — The Niagara County Sheriff's Office dispatched that there was an injury accident in Pendleton and a vehicle was partially submerged in a water filled ditch, with an unconscious occupant.

Tprs. John M. Spero and William J. Higgins (A-Lockport) and Niagara County Sheriff's patrols responded and found the vehicle upright in a ditch containing about three feet of water. There was an elderly woman who was behind the wheel, slumped over and unresponsive.

To access the locked vehicle, Tpr. Higgins had to break the passenger side windows using a Res-Q Me tool, then, Dpty. Kevin Rhode was able to enter the passenger compartment and cut the seatbelt.

They removed the 83-year-old driver from

the vehicle with the help of the Wendelville Volunteer Fire personnel.

The Wendelville Volunteer Fire personnel performed CPR and immediately transported the woman to Eastern Niagara Hospital, where she was treated for a possible stroke or heart attack.

She did not suffer traumatic crash injuries.

Woman Holds Burglar at Gunpoint until Troopers Arrive

April 14, 2010 — **Sgt. S/C Kevin D. Streety** (A-Boston) received a call from a woman who was engaged in a face-to-face confrontation with a burglary suspect at whom she was pointing her rifle.

The 69-year-old caller and her husband—designated caretakers—were checking the property owned by a hospitalized relative and discovered the burglary in progress.

The property consisted of a small residential home, garage and barn.

Sgt. Streety heard the woman yell, "don't move or I'll shoot" and, after gaining her attention, was able to get the woman to convey the address, the burglar's vehicle description, plate number and name and remained on the telephone until the patrols arrived.

About five minutes later, **Sr. Inv. John J. Wolf, Sgt. David D. Engler, Inv. Robert W. Gardner, and Tpr. Robert R. Turnbull**, (A-Boston), **Inv. Richard V. Qualey** (GIU-CNET West) and **Tpr. Timothy M. Roof** (A-Elma) arrived and arrested the 28-year-old male for two counts of Burglary 3rd, Criminal Possession of Burglar Tools, and Criminal Mischief 4th.

It was found that the 28-year-old was also responsible for a burglary at the residence two days before this incident.



Obama Visits Buffalo: While Troop A members—CVEU, SCOC, Safety Officers, TIM and Patrol Officers—are posted along the Presidential Motorcade's route, other members watch from their patrol vehicles as Air Force 1 arrives at the Buffalo Niagara International Airport and wait to lead the motorcade.. (Photo by Harry Scull - Buffalo News)

Speeding through Work Zone Lead to Burglar's Arrest

On June 14, 2010 — While monitoring work zone traffic on I-290 in Tonawanda, NY, **Tpr. Sean T. O'Rourke** (A-TIM Detail) saw a 2009 grey Honda Accord traveling westbound at 72 mph.

The trooper activated his emergency lights and initiated a traffic stop. The violator failed to comply and illegally drove through a U-turn and travelled east on I-290 at speeds in excess of 100 mph.

Then, the driver exited the interstate highway onto surface streets through the town.

As **Sgt. Joseph DiMaria** (A-Clarence) monitored the pursuit from the station, **Tpr. Michael J. Niezgodza Jr.** (A-Clarence Interstate Patrol) followed the pursuit and continually relayed the location of the chase directly to the Tonawanda PD.

While students were outside, the driver traveled over the lawn of a local high school, exited a driveway out onto the street, lost control of his vehicle and made a sharp left turned into the path of an approaching patrol

vehicle causing a collision and disabling his car.

Although the driver fled on foot, his 15-year-old female passenger was kept at the scene by a local resident.

The driver was quickly taken into custody, without incident, by Tpr. O'Rourke and a civilian passerby.

A NYSPIN check showed the vehicle as an active stolen vehicle file from Buffalo.

Further investigation by **Invs. Richard R. Kline** and **Daniel E. Strozyk** (A-Clarence)



Civilian Appreciation Day: Major Christopher Cummings with the Civilian Employees who attended the Troop A Civilian Appreciation Day Ceremony. Left to right: Kimberly Billups (Commspec-Lockport), Rachel Chudoba (KB1-BCI), Tina Zack (Clerk2-First Sgt.), Major Christopher Cummings, Stanley Gere (MEMS2-AMI), Dianna Bogue (Clerk1-Prin. Clerk), Tammy Werts (KB1-Clarence), Sharon Gray (Cleaner-Albion), Judy Smith (Cleaner-Collins), Wendy Richards (Commspec-Lockport), Sharon Day (KB1-Admin Capt), Jean Wise (KB1-Traffic), Karen Buvoltz (Commspec-Jamestown), Nancy Prevosto (Prin. Clerk), Joan Bruce (Sec.1-BCI), James Miller (Commspec-Jamestown), Nancy Nolan (Commspec-Jamestown), Kristine Smart (Cleaner-Batavia), Donna Witt (KB2-Jamestown), Teresa Surman (Sec.1-Troop Commander), Tamara Chappius (Commspec-Batavia), John Mellander (Mechanic-AMI), Gail Stevens (Clerk1-AMI) and Zepher Raymond (General Mechanic).

found that the driver had just committed an residential burglary in Clarence and was en route to Buffalo to sell the stolen property that included three shotguns, a pellet gun, two iPods, a digital camera and more than \$500 in rolled coins.

The driver was charged with Burglary 2nd, Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 3rd and 4th, Reckless Endangerment 1st, Criminal Possession of a Weapon 4th, Criminal Contempt 2nd, Unlawful Fleeing of a Police Officer 3rd, and Endangering the Welfare of a Child, in addition to numerous Vehicle and Traffic Law charges.



Troop A Memorial Day Ceremony: Mrs. Melody Kwilos and Tpr. Randy Kubaskiak and K-9 Sarge (G-Northway Satellite), widow and son of slain Tpr. Gary Kubasiak, who was killed in the line of duty on August 30, 1982, present the wreath at the Troop A Memorial Day Ceremony, May 19, 2010.

He was arraigned in Tonawanda Town Court and remanded to the Erie County Jail without bail.

The 15-year-old female passenger was wanted on an Erie County Family Court PINS (person in need of supervision) warrant. She was charged with Burglary 2nd and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 3rd and 4th and was secured at the East Ferry Detention Facility pending an appearance in Family Court.

A search warrant was obtained for the motel room where the man was staying and proceeds from other burglaries were recovered. When area police agencies were contacted in reference to pending burglaries, the Buffalo City PD advised that, within the past three weeks, they have had numerous burglaries involving the same man.

Man Stabs Homeowner in Hostage Situation

August 4, 2010 — Niagara County 911 dispatch reported a home invasion in Porter indicating that a “crazy man” with a shotgun had gained entry into a house with a family of four in the residence.

Ofcs. Scott E. Stafford and James F. Ullery, Lewiston Town PD arrived first and entered the residence to check on the welfare of the occupants. Positioned at the base of the stairs on the lower floor of the residence, the officers could hear a man yelling from the floor above.

When they arrived, **Tprs. William L. Persinger** and **Ryan C. Burns** (A-Niagara) and Niagara County Sheriff’s Dpty. Timothy Caughel took positions at the front and rear of the residence.

When Tpr. Persinger was able to initiate negotiations with the man by shouting and using his cell phone to talk to the invader, the man said that he was being chased by someone. Also, he said that there was a man, woman and two kids upstairs with him and he wanted the police to leave or he would start stabbing the them.

Although Tpr. Persinger was able to negotiate the release of one of the children, the invader threatened to start killing the remaining residents if the police did not leave. The male homeowner asked the officers to leave because the suspect had a knife to his throat.

While he quietly directed the police officers to remain in the residence, Tpr. Persinger told the invader that the police were leaving the house.

Again, Tpr. Persinger phoned the invader and told him to talk to the trooper through a window. When the invader slashed the window screen with a knife, the male homeowner suddenly grabbed the knife and began struggling with him.

When the invader began stabbing the homeowner, Tpr. Persinger and the police officers rush to an upstairs bathroom where the homeowner, who was covered with a large amount of blood, continued to struggle with the invader.

Tpr. Persinger pushed his way past the homeowner and as the man came at him with the knife, the trooper grabbed his right hand—the one holding the knife—and Officer Stafford deployed his taser on the invader.

Tpr. Persinger disarmed the man and, with the assistance of the other officers, took him into custody.

The remaining family members were removed safely from the residence while Tpr. Burns rendered first aid to the male homeowner who sustained stab wounds to his abdomen and chest. The homeowner was transported to the Erie County Medical Center where he recovered from his injuries.

Investigation revealed that the invader was on parole, had two previous felony convictions and was under the influence of narcotics when he committed the crimes.

The man was arraigned in the Town of Lewiston Court on charges of Burglary 1st, Assault 1st, Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3rd, Parole violations and remanded to the Niagara County Jail without bail.

Distraught Man Rescued from 68-foot Cemetery Tower

August 9, 2010 — **Tprs. Daniel R. Metz** and **Kevin L. Bentley** (A-Albion) responded to a call, dispatched by Orleans County 911, of a man attempting to commit suicide at the Civil War Memorial Tower in the Mount Albion Cemetery in Albion.

When the troopers arrived, they saw a man hanging from the outside of the railing at the top of the tower, 68 feet in the air. Taking a rope from the trunk of the patrol car, they quickly climbed the stairs to the top of the tower.

The distraught man had attempted to jump, became entangled in the railing and was trying to free himself. He said that he wanted to let go of the railing because he was unable to see his daughter due to a custody issue.

The man's position made it impossible for the troopers to safely secure him with the rope, so for the next 30 minutes, Tpr. Bentley held

the man's arm and Tpr. Metz held his leg until the arrival of the Albion Fire Department's ladder truck with a 103 foot basket.

A harness was placed on the man and the troopers assisted him into the bucket of the ladder truck. He was taken safely into custody and transported to Medina Memorial Hospital for a mental health evaluation.

Traffic Stop Yields High-powered Stolen Guns and Drugs

September 2, 2010 — **Tpr. Stephen M. Austin** (A-Amity) stopped a vehicle for a violation on I-86 in Angelica and, while talking to the driver, observed an empty holster on the dashboard.

When asked about the holster, the passenger answered that there were two handguns that belonged to the driver in a black backpack on the floor.

Tpr. Heather L. Knolhoff (A-Amity) arrived to assist and both the driver and passenger were secured.

When they searched the vehicle they found: a Glock 23 .40 caliber and a Heckler and Koch USP 40 with a 31+ high-capacity magazine in the black backpack; a loaded Hipoint 9mm handgun on the passenger side floor; a clear plastic bag containing marijuana and a pill bottle containing nine oxycodone pills, and a smoking device in the glove box.

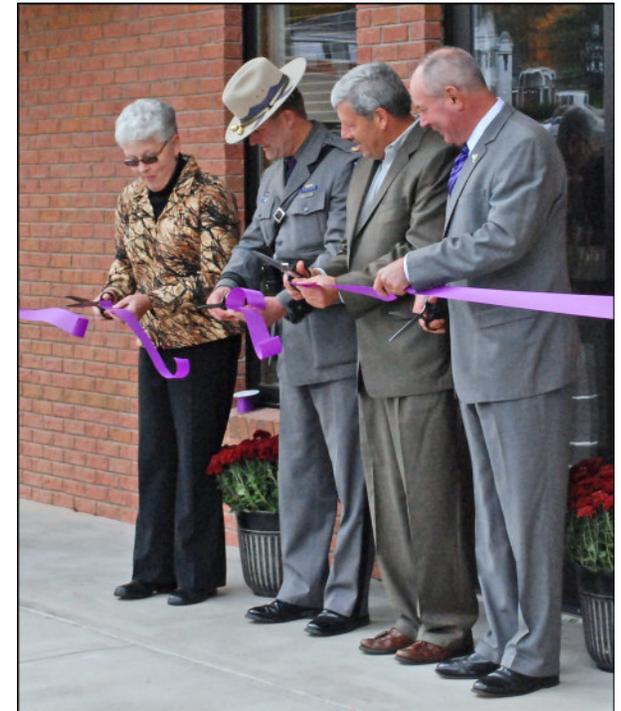
A NYSPIN file check of the Arizona registration reported the vehicle was suspended for no insurance and a file check of the handguns showed the Hipoint 9mm was reported stolen to the Phoenix PD on August 30, 2009.

The occupants were taken into custody and

transported to SP Amity without incident.

The passenger was charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd, Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 4th, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th, and Unlawful Possession of Marijuana.

The driver was charged with two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3rd and 4th, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th, Unlawful Possession of



Grandchildren Dedicate Warsaw Station: The new Warsaw station, dedicated in memory of Sgt. Homer J. Harrison who was killed in the line of duty on June 19, 1933, saw two of the sergeant's grandchildren cutting the ribbon at the dedication and open house on October 12, 2010. Pictured (left to right) are Sgt/SC Michael Hockey (A-Warsaw), Kim Harrison-Dougherty (grandchild), Major Christopher Cummings (A-Batavia), Steven Harrison (grandchild) and Assemblyman Daniel Burling.

Marijuana, and traffic violations.

Both defendants were arraigned in the Town of Angelica Court and remanded to the Allegany County Jail in lieu of \$10,000 bail each.

SORT Team Rappel 540 Feet to Extricate Hunter and Rescuers

November 22, 2010 — Cattaraugus County Fire Control received a call about an 18-year-old male hunter from Gowanda, NY, who was last seen earlier that day by members of his hunting party near the Zoar Valley Gorge, Persia.

Members of the Gowanda FD and the NYS Forest Rangers coordinated a search. A cell phone “ping” was able to give an approximate location of the hunter and the Erie County SO helicopter was requested and dispatched to the scene.

The ECSO helicopter was able to locate the missing hunter in the waters of the Cattaraugus Creek at the bottom of the gorge, landed, and a Sheriff’s Deputy was able to reach the victim and move him out of the water. The rising creek water and worsening weather conditions forced the helicopter to leave the scene without obtaining the GPS coordinates.

Although a team of six rescuers were able to descend into the gorge by foot and reach the injured hunter, they also became stranded by the rising water and approaching night.

Numerous fire departments from Cattaraugus and Erie Counties responded to the scene to assist and, because of the treacherous conditions, their attempts to reach the hunter and rescuers by boat

was unsuccessful.

The NYSP Special Operation Response Team (SORT–West) was called in to assist.

Team Leader **T/Sgt. Michael E. Wolniewicz’s** six-member ground team—**Tprs. Richard H. Kyser II, Ross M. Riley, Brian L. Stone, Nathaniel C. Stobert, Brian J. Brass** and **Daniel V. Brown**—with **Tpr. Steven S. Doyon** (SORT-West) assisting **T/Sgt. Mark A. Stryker** (NYSP Aviation) assembled at the Command Post.

T/Sgt. Stryker was able to find the party cradled on a small slate ledge a mere foot above the rising creek water, pinpoint their position and relay the critically needed GPS coordinates to the command post.

The SORT team traveled about a mile by all-terrain vehicles to the wooded gorge line and,

guided by the helicopter illuminating the rock face, were able to perform a low-angle rappel down a 500-foot slope by tying two 300-foot ropes together, followed by a high-angle rappel over the shear cliff ledge of more than 40 feet to reach the victim.

Standing knee-deep in cold, fast moving water, Tprs. Brass and Riley stabilized the severely injured hunter and load him into a stokes rescue basket.

Five hours later, under the direction of Tpr. Kyser, all seven stranded people were safely extricated up the cliff by using two separate “haul” systems.

The stranded hunter was transported to the hospital, where he was treated for multiple injuries sustained from his fall.

Two of the rescuers were transported to area hospitals and treated for hypothermia and exhaustion.



In Service Training: During the 2010 Winter In-Service Training at Troop A Headquarters, Tpr. Stephen Przystal (A-Holland) and Tpr. Michael Catanzaro (A-Niagara) practice handcuffing techniques.

Troop B

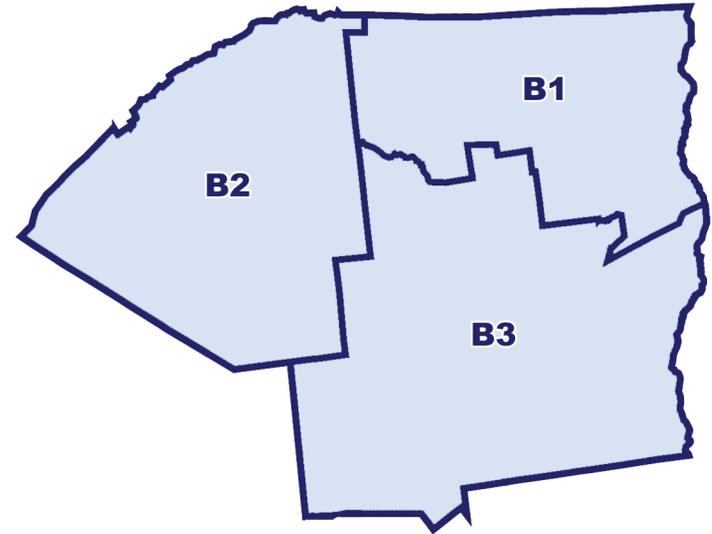
Established in 1921, Troop B is distinguished by its extremes.

The northernmost troop, and the biggest geographically, its five counties are the largest, most sparsely populated in New York State. It is a predominantly rural area of great distances, "forever wild" forests, the Adirondack Mountains, long winters and great natural beauty.

To the north lie the St. Lawrence Seaway and Canada; to the east, Lake Champlain and Vermont; to the west and south lie boundaries with Troops D and G, respectively. This vast region is serviced by 22 strategically located stations, from which troopers patrol 8,335 square miles — an area larger than the Commonwealth of Massachusetts — and provide police services to 86 towns and 26 villages.

Patrolling the North Country fosters a special brand of self reliance, and B troopers are renowned for their ability to handle any situation with minimal assistance.

In addition to such typical tasks as investigating accidents and crimes, interstate patrol and special border details, they often find themselves called on to search for lost hikers, evacuate injured campers, rescue storm stranded travelers, investigate Fish and Wildlife Law violations and respond to domestic disputes and criminal complaints in remote locations.



Population: 287,000 (approx.)

Service Territory: 8,091 square miles

Counties Served: Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, St. Lawrence

Headquarters: Ray Brook (Essex County)

Zone 1: Chazy, Dannemora, Ellenburg, Keesville, Malone, Plattsburgh, Valcour

Zone 2: Canton, Gouverneur, Massena, Norfolk, Ogdensburg, Star Lake, Winthrop

Zone 3: Lewis, Blue Ridge/High Peaks, Crown Point, Indian Lake, Schroon Lake, Tupper Lake, Wilmington

2010 Selected Statistics

Calls for Service: 36,014

Vehicle and Traffic Law Enforcement

DWI Arrests: 937

Speed: 24,845

Safety Restraints: 5,259

Total V & T: 78,006

Index Crimes

Violent

Murder: 6

Rape: 76

Robbery: 16

Assault: 208

Property

Burglary: 1,224

Larceny: 3,124

Motor Vehicle Theft: 144

Part II Offenses: 15,254

Troop B - 2010 Interesting Cases

Teen Arrest for Drugs; Search Results in Multiple Charges

February 11, 2010 – **Inv. Anthony J. Bailey** (B-GIU) received a request from Special Agent Francis A. Neeley, Albany – Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) for assistance with a gun investigation involving a 19-year-old man from Fort Covington, NY.

The teen had previously been identified as a drug dealer suspected of trafficking in firearms and federally prohibited from possessing firearms.

Information received by ATF from the FBI National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) revealed the teen had recently purchased a firearm from a Franklin County Gun Dealer and Special Agent Neeley was assigned to recover the firearm.

Inv. Bailey obtained a search warrant for the teen's residence, which was executed by state and federal law enforcement officers. The search resulted in the seizure of 15 firearms, one pound of marijuana, 19 marijuana plants and \$7,300.

The 19-year-old was arrested for Criminal Possession of Marijuana 3rd degree and Unlawfully Growing Cannabis.

August 13, 2010 — With the above charges pending and remaining free on bail, the teen became the focus of another criminal investigation when he was suspected of being involved in a drive-by shooting on the St. Regis Indian Reservation.

Det. Matthew Rourke, St. Regis Mohawk Tribal PD requested investigative assistance

from **Sr. Inv. Christopher J. Keniston** (B-GIU).

Sr. Inv. Keniston and members of the GIU and the Tribal PD executed a search warrant for teen's residence, and recovered a firearm, numerous rounds of ammunition, five pounds of marijuana, 20 marijuana plants, and several deadly weapons.

The 19-year-old was arrested by the Tribal PD for Reckless Endangerment 2nd and Menacing 2nd and charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon, Criminal Possession of Marijuana 2nd and Unlawfully Growing Cannabis.

As a result of the facts obtained during the above investigations, a case was presented to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Plattsburgh, by the B-GIU and the Bureau, of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

December 15, 2010 — The teen was arrested on a federal arrest warrant charging him with Possession of a Firearm by a Prohibited Person, and remains a suspect in several federal weapons cases involving crime guns recovered in Canada.

Teens Stole Ferrari; Reached 120 mph Trying to Outrun Troopers

February 22, 2010 — While conducting stationary radar in I-87, **Tpr. Edwin R. Scollon**, (B-High Peaks) and **Tpr. Chadd M. Martin** (B-Wilmington) saw a red Ferrari traveling southbound at a high rate of speed.

Tpr. Scollon obtain a radar reading of 93 mph on the vehicle and activated the overhead

emergency lighting to initiate a vehicle and traffic stop.

When the operator did not comply and immediately accelerated to speeds topping 150 mph, Tpr. Scollon radioed SP Lewis and advised that a high speed pursuit had been initiated. The troopers followed the vehicle until they lost sight of it as it rounded a curve.

Tpr. Scollon initiated a traffic stop on a south bound tractor trailer to see if the truck driver had seen the Ferrari. He said that the Ferrari had not traveled by his location.

Tpr. Scollon suspected that the Ferrari had pulled into the High Peaks rest area and advised responding units to check the rest area for the vehicle as Tprs. Scollon and Martin set up stationary radar just south of Exit 29 in North Hudson.

Several minutes later, when they saw the Ferrari speed south on I-87 and onto the Exit 29 off ramp, the troopers initiated pursuit.

When the Ferrari began to travel west on Blue Ridge Road, the troopers continued to follow the vehicle for about four miles at speeds reaching 120 mph. Realizing that he would be unable to safely negotiate the curves at these speeds, Tpr. Scollon terminated the pursuit.

As the troopers continued along Blue Ridge Road, they spotted the unoccupied Ferrari at the intersection of Gulf Brook Road. Tire tracks in the snow showed that the Ferrari driver had entered Gulf Brook Road, tried to make a three point turn and got stuck on a slight, snow covered decline.

Two sets of footprints led away from the

Ferrari and the troopers could hear people moving in the heavily wooded area off the east side of the road. Tpr. Scollon radioed for a canine unit to respond to the scene. Additional troopers responded and took positions to the east and west.

About an hour later, the two men exited the wooded area and surrendered to Tprs. Scollon and Martin. They were taken into custody and transported to SP Lewis for questioning.

The 19-year-old driver and his 16-year-old friend had recently stolen the 2003 Ferrari from a car dealership in Plattsburgh and committed a residential burglary in Peru; the valuables were located in the Ferrari.

The driver was arrested for Criminal Possession of Stolen property 2nd, Reckless Endangerment 1st, Unlawful Fleeing of a Police Officer, and charged with numerous Vehicle and Traffic violations.

Also, he was arrested for Making a False Written Statement for initially providing a false statement regarding the incident.

The passenger was arrested for Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 2nd.

They were turned over to the Plattsburgh City PD and SP Plattsburgh where they were charged with two counts of Burglary.

Investigators' Perseverance Solves 30-year-old Murder

June 2010 — Troop B Violent Crimes Unit solved a 30-year-old Murder Case.

November 1980 — A mother of three small children was reported missing, by her husband, from their home in a small hamlet

located in southern Essex County in the Adirondack region of NYS.

The husband claimed that his wife left with an unknown man from a local rodeo and did not return. NYSP personnel conducted an investigation and exhausted all leads, but were unsuccessful at locating the missing woman.

A few years later, a fire consumed their residence in Olmstedville and the husband moved to Alabama.

Invs. Scott T. Weightman and Karen L. Dufour (B-VCIT) were assigned the case and established contact with the husband in Alabama and his son in Florida.

As the investigators poured over the original report and 30 years worth of notes and interviewed family members and acquaintances of the couple, they became more confident that the husband and son were hiding something.

In 2009 — Invs. Weightman and DuFour traveled to Florida and Alabama to develop new leads and coordinate with the local sheriff's office in Alabama.

In June 2010 — The investigators flew to Florida and met with the son hoping they could persuade him to divulge any information about the disappearance of his mother.

Though they did not develop any solid leads during the interview, the son called his father to tell him that the NYSP suspected that he, the son, may know more about his mother's disappearance than he was saying.

When the investigators arrived in Alabama, they interviewed the husband about his wife's disappearance and he confessed to killing his wife, burying her on their property and

bulldozing over her body.

He confessed in order to clear his conscious and protect his son from any suspicion.

The husband was charged with Murder 2nd degree and arrested as a Fugitive from Justice by Alabama authorities. He waived extradition and, while being transported back to NYS, told the investigators that they would never find his wife's body.

With a excavation plan based on information from the husband, the VCIT, Forensic Identification Unit and other personnel began the painstaking task of clearing the possible burial site of ten truck loads of debris and thick undergrowth before excavating an area of about three-quarters of an acre.

After seven days of digging and sifting the family's former homestead, human remains were found and subsequently identified as those of the wife.

Suicidal Man's Plot to Violently Kill Woman Unsuccessful

June 8, 2010 — **Tprs. Patrick E. Loveland, Peter J. Paquin and Bryan C. Shippee** (B-Gouverneur) responded to domestic dispute and possible assault call in Rossie.

When they arrived, the troopers secured the scene and spoke to the woman who told them the man inside the residence assaulted her. The woman was transported by Gouverneur Rescue to EJ Noble hospital with severe facial wounds.

Tprs. Loveland and Paquin entered the residence, apprehended the man and took him to EJ Noble hospital because he had had taken numerous prescription pills.

Remaining at the scene, Tprs. Loveland and Shippee were able to locate the rope that was used to tie the woman to the bed and numerous other key pieces of evidence used in the brutal crime.

Inv. Rachelle L. Foster (B-Canton) went to the hospital and interviewed the woman and man in depth. In an additional interview, **Inv. Jared W. Duffy** (B-Canton) was able to get a detailed statement from the suicidal man which outlined the events and how the man planned on killing the woman.

The man was charged with Rape 1st, Unlawful Imprisonment 1st and Assault 2nd.

Intruder Fires Multiple Rounds at Troopers; Refuses to Drop Gun

September 16, 2010 — SP Ray Brook received a call from a caretaker who found an intruder in the residence when he was checking on his father's seasonal home in Brandon, Franklin County.

The caretaker, told to freeze by the intruder, fled the building. He said as he was fleeing he heard a gunshot.

Tprs. Jonathan M. Garrow, Cary A. Young, Brian K. Berge and Thomas B. Bryant (B-Malone) responded to the call.

As they approached the residence, a small caliber rifle was discharged in their direction.

The troopers established a perimeter around the building and requested SORT, BCI and hostage negotiators.

Tpr. Garrow and **Crisis Negotiator Inv. Joseph A. Tatro** (B-Malone) were unable to establish communication with the intruder, who continued to fire several random rounds

in their direction.

At 11:39 p.m., **Sgt. John R. Coryea** (B-Plattsburgh) utilizing a thermal imager was able to see the intruder leave the building and walk down the driveway toward the road.

Tpr. Kevin A. Beattie (B-Massena) was stationed near the drive way with his K9 Cully who immediately alerted to the intruder's presence.

Tpr. James D. Cleary (B-Plattsburgh) illuminated the intruder with his patrol-rifle-mounted light, but the intruder failed to comply with orders to drop his gun and leveled his rifle at the troopers.

Tpr. Cleary discharged four rounds from his patrol rifle and Tpr. Beattie discharged two rounds from his issued glock. The intruder was struck in the chest and fell to the ground.

The intruder was taken into custody, given medical assistance by SORT members and transported to Alice Hyde Medical Center for treatment of his non-life threatening injuries.

Alert Troopers Warn Occupants of Fire; Move Vehicles Away

November 2010 — **Tprs. Kristina M. Stewart and David A. Hungerford** (B-Malone), seeing a vehicle and structure fire in progress in Brushton, rushed to the house to warn the occupants.

The two occupants, who were unaware that their house was on fire, fled the residence.

As the fire was spreading from the pickup truck to the garage and threatening a nearby residence, the troopers removed two other vehicles from the driveway.

Although the pickup truck and the garage

were a total loss, the residence was salvaged.

Month-long Robbery Spree Ends with Multiple Arrests

December 2010 — SP Massena troopers and BCI members investigated a robbery spree in Massena.

On December 9th and 16th, 2010, two Robberies/Purse snatchings occurred between 7:30 and 8 p.m. in the same parking area at the St. Lawrence Centre Mall.

On December 17, 2010 — Another Grand Larceny of a purse occurred in the early morning hours within the village of Massena.

The descriptions of the suspects and their vehicle were the same for the three incidents.

Sr. Inv. Judith T. Paduano and Invs. Andrew S. Gayeskie, Darin C. Chartrand, and Theodore J. Levison (B-Massena) and SP Massena Uniform Patrols began an investigation with the cooperation of the St. Lawrence County Probation Department, the Massena Village PD and the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal PD.

On December 23, 2010 — Within hours of its use, the management of a local Home Depot informed SP Massena that a gift card that was in one of the stolen purses was used at their store.

Invs. Gayeskie, Chartrand and Levison went to the store, reviewed the video surveillance and interviewed clerks. This lead to the apprehension of a 52-year-old man and 48-year-old woman who admitted they had used the stolen gift card but had not committed the robberies.

They were charged with Criminal Possession

of Stolen Property 4th, processed, and issued appearance tickets to appear in Massena Town Court.

While the investigators continued to follow leads, Sr. Inv. Paduano initiated his surveillance plan. He, along with **Sgt. Randy J. Bush** and **Tprs. Stephanie L. Oakes, Kim M. Briggs** and **Dustin J. Anderson**, (B-Massena) took up locations around the St. Lawrence Centre Mall to prevent any more robberies. No robberies occurred that Thursday night, December 23, 2010.

On December 24, 2010 — Christmas Eve, with information from the first arrests, a 46-year-old man was arrested for Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 4th degree.

Additional information from the 46-year-old led to a 37-year-old man being caught on a security camera using a credit card that was stolen in the December 16, 2010 robbery. He was identified by probation department personnel.

Sgt. Bush, **Tprs. Ty R. VanTassel** and **Daniel W. Manor** and **Joseph D. Palmisano**, (B-Massena) went into Massena to find the 37-year-old.

Based on information developed by Inv. Levison, Sgt. Bush located the man en route to a local tavern and took him into custody. The man, who was currently on parole, gave a statement confessing to the crimes and implicating several others already arrested of additional criminal conduct.

The 37-year-old was processed and arraigned on Robbery 2nd and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 4th and committed to the county jail.

On December 24, 2010 — At 12:20 p.m.,

SP Canton received a report of another strong arm robbery at the Mall. Invs. Levison, Chartrand, **Timothy J. Peets** (B – CTIU), Sgt. Bush and **Tprs. Michael P. Macaulay, Jonathan J. White, Michele R. Dodge**, VanTassel and Manor (B-Massena) responded.

Tpr. Manor interviewed the female victim while Tpr. Dodge interviewed a witness. Based on information on the robber's vehicle, troopers arrived at the registered owner's residence before the suspects returned home.

When the vehicle returned to the residence, neighbors contacted the State Police. Uniform and BCI members responded and arrested two men and one woman.

The 25-year-old man, who was interviewed by **Tpr. Dewayne R. Baillargeon** (B-Massena) provided a detailed statement confessing his involvement in all these crimes.

Also, the 33-year-old woman, who was interviewed by **Tpr. Gregory P. Pencek II** (B-Massena) gave a detailed statement confessing to her involvement.

Both the man and woman were committed to the St. Lawrence County Jail on Christmas Eve.

Although the second man was not involved in these crimes, he was charged with Unlawful Possession of Marijuana and released on an Appearance ticket.

This month-long investigation concluded with the arrest of seven people and the recovery of property, most of which was important personal identification documents.

Troop C

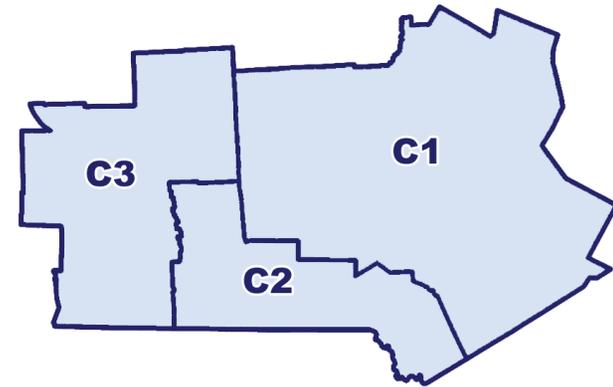
Created in 1921, Troop C operates from 17 State Police facilities across the Southern Tier.

The members of Troop C provide essential police services throughout a sprawling seven-county area which is transected by three major highways requiring regular patrol and occasional emergency response.

In addition to patrolling the 112 townships in the region, C troopers provide the only police protection available to many of the area's 44 incorporated villages and work closely with police departments in five cities.

Troop C's topography is varied, ranging from the rolling fields of Cortland County to the rugged mountains of Delaware County, itself equal in size to the state of Rhode Island.

Typical duties include rural patrol and investigative work, policing numerous fairs, agricultural festivals and parades, and providing a security detail for the annual National Baseball Hall of Fame weekend in Cooperstown (Otsego County).



Population: 558,000 (approx.) **Service Territory:** 5,587 square miles

Counties Served: Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Otsego, Tioga, Tompkins

Headquarters: Sidney (Delaware County)

Zone 1: Oneonta, Green, Margaretville, Norwich, Richfield Springs, Stamford

Zone 2: Binghamton, Deposit, Endwell, Whitney Point, Gateway (I-81 Welcome Center)

Zone 3: Ithaca, Berkshire, Homer, Marathon, Newfield, Owego

2010 Selected Statistics

Calls for Service: 41,043

Vehicle and Traffic Law Enforcement

DWI Arrests: 1,093

Speed: 33,755

Safety Restraints: 8,917

Total V & T: 85,800

Index Crimes

Violent

Murder: 2

Rape: 64

Robbery: 32

Assault: 222

Property

Burglary: 942

Larceny: 2,908

Motor Vehicle Theft: 156

Part II Offenses: 14,868

Troop C - 2010 Interesting Cases

Tractor Trailer Crashes Into Residence; 1 Dead, 2 Injured

February 19, 2010 — Responding to a motor vehicle accident on State Route 23 in Davenport Center, **Tprs. Jacob Lakomski** and **Timothy West** (C-Oneonta) found that a tractor trailer had collided with a single family home.

The scene was chaotic. The truck driver was trapped inside the cab of his truck, his passenger was missing and no one knew for sure how many people were inside the house.

To make matters worse, the truck's load of pre-molded concrete forms was strewn about the first floor of the building which made the structure unstable and severely complicated the search for victims.

The troopers entered the house and helped locate and free a five-year-old boy who was trapped beneath a concrete form. The boy had incurred only minor injuries.

Then, they helped locate the boy's 25-year-old mother. The woman was also trapped beneath a concrete form and was suffering from a broken pelvis. Tprs. Lakomski and West helped free her and remove her from the building.

Remaining inside the unstable structure, the troopers helped locate a third victim, the boy's 46-year-old grandmother. Unfortunately, she was killed when a concrete form came into her bedroom and came to rest on top of her. There was no one else in the building.

The passenger of the truck was located and he and the truck driver incurred only minor

injuries in the accident.

Once both survivors were removed from the house, Tpr. Lakomski and Tpr. West established a crime scene and started a thorough police investigation into the fatal commercial vehicle accident.

Troopers Apprehend North Carolina Kidnapping Suspect

May 17, 2010 — The NYS Intelligence Center (NYSIC) alerted New York police agencies that an armed and dangerous kidnapping suspect was possibly en route to Syracuse, NY from Greensboro, North Carolina. The man was driving one of three possible vehicles and using a particular North Carolina license plate.

Zone II Supervisors assigned personnel from SPs Binghamton, Endwell, Gateway and Whitney Point to fixed observation posts on Interstate 81, Interstate 88, State Route 17, and State Route 11.

Additionally, all operators of Licence Plate Reader-equipped vehicles in the zone entered the license plate number into their LPR database.

Members of Troop C-Violent Felony Warrant Squad (VFW) and SP Binghamton BCI also took up positions on the highways.

For the next two hours, **Communications Specialist James Lee** (C-Binghamton) and Troop C Headquarter's Communications members kept patrols updated based on NYSIC's location of the man's cell phone "pings."

The task of locating the vehicle was complicated by the uncertainty of which vehicle the kidnapping suspect was driving and the heavy traffic on Binghamton area highways.

Just after 2:00 p.m., **Tpr. Patrick T. Skinner** (C-Binghamton) saw a dark blue Honda Accord traveling northbound on I-81 in Kirkwood. The vehicle matched the description of one of the kidnapper's vehicles. It displayed a North Carolina license plate, but not the one listed by the Greensboro PD.

Tpr. Skinner notified SP Binghamton and requested assistance. All available patrols responded to his location as he followed the vehicle through Binghamton.

When the troopers conducted a felony stop, they were able to arrested the man without incident.

The 43-year-old man was transported to SP Binghamton for processing while **Inv. William Dengler** (C-Binghamton) contacted the Greensboro PD to initiate fugitive proceedings.

The man was charged as a Fugitive from Justice and was remanded to the Broome County Jail to await extradition proceedings.

Vehicle's "On Star" GPS Guided Troopers to Murder Suspect

June 21, 2010 — Responding to a Troop E-BCI request, **Tprs. Matthew R. Holecsek** and **Jeremy J. Hicks** (C-Sidney) went to the Unadilla rest area on I-88, in Sidney, to try and locate a vehicle driven by a man suspected of committing a double homicide.

Investigation revealed that a man had murdered his girlfriend and her infant child in Bath, and left the scene in the victim's vehicle. The vehicle's "On Star" GPS system placed the vehicle in the rest area.

The troopers located the vehicle, blocked it from moving, and found the man, covered in blood with a laceration on his hand, sleeping in the rear seat of the vehicle.

The man surrendered to the troopers without resistance. The vehicle and man were transported back to Troop E for further investigation and processing.

Sergeant Convinces Despondent Man to Put Down Gun

June 27, 2010 — The Broome County 911 Center dispatched SP Binghamton patrols in response to a call from a man's ex-girlfriend. She said the 33-year-old man had taken an overdose of pills and, when that didn't kill him, he threatened to shoot himself. The man sent her a text message with a photograph of himself with the shotgun barrel in his mouth.

When **Tprs. Michael S. Boburka** and **Christopher P. Cody** (C-Binghamton) arrived at the residence, they found that the man was inside with a shotgun pointed into his mouth.

Z/Sgt. John C. Lynch contacted the man on his cell phone. The man refused to come out of the house saying he did not want to go to jail.

Z/Sgt. Lynch continued to talk with him and convinced the him to put down the shotgun and come out of the house.

After 15 minutes, the despondent man exited the residence unarmed and was taken into custody without incident.

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The troopers secured the shotgun and transported the man to Binghamton General Hospital for a psychological evaluation.

Multi-agency Effort Solves 100+ Heavy Equipment Thefts

August 2009 — **Invs. William Dengler** and **Tracy A. Stamp** (C-Binghamton) were assigned to investigate the reported theft of three skid steers (heavy duty construction equipment valued in excess of \$125,000) from area businesses located within the Kirkwood Industrial Park Drive, Binghamton, NY.

Simultaneously, a stolen Ryder truck was located and found to be involved with the transport of the stolen equipment.

The Troop C - Forensic Identification Unit processed the respective crime scenes and located, documented and photographed tire and footwear impressions.

It was determined that the Ryder truck had been stolen from a warehouse in Great Bend, Pennsylvania and the investigators reviewed surveillance videotape of a convenience store nearby. The tape captured part of the Ryder truck theft revealing that a gold/pewter colored suburban type vehicle was involved.

Armed with this information, the investigators went to numerous convenience store/truck stops located between the theft sites and reviewed surveillance videotapes. They concluded that there was an unknown tractor trailer linked to the suburban and obtained photographs of a man who was possibly the driver of suburban and tractor trailer.

During the investigation, two additional thefts were reported—commercial tools, office

equipment and sports memorabilia. The investigators were able to pinpoint where the stolen property had been transferred from the stolen Ryder truck to the tractor trailer.

January 2010 — The investigators received additional reports of stolen equipment—one report of a stolen Peterbuilt tractor and lowboy trailer and another of a pick-up truck, mini excavator and tires—that was located at the site of a third break-in which was reported when it was interrupted by the arrival of early morning employees.

After viewing the video surveillance tapes from the business where the property was recovered and recordings of numerous nearby convenience stores/truck stops, an out-of-state plate number for the suburban was obtained. The registered owner lived in Pennsylvania and matched the photograph of the person in the surveillance videotape associated with the suburban.

The Pennsylvania State Police were contacted and informed of the investigation. Their Auto Theft Task Force verified that the pewter suburban and the tractor trailer were registered to the suspect and they identified the individual as a being a suspect in commercial burglaries and equipment thefts within their jurisdiction.

A criminal history showed that suspect had a history of receiving and/or possessing stolen property along with numerous other criminal charges.

The scope of the investigation widened and Invs. Dengler and Stamp met with members of the Pennsylvania SP Auto Task Force and the FBI. The FBI agreed to install a GPS device on the suspect's suburban and tractor trailer and, while the GPS was being

monitored, the suspect was involved in the theft of numerous pieces of heavy equipment in upstate New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

May 2010 — The suspect was arrested for the theft and transport of a piece of heavy duty equipment in Pennsylvania. Invs. Dengler and Stamp interviewed the suspect and determined he was responsible for the numerous heavy duty equipment thefts and burglaries.

The suspect admitted he had targeted commercial businesses near interstate highways looking for heavy duty forklifts to steal and confirmed that, after stealing the equipment, he would burglarize the businesses taking items such as office equipment, laptop and desk top computers, tools, guns, money and sports memorabilia.

Ultimately, the suspect identified his accomplice and a third person in New York City who would purchase the stolen forklifts.

July 2010 — Invs. Dengler and Stamp were part of a multi-agency group—NYSP, PASP and FBI—that executed a search warrant at two locations in New York City and recovered 13 stolen fork lifts and arrested two additional men

Invs. Dengler and Stamp interviewed the suburban owner's accomplice about his role in the heavy duty equipment thefts and burglaries. He admitted his involvement and corroborated the information provided by the suburban owner.

This agency-cooperative effort solved well over 100 burglary cases that occurred in multiple states, involving the theft of several million dollars worth of equipment.

Troopers Locate and Save Confused Missing Senior

September 23, 2010 — **Tpr. Timothy N. Reese** (C-Endwell) talked to a 57-year-old Town of Union woman about her missing 78-year-old father, who had not returned home after leaving at 8:00 a.m. to drive to McDonald's for a cup of coffee.

The woman told the trooper that her father was in poor health and on medication for cancer and, when she talked to him on his cell phone, he sounded confused and disoriented, saying that he was in a hospital room.

Tpr. Reese notified **Sgts. Jason G. Hopf** and **William T. Ramsing** (C- Binghamton) of the situation and a teletype was published.

Then, Tpr. Reese contacted all area hospitals and physically checked all local fast food restaurants in his patrol area with negative results.

Upon further investigation, it was learned that the man had answered his cell phone at 6:20 p.m. and then hung up. When Sgt. Ramsing called the man's cell phone and tried to talk to him, the man answered the phone but, was incoherent.

Sgts. Hopf and Ramsing contacted Sprint Telephone and had them "ping" the man's cell phone which provided a GPS location in neighboring Vestal.

The sergeants, **Lt. Robert G. Croswell** (C-Binghamton), **Tpr. Christopher R. Kane** (C-Endwell) and Vestal PD officers scoured the location along a set of abandoned railroad tracks near the Susquehanna River.

Just before 9:00 p.m., Lt. Croswell located the

subject near the river about two miles behind a local business. The missing man had driven over railroad tracks and his vehicle became stuck on one of the railroad ties.

The man had unsuccessfully attempted to get his vehicle off of the railroad tracks, suffered a medical episode and collapsed. He was found lying on the ground bleeding from his head and arm.

The Vestal Volunteer Ambulance Squad transported the man to Wilson Regional Medical Center where he was treated and was admitted in stable condition.

His daughter was notified, responded to the hospital and was reunited with her father.

Halloween Mask Helps Identify Bank Robber; Man Arrested

November 3, 2010 — SP Oneonta members responded to the Key Bank located on Chestnut St. in Oneonta for a reported bank robbery.

Upon arrival, responding BCI members were told that the robber was last seen on foot on Richards Ave., Oneonta.

The robber was described as a white male, about six feet tall and 240 lbs., wearing green sweat pants with a white stripe, a tan colored corduroy/Carhart type jacket with a lighter colored collar and a Halloween mask which had a large nose and horns.

They were also told that a man, who may reside at Motel 88 on Chestnut Street in Oneonta, was observed wearing a mask fitting that description on Halloween night.

Investigators responded to Motel 88 and spoke with the manager who provided

the names and additional descriptions of men who were not considered short term residents.

While investigators were processing the scene at the bank, a press release was put out to the media including a detailed description of the suspect. The investigators were approached at the bank by a citizen with information about a man that she had provided clothing to that matched the description of what the robber was wearing.

The perpetrator's pants and jacket were recovered in a garbage can behind Dante's Pizza on Richards Avenue in close proximity to where the suspect was last seen.

While conducting surveillance at the Motel 88, investigators observed a man who matched the physical description of the bank robber and, based on the citizens information, was positively identified as recently wearing clothing very similar to the clothing described as being worn by the robber.

Additional State Police members responded to Motel 88 and the man was located in a room, taken into custody without incident, transported to SP Oneonta and interviewed. Subsequently, he confessed to the crime.

A search of two rooms, and interviews of additional subjects that were located in and around those rooms, resulted in the recovery of a Halloween mask, fitting the description of the mask worn by the robber, hidden in the bathroom.

The man was charged with Robbery 3rd and remanded to the Otsego County Jail.

Traffic Stop leads to Methamphetamine Bust

November 24, 2010 — **Tpr. Travis A. Webster** and **Kevin R. Culver** (C-Binghamton) were on patrol on State Route 12 in Chenango when a green Suzuki automobile passed them traveling southbound. Tpr. Culver recognized it as a vehicle suspected in a hit and run accident which occurred a few weeks earlier.

The troopers activated their emergency lights to stop the vehicle. The driver accelerated for a short distance before pulling into a driveway on State Route 79 in Barker. As the vehicle was stopping, the troopers saw the driver throw something from the vehicle.

Tpr. Webster took the 26-year-old male driver and his 34-year-old male passenger into custody and recovered the thrown item which was a D-ring clip with three canisters, holding more than one and a half ounces of methamphetamine, attached to it.

A search of the men and the vehicle uncovered additional quantities of methamphetamine, packaging material, digital scales and numerous items that appeared to be elements of a methamphetamine lab.

Also, the troopers noticed a garage at the residence that had the windows blacked out.

Z/Sgt. Daniel C. Guilfoyle (C-Binghamton) notified **Sgt/SC Martin N. Kopcho** (C-Owego-CCSERT) who arranged for CCSERT to respond, and **Lt. Patrick Garey** (H-CNET Southern Tier) who dispatched CNET personnel.

Sr. Inv. G. Fred Goodall (C-Binghamton) responded and coordinated the efforts between CNET and SP Binghamton

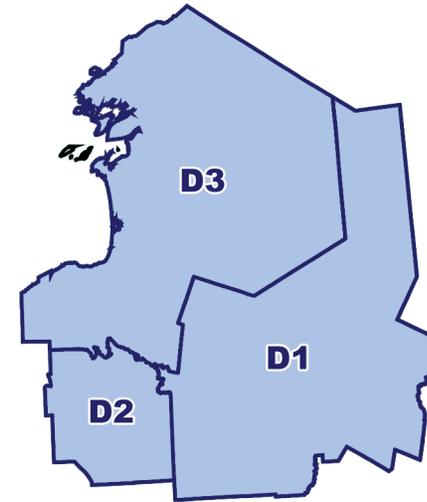
personnel.

A search warrant was obtained and executed on the house and garage by the Special Operations Response Team (SORT) led by **T/Sgt. Jay M. Curry**; CCSERT, led by **Inv. Patrick M. Dipirro** (CNET-Central); additional CNET members and **Invs. William Dengler** and **Shawn Dean** (C-Binghamton)

The search resulted in the recovery of additional items consistent with the manufacture of methamphetamine.

The men were charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd, Criminal Possession of Methamphetamine Manufacturing Material 2nd, three counts of Criminal Use of Drug Paraphernalia 2nd and Unlawful Possession of Marihuana.

Troop D



Geographically and demographically, the words best used to describe Troop D are "big" and "diverse". Its seven-county area is larger than the states of Connecticut and Delaware combined. It features densely wooded parts of the Tug Hill Plateau and southern Adirondacks, hundreds of miles of shoreline along Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence Seaway, urban centers and scores of rural communities, lakes, rivers and wetlands. It holds the sprawling Fort Drum military complex, an International Point of Entry, the Oneida and Onondaga Indian Reservations and the bustling Turning Stone Resort and Casino in Verona.

For 12 days each year, it hosts the New York State Fair, which draws hundreds of thousands to Syracuse from throughout the northeastern United States and Canada. Its forests and waterways are renowned among hunters, fishermen, campers and vacationers, and winter enthusiasts flock to its thousands of miles of ski and snowmobile trails. The task of providing police services throughout this region is borne by Troop D. Operating from 27 facilities, the men and women of Troop D provide service to 167 towns, 89 villages and five cities. Their daily tasks incorporate a high degree of "custom-tailoring" to satisfy local community needs or special demands presented by the region's geography, climate and ever shifting demographics. Troop D is one of four original State Police troops established in 1917.

Population: 1.1 million (approx.) **Service Territory:** 7,587 square miles

Counties Served: Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego

Headquarters: Oneida (Madison County)

Zone 1: Herkimer, Lee (Rome), Marcy, Morrisville, New Woodstock, Old Forge, Poland, Remsen, Sullivan, Sylvan Beach, Waterville, West Winfield

Zone 2: Elbridge, Lafayette, Lysander, North Syracuse

Zone 3: Adams, Alexandria Bay, Carthage, Fulton, Grasspoint, Hastings, Lowville, Philadelphia, Pulaski, Orleans, Watertown

2010 Selected Statistics

Calls for Service: 66,590

Vehicle and Traffic Law Enforcement

DWI Arrests: 1,480

Speed: 29,936

Safety Restraints: 11,098

Total V & T: 109,505

Index Crimes

Violent

Murder: 8

Rape: 94

Robbery: 42

Assault: 356

Property

Burglary: 1,978

Larceny: 4,834

Motor Vehicle Theft: 306

Part II Offenses: 22,544

Troop D - 2010 Interesting Cases

“She did it!” . . . “He did it!”

March 8, 2010 — **Tpr. Michael R. Nackley** (D-Marcy) responded to a reported physical domestic in which a man had received a laceration to his neck.

When Tpr. Nackley arrived, he found the man lying in the street bleeding from the neck. The man stated that his wife tried to kill him by cutting his throat.

Tpr. Nackley and members of the Oneida County Sheriff Department entered the residence and found the man's wife lying on the floor, injured and soaked in blood.

When **Inv. Allen V. Svitak Jr.** (D-Marcy) arrived at the scene, the husband reported that he had been lying on the bed with his eyes closed when his wife cut his throat with a knife and that he was able to run out the residence and wait for the police.

His wife stated that her husband became mad and started assaulting her and stabbed her with a knife.

The Troop D Forensic Investigation Unit responded and processed the scene.

During the investigation, each maintained their story. It was determined based on the statements made by the wife during her interviews, along with blood evidence located at the scene, that she was the assailant.

The case was presented to a grand jury and the wife was indicted on the charge of Attempted Murder 2nd.

13-year-old Male Baby Sitter Admits to Killing 2-year-old Girl

June 19, 2010 — **Inv. Chad P. Tangorra** (D-Marcy) responded to a request from the Yorkville PD to assist with call of an unresponsive child.



Traffic Stop Leads to Drug Arrest: Canine Theo, handled by Tpr. John J. Poggi III (D-Alexandria Bay) sits near about 125 pounds of high grade hydroponic marihuana seized after a traffic stop near the Canadian Border. The driver, a French National Canadian resident, had entered the U.S. illegally and was driving a vehicle belonging to a Schenectady resident. The driver was turned over to ICE Agents for Federal Prosecution.

The child's mother said she went into her two-year-old daughter's room to get her up for the day when she found that her daughter was not breathing. The child was pronounced dead at the scene.

The night before, the mother had left her daughter and younger son in the care of a thirteen-year-old male baby sitter, who was the son of a friend.

The Troop D Forensic Investigation Unit responded to the scene and determined that the scene was not consistent with a natural death.

The baby sitter was taken to the Marcy station for a more detailed interview and was interviewed for six hours by Invs. Tangorra and **Andrew D. Wilmot** (D-Marcy).

The 13-year-old sitter eventually confessed to violently pushing the child, causing her to strike her head on the floor and further admitted to previously assaulting and sexually assaulting the 2-year-old.

The baby sitter was arrested as a youthful offender and charged with Murder 2nd.

Domestic Dispute Results in Infant Hostage Being Killed

June 22, 2010 — **Tpr. Carlo Gennario Jr.** (D-Sylvan Beach) was dispatched by Oneida County 911 to a domestic dispute at a residence in Vienna, where a man armed with a shotgun threatened to shoot a baby and any responding personnel.

When Tpr. Gennario arrived, he saw a man standing near the side steps of a mobile home, holding a shotgun in one hand and an



FIU Member Process Scene of Domestic: Inv. Joseph S. Harriger, Troop D – FIU, processes the scene of a fatal shooting of a 3-month-old and, subsequent, shooting of gunman.

infant in the other.

Tpr. Gennario exited his vehicle, drew his issued sidearm and ordered the subject to drop the gun. The man shot the infant, leveled the shotgun at the trooper and advanced toward him, ignoring all commands to drop his weapon. Tpr. Gennario fired his pistol at the man and sought cover behind his troop car.

Tpr. Gennario retrieved the shotgun from the trunk of the patrol car and, simultaneously, gave vital information to the 911 Center making sure responding patrols were aware of the ongoing situation and called for an ambulance.

After **Sgt./SC Thomas E. Haumann** and **Tpr. Richard J. Snyder** (D-Sylvan Beach) and two Oneida County Sheriff's Deputies arrived armed with shotguns, Sgt. Haumann took up a position behind trees on the west side of the lawn and Tpr. Snyder took up a position near Tpr. Gennario.

Seeing that the man was again advancing on Tpr. Gennario, Sgt. Haumann ordered him to drop his weapon. The man turned towards Sgt. Haumann, pointed the shotgun at him and began advancing. Sgt. Haumann and Tprs. Gennario and Snyder fired several shotgun rounds at the man.

Although the man was hit numerous times, he continued to point his shotgun at the responding officer, occasionally lowering his weapon and point it at his own head.

Eventually, the troopers were able to secure and handcuff the man.

At the same time, Tpr. Gennario and Inv. Dustin J. Hite (D-Oneida), who arrived as the last shots were being fired, rushed to locate the infant. During the turmoil, the baby's aunt had retrieved him from the ground and brought him inside the residence.

Tpr. Gennario and Inv. Hite immediately began CPR on the infant. They continued until the ambulance arrived. The three-month-old infant was transported to Rome Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The 21-year-old shooter was transported by Mercy Flight to University Hospital in Syracuse, NY, where he underwent surgery.

He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to state prison.

Arson by Desperate Woman Puts Lives of Her Family in Jeopardy

August 1, 2010 — At about 1:30 a.m., **Tprs. Thomas P. Haver** and **Carl W. Parow** (D-Herkimer) responded to a report of a gasoline

odor at a three-story apartment house located on South Main Street in Middleville, Herkimer County,.

The Middleville Fire Department was already on the scene when the troopers arrived.

Tprs. Haver and Parow interviewed a male residence, who said that he was in his upstairs apartment with his wife and adult son when he smelled an odor of gasoline coming from the hallway and that it seemed there was gasoline in the hallway and on the carpet on the stairs.

The man said that his daughter-in-law and her infant son were staying in the apartment while her husband (his other son) was away on military duty.

After talking with all the residents in the apartment building where no one had seen anything suspicious, the troopers checked the area around the residence for suspicious activity and conducted neighborhood interviews with negative results.

The carpet was removed and the residence was deemed safe by the fire department personnel who remained at the scene.

At about 3:31 a.m., the troopers were dispatched to the same apartment building for a structure fire with entrapment and returned along with the Middleville Fire Department.

Heavy smoke and flames were visible from the second floor of the building and three people were stranded on the third floor with their heads hanging out of the windows.

Tpr. Haver got a ladder from the fire truck and place it against the apartment building, allowing the three trapped individuals on the third floor to climb out the window and down the ladder to safety.

The three people were transported to an area hospital where they were treated for minor smoke inhalation and released.

Tpr. Parow was looking in the first floor windows and saw a baby sleeping unattended in a room that was beginning to fill with smoke. He entered the residence through a window, picked up the 4-month-old infant and, with the assistance of the Middleville Fire Chief, exited with the uninjured infant.

The baby's mother was rescued by fire personnel from a second-story bathroom located within close proximity to the fire. She was hospitalized and listed in critical condition after suffering heavy smoke inhalation.

Troop D FIU and BCI responded to the scene along with the Herkimer County Fire Investigation Team. The fire was ruled an arson.

Evidence located at the scene indicated that the fire was likely set inside the residence by one of the family members.

An intensive investigation by the SP Herkimer BCI Unit found that the arson was planned by the infant's mother in an attempt to bring her husband home from Iraq.

She was charged with two counts of Arson 2nd and one count of Attempted Arson 2nd and a friend, who assisted the mother, was charged with one count of Arson 3rd.

Armed Estranged-husband Plans to Abduct Wife's New Boyfriend

August 29, 2010 — As **Tpr. Michael R. Eckler** (D- Alexandria Bay) was responding to a dispatch of a verbal domestic in Plessis, NY, an update said that shots had been fired inside the residence occupied by three adults

and a young child.

Within minutes, the trooper arrived at the residence and saw a pickup truck in front of the residence with a man sitting in the driver's seat and the engine running.

Armed with his rifle, Tpr. Eckler approached the pickup truck and was informed by the driver that he had driven his friend to visit his estranged wife and that his friend had pulled a weapon from a bag and entered the residence. Further he said that he heard gunshots come from inside the residence and that his friend was still inside the residence.

Tpr. Eckler secured the driver in a safe area. As he approached the front of the residence, a woman came out the front door screaming that there was a 1½ year-old child inside and that her estranged husband was also inside and had a gun.

As Tpr. Eckler entered the open front door, he saw bullet holes in the door and smashed glass throughout the area.

Once inside, he saw a man descending from upstairs into the living room, quickly identified himself and ordered the man to the ground. When the man complied with Tpr. Eckler's commands, the trooper placed him into custody without further incident.

Investigation revealed that the estranged husband had fired at least four rounds into the door and was in possession of duct tape, flex

handcuffs, and a professional lock pick kit. He admitted that his intention was to abduct his estranged wife's new boyfriend.

Investigator Negotiates Peaceful Surrender; Infant Unharmed

September 26, 2010 — **Tpr. Kevin P. Conners** (D-Lafayette), responded to a report of shots fired with injuries at a residence in Nedrow, and found a 25-year-old woman with a gunshot wound to the chest lying in the roadway in front of the residence.

The trooper provided first aid and cover for the victim and, with the help of a neighbor, moved the victim to safety.

The victim told the trooper that she had arrived with her one-month-old son to visit the infant's grandmother, handed the baby to the



Troopers Undertake Search for Missing Driver: Tpr. Joseph N. Lamardo (D-Pulaski), Tpr. Michael H. Scheibel (D-CVEU), and Tpr. Jared M. Hogan (D-Alexandria Bay) setting up the Side-Scan Sonar in a search for a missing driver in Baldwinsville, NY, on March 15, 2010.

grandmother and returned to her vehicle to retrieve belongings.

When she returned to the residence she was shot once through the door by, she believed, her grandmother's 35-year-old son and that the armed suspect, grandmother, and her infant remained inside.

Tpr. Conners retrieved his division shotgun and took cover near the residence and directed his backup—**Tprs. Danielle M. Kendall** and **Matthew L. Becker**, (D-Lafayette)—to do the same.

As members of the Onondaga County Sheriffs Department arrived, Tpr. Conners directed them to establish a perimeter around the



Child Passenger Safety Program in Action: Tpr. Lynda J. Smalley (D-Elbridge) checks a child car seat at an event at the Syracuse Jewish Community Center.

scene and to evacuate nearby residences.

Sgt./SC Susan E. Lockyer (D-Lafayette) arrived on scene and established a command post with members of the Onondaga County SWAT team and initiated reverse-911 calls to be made to residences in the immediate area.

Tprs. Conners, Kendall, and Becker continued to provide the command post with vital information throughout the standoff.

Tprs. John E. Kulesa (D-North Syracuse) and **Jeffrey M. Cicora** (D-Lysander), equipped with patrol rifles, responded and assisted with the perimeter.

Hostage negotiator **Inv. Richard P. Dix** (D-Lafayette) arrived and began communicating with the man. Eventually, he let his mother leave the residence and after about two hours of intense negotiations, Inv. Dix was able to negotiate a peaceful surrender.

The infant was located unharmed in the residence. The infant's mother underwent surgery at Upstate University Hospital and is expected to make a full recovery.

Trooper Spots House Fire; Evacuates Five Residents

December 21, 2010 — **Tpr. Jason A. Thomas** (D-Sullivan) en route to a complaint at 2:20 p.m., observed dark smoke billowing out of a residence on Canal Road in Lenox.

Tpr. Thomas immediately contacted Madison County 911 and requested the fire department, then, raced toward the house.

With the assistance of another passerby, the trooper began alerting the occupants of the residence that the house was on fire.

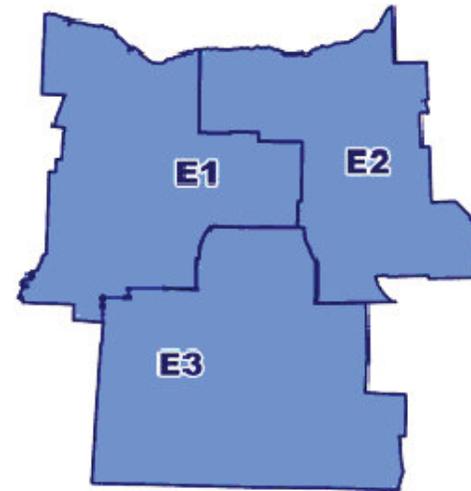
He banged on doors and windows until he

gained entry into the house, helped five occupants to safety, including an 86-year-old woman, and prevented them from returning to the residence when they tried to re-enter to retrieve their belongings.

Tpr. Thomas obtained the fire extinguisher from the rear of his patrol unit and entered the residence in an attempt to extinguish the flames. Once inside the building, he determined that the fire had started in an old wood stove, but had spread into the walls and up through the roof.

After the fire department arrived, Tpr. Thomas offered comfort to the family until neighbors and the Red Cross arrived.

Troop E



Like Troop A, its neighbor to the west, Troop E covers a sprawling region bordered by Lake Ontario to the north and Pennsylvania to the south.

The ten counties served by the "Finger Lakes Troop," as Troop E is known, encompass some of the most picturesque agricultural and recreational areas of New York State.

There are seven cities, 160 towns and 79 villages throughout the area. The region is overspread with farms, vineyards and orchards; its gentle, rolling hills attract hunters, skiers and other winter enthusiasts, and the five Finger Lakes are a world-famous aquatic playground.

All these assets contribute to the areas vigorous economy, substantial population and plenty of highway travel that is reflected in Troop E's operation.

Troop E was created in 1967 from portions of Troops A, C and D, and, in 2010, its four Zones were consolidated into three.

From 24 stations throughout the region, Troop E's Uniform personnel patrol 18,457 miles of rural and interstate roadways every day, and its BCI investigative specialists deal with criminal matters of every type and variety.

Population: 1.3 million (approx.) **Service Territory:** 6,042 square miles

Counties Served: Cayuga, Chemung, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Yates

Headquarters: Canandaigua (Ontario County)

Zone 1: Churchville, Geneseo, Lima, Naples, Penfield, Rochester

Zone 2: Auburn, Lyons, Moravia, Romulus, Walworth, Waterloo, Williamson, Wolcott

Zone 3: Bath, Big Flats, Dundee, Horseheads, Montour Falls, North Hornell, Painted Post, Wayland, Wellsburg

2010 Selected Statistics

Calls for Service: 57,971

Vehicle and Traffic Law Enforcement

DWI Arrests: 1,360

Speed: 31,878

Safety Restraints: 11,338

Total V & T: 117,355

Index Crimes

Violent

Murder: 2

Rape: 100

Robbery: 26

Assault: 320

Property

Burglary: 1,016

Larceny: 3,026

Motor Vehicle Theft: 130

Part II Offenses: 14,260

Troop E - 2010 Interesting Cases

Traffic Stop Turns Life-threatening

January 2010 — When on patrol in Rochester, **Tprs. Eric R. Salamone** and **David J. Feeny** (E-Rochester, Operation IMPACT) observed a vehicle pull away from the curb into traffic without signaling and initiated a traffic stop.

As the troopers approached the vehicle, a passenger bolted from the vehicle and fled on foot. Tpr. Salamone pursued the man and, as he neared him, the man pulled a .40 caliber semi-automatic handgun from his waistband.

Tpr. Salamone tackled the man and dislodged the weapon from his hand. A violent struggle ensued, and although Tpr. Salamone was injured when the man struck him on the nose, he was able to overcome the man and take him into custody.

The loaded handgun had been stolen during a burglary that occurred two years prior to this incident.

The man was charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd, Assault 2nd, Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 4th, Menacing 2nd and Resisting Arrest.

In addition, the vehicle's driver was found to possess a dagger and marijuana for which he was charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3rd and Unlawful Possession of Marijuana.

Arrest of Child Pornographer Triggered by Aware Father

February 4, 2010 — **Tpr. Brian W. Mayhew** (E-Horseheads) received a complaint from a

father that an adult male was soliciting sexual favors from his 12-year-old daughter, via an on-line chat room.

While monitoring his daughter's computer activity, the father noted a dialogue between his daughter and an unknown man wherein the man used explicit language regarding his desire to engage in deviant sexual relations with pre-teenaged girls. The father had deleted relevant evidence, but clearly articulated what had been written on the screen.

Tpr. Mayhew conferred with **Inv. Brian J. Langtry** (E-Horseheads), who then requested a subpoena for AOL, Craigslist and Yahoo, and enlisted the assistance of **Inv. Keith L. Becker** (H-CCU).

They were able to retrieve the electronic communication sent by the man and determined that he was a 30-year-old man in Utica, NY, with an extensive history of involvement in Child Pornography.

The information developed was shared with the Utica PD and on February 18, 2010, the Utica PD arrested the offender and charged him with Possessing Child Pornography. He was remanded to the Oneida County Jail in lieu of \$30,000 bail.

Theft of \$111 Puts Man in Jail

April 5, 2010 — At about 2:45 a.m., **Tprs. Spencer Gerow** and **Derek Raichel** (E-Bath) responded to a Steuben County 911 dispatch of an armed robbery at the Kwik-Fill gas station on Seneca Road in Hornellsville.

The clerk said that a man armed with a

long gun entered the store and demanded all of their cash. When he was handed a bag containing an undetermined amount of money, he quickly left the store and got into a vehicle which sped off.

The clerk said the robber was wearing tan pants, a black shirt, a black baseball hat and had a black mask over his face.

Tprs. Matthew Morsheimer and **Martin McClellan** (E-Wayland) having monitored the 911 broadcast, saw a vehicle coming from the Hornell area, traveling at 72 mph in a 55 mph zone. Believing that the car may be the one involved in the robbery, the troopers initiated pursuit.

Although the troopers lost sight of the vehicle when it turned onto some back road, they intuited the vehicle's direction and located the vehicle. Receiving assistance from the Dansville PD and Livingston County SO, they conducted a successful Felony Vehicle Stop.

The male passenger fit the description of the robbery suspect and, when the 20-year-old female driver consented to opening the trunk, the officers found a long gun. Further, the driver admitted that she was attempting to ditch the troopers and that the passenger was the man they were looking for. Both were placed into custody and transported to SP Bath.

When **Inv. Donald Rodbourn** (E-Bath) talked to the man, he confessed to the robbery, said that the woman had repeatedly tried to persuade him from doing so. Also, he said that most of the proceeds from the robbery were under the passenger seat and some of

the money was in the driver's purse, where he tried to hide it when stopped by the troopers.

Further, that when they turned off the main road to elude the troopers, they threw the mask out the window, then stopped and moved the rifle to the trunk.

Officers recovered \$111 from the vehicle and the driver's purse, and secured a .22 caliber semi-automatic rifle and 5 rounds. A file check revealed that gun was stolen from Virginia.

The following morning, Tpr. Angela Kline (E-Wayland) searched the back roads and located the black mask used in the robbery.

The 26-year-old man was charged with Robbery 1st and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th, arraigned and remanded to the Steuben County Jail in lieu of \$50,000 cash or \$100,000 bond.

After consultation with the Steuben County D.A.'s Office, the female driver was not charged.

Husband's Inconsistencies Leads to Indictment

June 24, 2010 — A seven-month long investigation under the direction of **Capt. Scott M. Crosier** (E-BCI), with support from E-VCIT and E-FIU, was concluded.

November 22, 2009 — SP Bath and Painted Post patrols responded to the St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell, NY, where a man reported that, while operating an ATV, his wife was ejected and sustained serious injuries.

The wife was transferred to Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, N.Y., where she died the following day.

Interviews of the husband produced inconsistencies, such as his inability to locate and or identify the actual scene of the incident, and post mortem examinations

concluded that the women died of blunt force trauma to the head with the manner of death being homicide.

Officers executed search warrants of the residence, computer and cell phones of the victim and her husband, and the cell phone of a material witness.

Based on the evidence, the husband was arrested and charged with Murder 2nd; two counts Criminal Contempt 1st, Aggravated Criminal Contempt, Offering a False Instrument for Filing 1st and Tampering with Physical Evidence. He was incarcerated in the Steuben Co. Jail.

80-year-old Homeowner's Action Helps Catch Residential Burglar

August 20, 2010 — Tpr. **Daniel Alaimo** and **Derek Raichel** (E-Bath) responding to a report of a man being shot while breaking into a residence in the Pulteney, found a 43-year-old man inside the residence who had been shot twice—in the chest and upper leg—by the 80-year-old homeowner.

The homeowner said he was already in bed watching TV with his wife and ignored the knock at the front door.

The knocking continued



Teens Miraculously Survive 90 mph Crash: Tprs, Nathan A. Crudele and John F. Allen (E-Collision Reconstruction Unit) investigate crash scene that resulted from two under-age boys drinking, stealing a car and driving at an estimated 90 mph. The youths had been drinking at a private residence in Shortsville and, when the host retired for the evening, the youths took the host's car without permission and went for a joyride that ended when they lost control, went off the road, and struck several trees. The front half of the vehicle, including the engine compartment and trans-axle, came to rest on the centerline of the road over 70 feet from the passenger compartment. Amazingly, the boys survived..

for a couple minutes, then stopped, after which the homeowner heard a noise coming from the area of the bathroom.

The homeowner went to the bathroom and saw a man crawling in through the window, retrieved his registered .32 caliber handgun and confronted the man who was now inside the residence.

The burglar charged the homeowner and, when he would not stop, the homeowner shot the man twice when the burglar was a few feet from him.

The burglar made up a story that he had heard screaming inside the residence as the reason for his forced entry.

Inv. Jeffrey Albright (E-Bath) conducted an investigation and found the burglar's vehicle near the scene and a search revealed proceeds from several other area burglaries.

The burglar was transported by helicopter to a hospital in Rochester and underwent surgery for his injuries and was listed in guarded condition.

A week after the shooting, hospital personnel said that the burglar was capable of being interviewed and, as a result of the interview conducted by Inv. Albright, four other residential burglaries were solved. The 80-year-old homeowner was not charged.

Woman Ejects Boyfriend after Finding Drugs in Trunk of Car

August 23, 2010 — When he arrived at a trailer park for a reported domestic dispute between a man and woman, **Tpr. Frederick J. Sousa II** (E-Lyons) spotted a man carrying a grocery-sized bag. When the man saw the trooper he quickly walked behind the

residence.

Tpr. Sousa talked to the woman about the dispute and learned that the incident stemmed from her finding drugs and drug-related items in the trunk of her vehicle. She packed up his personal affects and locked him out of the residence.

The man attempted to re-enter the house through a window and as she attempted to prevent this, he forcibly removed and took her gold necklace.

She said she saw him walk to her car, retrieve the bag of drugs, walk behind the house, then flee into the woods without the bag. She believed that he may have hid the bag of drugs underneath the trailer. Tpr. Sousa located the bag and verified the contents as being illegal drugs.

Tpr. Sousa cleared the scene, hid his patrol vehicle and took up a position to observe the man's last known location. Within minutes, Tpr. Sousa saw the man leave one hiding spot and go to another and, when the trooper confronted him, the man became combative and actively resisted.

Ultimately, Tpr. Sousa was able to place the man into custody without injury. The man was charged with Robbery 3rd, Criminal Contempt 1st, Criminal Mischief 4th, Criminal Possession of Marihuana 4th, Resisting Arrest, Obstructing Governmental Administration 2nd, and Harassment 2nd.

Caught for Speeding; Arrested for Possession of Drugs

September 3, 2010 — **Tpr. Steven G. Sick** (E-Geneseo) was running laser on I-390 Southbound in Geneseo, when he saw a 1995 Toyota traveling 87 mph.

Tpr. Sick stopped the vehicle and the 20-year-old male driver from Rochester, NY, said that he was on his way to Alfred State University.

When the trooper ran a NYSPIN check of the man's driver's license, he found it had been suspended seven times on five dates.

Tpr. Sick took the driver into custody for Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 2nd Degree and called **Tpr. Jeffrey P. Mast** (E-Geneseo) to assist with an inventory of the vehicle.

When Tpr. Mast inventoried the car, he discovered 17 bags of marijuana and 19 bags of crack cocaine packaged for individual sale hidden inside the trunk and passenger compartments.

The 20-year-old received additional charges of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd and Criminal Possession of Marijuana 5th. He was arraigned in the Geneseo Town Court and remanded to the Livingston County Jail on \$5,000 cash bail

20-year-old Child Pornographer Exploited Little Sister and Niece

September 28, 2010 - Based upon a Cyber Tip Line Referral from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), **Invs. Amy Crosier** (E-Rochester) and **David O. Simmons** (H-CCU) initiated an investigation into the alleged promotion of a sexual performance by a child in Rochester, NY.

Following the tip, the investigators interviewed the owners of a Rochester residence and found that the suspect was the owner's 20-year-old son.

The investigators obtained a signed written

consent to search the son's computer and the parents turned over a computer hard drive that their son had just removed from his computer. The son admitted to his parents that he removed the hard drive because it contained "child porn" and he was swapping out the hard drive in an attempt to hide the evidence.

Inv. Simmons conducted an examination of the surrendered hard drive and located a hidden folder which contained hundreds of explicit pornographic child images. Also, he located was another folder which contained several images of a female child less than 10-years-old being subjected to rape and sodomy.

This documented rape, sodomy, and sexual exploitation of a child, along with several other images of children in this folder indicated that these images were possibly taken during May of 2009. The file's metadata suggested they were taken with a cell phone camera.

Invs. Crosier and Simmons along with **Sr. Inv. James. J. Newell** and **Inv. Stephen LaLonde** (E-Rochester) executed a search warrant at the suspect's address on October 1, 2010 and found out that a 20-year-old male, who was a family friend, was rooming with the son.

The 20-year-old friend agreed to be interviewed at SP Rochester. Initially the friend denied having knowledge of any documented sexual abuse and added that, although he had viewed child porn images on the son's computer, he had nothing to do with the images.

Observing the friend during the interview and based on his physical characteristics, Inv. Crosier requested to take close up

photographs of the his hands. The friend immediately became visibly shaken and emotional. Subsequently, he confessed to taking the rape and sodomy photos found by Inv. Simmons on the cell phone—the images were of the man's hands on the child's buttocks.

The interview resulted in the friend admitting that he had engaged in sexual activity with his 5-year-old sister and took sexually explicit images of his 10-year-old niece.

Inv. J. Tracy Cass (E-Rochester), a participating member of the "Bivona Child Advocacy Center," was notified, joined the investigation and assisted with the coordination of interviews of the potential child victims and their parents.

The 20-year-old friend was arrested and charged with two class "B" felonies and remanded to the Monroe County jail without bail, pending further grand jury action.

The 20-year-old son was indicted by the Monroe County Grand Jury on one count of Use of a Child in a Sexual Performance.

Boy Rescued After Fall Over Cliff; Friends Spun Drug-induced Tale

May 24, 2010 — In response to a concern about a dead person, Tpr. Thaddeus P. Wiggins (E-Wolcott) spoke with a man who told him that his daughter was camping in Fair Haven State Park and had called him that morning to pick them up saying that her friend was dead and buried at the campsite. The father said that he believed that his daughter and her friends were taking drugs.

Trooper Wiggins and the father arrived at the state park, located the daughter and was told that her friend Chris was dead and buried at

the camp site—absorbed into the ground—and they were unable to dig him up. When the surrounding area was searched nothing was found.

The girls said that they had left Chris at the campsite to go get fish hooks and when they returned he was gone.

The trooper walked everybody back to their vehicles, contacted SP Auburn to run all parties through NYSPIN and found that the daughter's friend had a warrant from Dewitt and took her into custody. Both girls were in possession of unknown pills with the prescription labels torn off and were transported to SP Wolcott.

With assistance from Inv. Douglas F. Thomas (E-Wolcott), a written statement was taken from the daughter that told a fantastical story about "people moving around in the night," feeling coming from under the ground, and reincarnation of animals from dug up bones.

While the girls were being interviewed, a NYSP detail initiated a search for the missing boy and were assisted by NYSP Aviation, ENCON and Border Patrol. The boy was found at the bottom of a 10-story cliff, from where it is believed that he had fallen, and air lifted to the hospital. He received medical treatment for several injuries, including a collapsed lung, skull fracture and kidney failure.

The two girls were charged with CPCS 7th and a Public Health Law violation for having a controlled substance outside its original container. They were arraigned and committed to the Cayuga County Jail on \$5000 bail.

Troop F

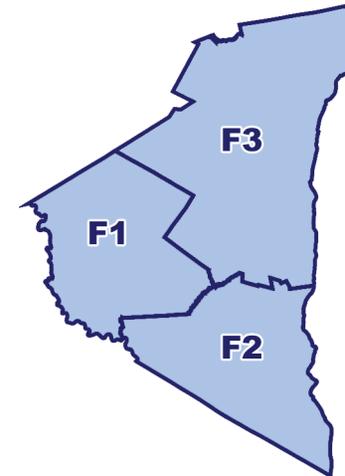
Created from portions of Troops C, G and K in 1968, Troop F services the State's heavily traveled Mid Hudson region.

Working from 23 stations, Troop F personnel provide the full spectrum of State Police services to residents, commuters and travelers in and around the region's 75 towns and 50 villages.

Though its resident population is modest by Empire State standards, the area's many Catskill Mountain vacation homes and resorts, along with its proximity to New York City, make it a busy place to live, work and visit.

The region encompasses five major ski centers, untold hundreds of camps and campgrounds, and the world famous festival sites of Woodstock and Bethel, both of which draw thousands of faithful music aficionados every August.

Commercially, Stewart International Airport in Newburgh, possessor of the sixth longest runway in the world, is becoming a major player in the air travel market and is the preferred alternative to the hectic airports of New York City. Troop F has responsibility for providing security to the airport.



Population: 928,000 (approx.) **Service Territory:** 3,756 square miles

Counties Served: Greene, Orange, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster

Headquarters: Middletown (Orange County)

Zone 1: Liberty, Narrowsburg, Roscoe, Wurtsboro

Zone 2: Deer Park, Florida, Greenville, Hamptonburgh, Haverstraw, Monroe, Newburgh, New Hampton, Pine Bush

Zone 3: Catskill, Coxsackie, Ellenville, Gardiner, Greenville, Highland, Hunter, Kingston, Shokan

2010 Selected Statistics

Calls for Service: 61,846

Vehicle and Traffic Law Enforcement

DWI Arrests: 2,928

Speed: 35,911

Safety Restraints: 15,528

Total V & T: 125,611

Index Crimes

Violent

Murder: 2

Rape: 104

Robbery: 62

Assault: 450

Property

Burglary: 980

Larceny: 3,280

Motor Vehicle Theft: 224

Part II Offenses: 20,858

Troop F - 2010 Interesting Cases

Children Left in Care of Boyfriend with Record of Violence

March 2010 — The body of a 4-year-old Newburgh boy was found. He had been in the care of his mother's 30-year-old boyfriend, when he was reported missing on December 7, 2009.

During his initial interview, the boyfriend said that the boy went to visit a close relative who lived next door but never arrived at his destination. When discrepancies in the boyfriend's account of the disappearance became apparent, he refused to cooperate any further.

The boyfriend was arrested later that evening for violation of parole and endangering the welfare of a child.

Although it was learned that the boyfriend was convicted in 1999 of felony reckless endangerment and sentenced to 1½ years in state prison for assaulting and gravely injuring mother's other son, who was 14-months-old at the time, the child's mother adamantly refused to acknowledge that her boyfriend could have had any involvement in the disappearance of her son

Additionally, in 2002, the boyfriend robbed and slashed an 18-year-old Newburgh man even after the man complied with all of his demands. Again, he was sent to state prison and was released in the spring of 2009.

The Newburgh PD, State Police and other agencies began an exhaustive search for the 4-year-old. For several weeks hundreds of searchers, K-9 units and scuba divers

scoured Newburgh's waterfront area, but were forced to halt searches due to bitter cold, the heavy accumulation of snow and thick ice forming on the Hudson River.

F-Major Crimes Unit members continued to working with Newburgh detectives and conducted hundreds of interviews, viewed dozens of surveillance videos and listened to over 400 hours of recorded audio conversations trying to find out what exactly had happened to the little boy.

In March of 2010, after the winter snows began to melt, the waterfront searches began again, and a NYSP K-9 unit soon located the 4-year-old's remains about halfway between the boy's residence and the river.

The little boy's body had been buried beneath a wood pile in a duffle bag that was identified through witnesses and forensic evidence as belonging to the boyfriend. The cause of his death was determined to be "homicidal violence".

Although the boyfriend is incarcerated in Orange County Jail for the aforementioned parole violation, an indictment for the murder of the 4-year-old is expected.

Traffic Stop results in Arrest of Seven Drug Ring Members

June 25, 2010 – When **Tpr. Timothy Dymond** (F-Liberty) approached a vehicle, after conducting a traffic stop, he saw the female driver make movements towards the back of her vehicle.

Obtaining consent from the woman, he searched the vehicle and found a cardboard

box under the seat which contained Xanax and Hydrocodone pills.

He arrested the driver for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th and Violating the Public Health Law.

At the Liberty station the woman spoke with **BCI Invs. Michael Kelly** and **Christopher Fox** and supplied information about others involved in drug activity. This lead to **Tprs. Justin Mootz, Dennis Carbone** and **Timothy Dymond** responding to a local trailer park where they took a male juvenile into custody who possessed hundreds of Xanax pills and charged him with Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance 5th.

Two others at the scene were charged with Possession of Prescription Pills and Loitering 1st.

With knowledge that a vehicle had left the park with a supply of prescription medication en route to another park in Fallsburg, **Tprs. Michael Pappas, Philip Hall** and **Elizabeth Schock** responded to the Fallsburg location and arrested two more people and a supplier.

Murders Father; Tries to Hire Inmate to Kill Rest of Family

July 7, 2010 — F-BCI, F-Major Crimes Unit and the Village of Tuxedo Park Police responded to a 911 call of a serious assault in Tuxedo Park.

A 30-year-old man, who was estranged from his parents, stabbed and bludgeoned his 66-year-old father to death when the father opened the door to go on a morning walk.

Then, the man knocked his 62-year-old

mother unconscious with a frying pan and, after holding her against her will for almost 12 hours, fled in his mother's vehicle.

He was soon located and arrested in Rockland County and charged with Murder in the 2nd and remanded to the Orange County jail without bail.

About one month into his incarceration he tried to hire another inmate to kill both his mother and his maternal grandmother. The inmate notified jail authorities.

The Major Crimes Unit placed a body wire on the cooperating inmate and secured both audio and video recordings of incriminating conversations between the 30-year-old son and the inmate that clearly exhibited the son's intentions.

They also secured a map he had drawn of his mother's residence detailing which security alarm and telephone wires should be cut prior the planned murders of his remaining family.

He was indicted for two counts of Conspiracy 2nd and incarceration in the Orange County jail.

Steal IDs, Get Credit Cards, Make Purchases and Earn 10%

August 8, 2010 — **Tprs. Susan Buckley** (F-Middletown) and **David Dively** (F-Pine Bush) responded to the Sears in the Galleria Mall, Middletown, NY, related to a woman who had used a forged NYS driver's license to purchase merchandise.

When Tpr. Buckley talked to the woman, she admitted to the crime. And, when Tpr. Dively interviewed her male companion, he said that he drove Dauphin to the store and helped her commit the crime. Both of them were

transported to SP Middletown.

When Inv. Brian Hammer (F-Middletown) interviewed the woman, she said that she used a fraudulent driver's license and false credit information to purchase a television and a blue-ray DVD player.

She further admitted that she worked as a customer service representative for a health care service and, during work, would steal client information from their computer system and turn it over to a person known as Zest.

Then, Zest would run credit reports on the names provided, complete credit card applications using the names and create false identification to go with the credit cards.

In turn, the woman would use the credit cards and the identifications to purchase merchandise for Zest in exchange for a 10% payment of the value of the items.

She admitted to making these transactions several times over a two month period and had turned over at least 30 identities to Zest.

When interviewed by Inv. Hammer, her male companion admitted that he had provided a false name to Tpr. Dively to avoid arrest under his real name and the NYS driver's license he used for identification was stolen.

The woman was charged with Identity Theft 1st, Grand larceny 4th, and Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument 3rd. The man was arrested for Grand larceny 4th and Criminal Impersonation 2nd. Both were remanded to Orange County Jail on \$25,000 bail.

Full-scale Search Locates Woman in Reservoir

October 1, 2010 – Following a night of heavy

rain and flooding, SP Liberty received a call about a Beaverkill woman who had been seen driving on the roadway between her home and her place of employment at 5:00 a.m. that morning, but had failed to show up for work.

When the roadways she would have taken were searched, it was determined that one of them had been covered by floodwaters in the early morning hours. At about 2:00 p.m., a Neversink resident reported seeing an overturned vehicle that fit the description of missing woman's vehicle on the far bank of the raging Neversink River on property which could only be accessed by a private hunting camp road.

State Police Aviation responded, landed on the far bank, verified that the vehicle belonged to the missing woman and reported that the woman was not in the vehicle.

An organized search was conducted the following morning involving personnel from various volunteer fire departments, NYC Environmental Conservation Police, Park Rangers, and State Police K-9 handlers,



Aviation Verifies Ownership of Vehicle: NYSP Helicopter hovering over the raging Neversink River preparing to land in order to verify that the vehicle (left) belonged to the missing woman .

SCUBA units, Aviation, Uniform and BCI members assisted by over 100 volunteers.

The deceased woman was located by aviation units in the Neversink reservoir about nine miles from where her car had entered the river.

Three Career Criminals Indicted for Murder and Conspiracy

November 4, 2010 — The Newburgh PD located a vehicle in Newburgh that belonged to a 49-year-old Highland resident on whom SP Highland had an active missing person file. When they searched the block where the vehicle was located, they found two bodies in a vacant house with bullet wounds in their heads.

Shortly after the Newburgh PD requested assistance from F-Major Crimes Unit, the two victims were identified—an uncle and his 28-year-old nephew. Neither man had any known ties to Newburgh.

Investigators conducted interviews with neighbors and family and friends of the victims. Neighbors said they saw a well dressed black male with an umbrella in the doorway of the vacant house. Family and friends said that the uncle may have been meeting someone named the “Rabbi” to collect some money owed to a third man from Brooklyn, NY.

A review of the victims cell phone records showed several NYC phone numbers that were called around the time of the homicides. One particular phone record showed that a Brooklyn-man was in contact with the uncle immediately prior to the time of the homicides.

A check into the background of the Brooklyn-man indicated that he was called “Rabbi” and

had been involved in mortgage fraud and forgery schemes and was currently appealing a federal conviction in which he threatened co-defendants, that had planned to testify against him, with a gun demanding that they not cooperate with the investigation.

Investigators located and spoke with “Rabbi” about this investigation. He denied having any direct involvement with the two murders, but did state that he met the uncle and his nephew at the vacant house to pay off a loan, then, returned to Brooklyn with his Jamaican driver. He further stated that the uncle and nephew were alive when he left the house.

The “Rabbi’s” driver said he and the “Rabbi” picked up two black males in Brooklyn and he drove the three men to Newburgh on the day of the homicides.

A search warrant was executed on the “Rabbi’s” Hummer and GPS unit. An analysis of the GPS unit provided the exact route taken from “Rabbi’s” Brooklyn home to the site of the homicides, including numerous stops that were made along the way.

Investigators reviewed surveillance videos from the establishments at which the stops were made and they showed the “Rabbi,” his driver, and two well dressed, black males, one with an umbrella, eating at a Brooklyn restaurant early in the morning; buying gasoline in Newburgh in the afternoon; buying rubber gloves and zip ties at a hardware store in Sullivan County, then having dinner at a New Jersey restaurant after the time of the murders.

An additional video showed the “Rabbi” handing one of the well dressed black males a sum of cash while inside a doughnut shop in Liberty, NY.

After scores of interviews, a dozen-plus search warrants and analysis of volumes of telephone/GPS records and surveillance videos, the two well dressed black males were identified—a 56-year-old Brooklyn man and a 51-year-old Manhattan man.

It was learned that “Rabbi” had duped the third man in a mortgage fraud and stole about \$40,000 from him. The third man had made several attempts to recoup his money, but when “Rabbi” refused to re-pay him he asked the uncle to help him and to meet the “Rabbi” to obtain restitution.

November 4, 2010 — Although “Rabbi” agreed to meet the uncle in the vacant house, he hired the 56-year-old and a 51-year-old, both of whom has extensive criminal histories, to go to Newburgh with him and kill the uncle.

When the uncle and nephew entered the vacant house they were both shot at close range, then shot in the head.

December 1, 2010 — F-Major Crimes Unit and the Newburgh PD arrested “Rabbi,” the 56-year-old and the 51-year-old for Murder 2nd Degree. When their residences were searched, critical evidence associated with the case was obtained. The three men were indicted on four counts of Murder 1st, two counts of Murder 2nd and two counts of Conspiracy 2nd

Exhausting Effort Ends with Six Arrested; Property Recovered

November 17, 2010 – At about 5:16 a.m, SP Catskill received a call reporting an armed home invasion in Cairo.

The resident reported that two unknown people wearing ski masks and armed with a shotgun forcibly entered their home, tied

up the husband and wife, and threatened to shoot their four small children in front of them if they did not tell them where their guns were.

The masked men left with a safe and eight shotguns and rifles.

Sgt. Patrick M. Cullen and **Tprs. Gregory R. Overholt** and **James J. Nagle** (F-Catskill) and **Amauris R. Soler** and **James V. Castiglione** (F-Catskill), responded and obtained descriptions of the suspects and a vehicle seen leaving the area.

Two possible suspects were identified and at about 2:30 p.m., **Tprs. Steven D. Arp** and **Paul B. Rosenblatt** (F-Catskill) saw the suspected vehicle on ST-23 in Windham, NY. When the troopers stopped the vehicle, the female driver gave them information that led investigators and troopers to a second floor apartment over a hardware store on ST-23 in Windham, where the suspects were located.

When the occupants of the apartment refused to open the door and would not communicate with officers, a perimeter was established and the area evacuated. A detail directed by **Z/C Capt. Patrick J. Regan** (F - Kingston) responded along with SORT and F-Crisis Negotiators.

Over the next 7½ hours, crisis negotiators **Invs. Joseph E. Caputo**, **Diana E. Benoit** and **William E. Fitzmaurice** negotiated with the occupants through the door while **Invs. Erica F. Brewer** and **Mario Restivo** negotiated with the occupants via cell phones.

Inv. Brewer was able to convince the occupants—three men and a woman—to exit the residence and surrender without incident.

Twelve hours of interviews by BCI-Catskill, **Inv. Dena Pavloudakis** (F-Kingston) and

Tpr. Benjamin J. Ahrberg (F-Catskill) led to the arrests of three people for Burglary 1st and Robbery 1st relating to the home invasion and another three people for assisting in the planning and hiding of the stolen property.

Ultimately, each of the suspects made incriminating statements. The stolen guns and other property from unrelated area burglaries were recovered.

The five males and one female were arraigned and remanded to the Greene County Jail.

Two-year Investigation Ends with Sex Offender Indicted for Murder

December 13, 2010 — BCI-Middletown concluded a case that began on December 03, 2008, when a woman left the Marquee night club in Manhattan with a man later identified as a registered sex offender from Wallkill, NY.

The woman was first reported missing to the NYPD on December 04, 2008 and, after an initial investigation, the case was turned over to the NYSP when it became apparent that the woman had traveled upstate with the sex offender.

On December 05, 2008, the sex offender was arrested on unrelated charges and refused to answer questions related to the woman's disappearance.

Initial investigation determined that the woman was likely the victim of foul play. F-BCI conducted an extensive investigation, while F-FIU gathered evidence and extensive searches were conducted by BCI units, troopers, K-9, Scuba, Aviation

and local volunteer organizations.

The woman's body was located on April 11, 2010 by ATV riders at an abandoned strip/coal mine site in Olyphant, PA, five miles east of Scranton and a short distance from Interstate 84.

When the case was presented to the Orange County Grand Jury in November 2010, the sex offender was indicted on charges of Murder 2nd, Manslaughter 1st and Evidence Tampering.



Search for Victim of Sex Offender: Multiple NYSP details searched extensively trying to locate the missing woman.

Troop G

One of four original troops created in 1917, Troop G lies at the crossroads of New York State.

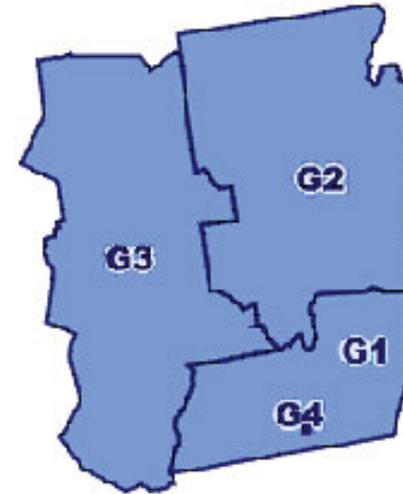
Intersected by the primary arteries of upstate transportation and surrounded by densely populated commuter suburbs, tourist centers and rural districts, Troop G features some of the most heavily traveled highways in New York State.

Both I 87 (the Adirondack Northway) and East/West I 90 transect the region, bringing motorists and commercial haulers through in large numbers.

The region's sprawling suburbs, rural communities, seasonal vacation centers and tourist attractions also benefit from Troop G services. Members of Troop G are a familiar presence throughout the southern Adirondacks, along the state's inland waterways, and on the busy roads leading to such attractions as the Saratoga Race Track and Performing Arts Center, Lake George and the region's many colleges and universities.

Working from 24 stations across 10 counties, the men and women of Troop G service the public safety needs of more than a million people a day in 118 towns, 49 villages and 12 cities.

In 2010, Troop G added Zone 4 and took on the additional responsibility of policing the Capital in Albany.



Population: 1.06 million (approx.) **Service Territory:** 6,534 square miles

Counties Served: Albany, Fulton, Hamilton, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren, Washington

Headquarters: Loudonville (Albany County)

Zone 1: Brunswick, Guilderland, New Scotland, Sand Lake, Schodack, Westerlo

Zone 2: Bolton Landing, Charlton, Chestertown, Clifton Park, Granville, Greenwich, Hadley, Queensbury, Saratoga, Schuylerville, Northway, Wilton

Zone 3: Cobleskill, Fonda, Mayfield, Princetown, Wells

Zone 4: Albany (Capital)

2010 Selected Statistics

Calls for Service: 63,082

Vehicle and Traffic Law Enforcement

DWI Arrests: 1,809	Speed: 36,282
Safety Restraints: 11,360	Total V & T: 106,335

Index Crimes

Violent

Murder: 0
Rape: 82
Robbery: 28
Assault: 222

Property

Burglary: 772
Larceny: 3,756
Motor Vehicle Theft: 158
Part II Offenses: 20,052

Troop G - 2010 Interesting Cases

Traffic Stop Leads to Discovery of Residential Drug Operation

January 2, 2010 — Conducting a traffic stop in Middleburgh, Tpr. Adam P. Maggs (G-Cobleskill) detected an odor of marihuana inside of the vehicle.

He asked the driver to step out of the vehicle and while searching the driver's shoes a marihuana leaf fell out of the driver's sock. The driver was arrested for UPM and DWAI drugs.

Obtaining information of the driver's arrests for illegal drugs and current involvement in narcotics, Tpr. Maggs went to the driver's house where the man lives with his mother.

Tpr. Maggs obtained a consent to search all areas of the residence except the driver's room. He found several marihuana plants, grow lights, digital scales and a black case with cocaine residue within the living area; a hydroponic chamber with numerous plants, chemicals, fertilizers and CO2 canisters in the basement, and over eight ounces of marihuana in a freezer.

The trooper also saw what appeared to be quantity of cocaine on the man's dresser which was in plain view from the hallway.

Eventually, the man gave consent to search his bedroom and Tpr. Maggs found 26 grams of cocaine on the dresser and \$1500 cash.

Additionally, the man was charged with CPCS 3rd, CPM 3rd, Criminal Possession of a Narcotic Drug with intent to sell, CPCS 7th, and Unlawfully Growing Cannabis.

Troop G adds SP Capital as a Fourth Zone

The Executive Services Detail-Capital was formally restructured into Troop G, Zone 4, SP Capital on December 9, 2010, and is headquartered in the Concourse of the Empire State Plaza, in Albany.

In October 1997, ESD-Capital was established when the NYS incorporated the NYS Capital Police which became the third "branch" of the ESD and included separate units based in Albany and New York City.

Despite the transition to a traditional zone structure, SP Capital's unique geographical footprint and mission remain essentially the same and they will continue to provide traditional law enforcement and security services to tenants in the Empire State Plaza complex, the W. Averell Harriman State Office Campus and numerous parking facilities operated by the State Office of General Services (OGS) within Albany city limits.

Security services include staffing key building checkpoints, operating X-ray and magnetometric detection devices, and monitoring and responding to numerous fire and security alarms throughout SP Capital's coverage area.

SP Capital continues to provide a law enforcement and security presence at numerous special events sponsored by OGS at the Empire State Plaza complex.

Sergeant Survives Shooting; Gunman does not

April 26, 2010 — At about 11:38 p.m., while a young woman was reporting to 911 that a man was trying to break into her residence, the man fired five shots at her door. The shooter had a relationship with the caller's mother from September 2009 to February 2010.

Warren County Sheriff's Office (WSCO) Communications directed the caller and her mother to go downstairs, then notified all area patrols that there was a burglary in progress, the location, the probable identity and description of the man and that the man was armed and had fired shots into the residence.

When Dpty. Haley Grace arrived, he saw a man driving away in a vehicle matching the description of the shooter. At a traffic stop, Dpty. Grace ordered the man to remain where he was, but the man disregarded the order and drove south on Schroon River Rd.

The deputy began a pursuit and was joined by **Tprs. James Creede** (G-Bolton Landing) and **Tarone Liebman** (G-Chestertown). After receiving confirmation that the pursued vehicle was the shooter, Sgt. Bartlett authorized the deployment of stop sticks.

Tprs. Ronald Butler (G-Queensbury) and **Richard Billings** (G-Hadley) positioned their patrol car near a set of the stop sticks. After the shooter drove over the stop sticks, damaging the tire on the driver's side, and

turned on to SR-9, the troopers joined the pursuit.

The shooter hit a second set of stop sticks on which damaged the passenger side tires and a third set of stop sticks successfully damaged the final tire. The shooter lost control of his vehicle and came to rest on north side of SR-9N.

Sgts. Bartlett and Riley and Dpty. Lopez and Tprs. Creede, Liebman, Butler and Billings exited their vehicles. The shooter exited his vehicle with a .357 magnum in his hand and ignored the orders to drop the weapon.

The shooter fired his gun striking Sgt. Bartlett in the abdomen just below his body armor and Sgt. Bartlett, Dpty. Lopez and Tprs. Creede, Liebman and Butler returned fire. The shooter got off a second shot before he fell to the ground face down.

The shooter's second round struck Sgt. Riley in his body armor, but he was not injured. Sgt. Bartlett was treated for his gun shot wound at Glens Falls Hospital and fully recovered.

The shooter, who died from numerous gunshot wounds, had been incarcerated in a state prison for a 1993 incident in which he fired a rifle at, now retired, Tpr. John Sharp (G-Whitehall), when Tpr. Sharp went to the shooter's residence following a complaint from a neighbor.

Traffic Stop Leads to Drug Arrest; Cocaine and Heroin Confiscated

July 18, 2010 – **Tprs. Thomas J. Judge** and **William D. Martin** (G-Princeton) stopped a vehicle with three occupants—a male driver, a female in the front-seat and a male in the back-seat—in Duanesburg for no license plate lamp.

The driver told the troopers that he was going to a local weekend festival. Although he did not know the name of the woman, he did not know the name of the man he told the trooper's he had known him for a couple of months.

The female did not know the driver's name, but did identify the man by name and said he was her boyfriend, and she was going to pick up her sister at the festival.

Also, the man in the back-seat did not know the driver's name. He confirmed that the woman was his girlfriend and that they were going camping for a couple of days.

The driver, who was the registered owner of the vehicle, granted the troopers request to search the vehicle. The troopers found six glassine envelopes of heroin located under the center console of the vehicle and placed the three occupants into custody.

A further search of the vehicle produced a lemonade container with a hollowed out bottom and a hidden compartment containing about 106 grams of cocaine and 90 glassine envelopes of heroin.

The three people were transported to SP Princeton where they were interviewed and processed by **Inv. Thomas Cioffi** (G-Princeton) and **Inv. Fernando Ortega** (H-CNET Capital)

The three were charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance with the intent to sell in the 3rd degree and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd.

The were arraigned in the Duanesburg Court and remanded to the Schenectady County jail without bail.

Domestic Dispute turns into Multi-agency Manhunt

August 20, 2010 — **Tpr. Daryl Winslow** (G-Greenwich) responded to a 911 domestic dispute call from a 27-year-old woman reporting that she was assaulted by her live-in boyfriend at their residence in Easton

When **Tpr. Winslow** arrived, he found the woman with many bruises, including bruises on her forehead, hand and other parts of her body, and the house full of broken items.

Taking their 7-year-old daughter, the boyfriend had left in a 1998 Dodge Pickup. (He dropped the girl off at an acquaintance's.)

Responding to Tpr. Winslow's BOLO, **Tpr. Joseph P. Smith** (G-Greenwich), en route to assist, spotted and stopped the boyfriend's truck on Ives Hill Road.

While being interviewed, the boyfriend rapidly accelerated his truck with Tpr. Smith hanging off the vehicle. Tpr. Smith was thrown from the speeding truck, struck the pavement and sustained serious injuries. He was found lying unconscious in the ditch on side of the road by a citizen who immediately called 911.

Tpr. Smith was airlifted to the Albany Medical Center Hospital, where he was treated for a major concussion, large loss of blood, skin and tissue damage and lacerations requiring many sutures.

A week-long manhunt was initiated involving : NYSP, DEC, ICE, FBI, Washington County Sheriff's Dept., NYS Forest Rangers, Cambridge-Greenwich PD and US Border Patrol. Two NYSP helicopters, a US Border Patrol Surveillance plane and truck, and the NYSP SORT and K-9's were put into action.

On August 29, 2010, a local farmer previously interviewed by the state police contacted **Inv. Jeffrey Horn** (G-Granville) and told him that the boyfriend had come to his farm seeking help. Uniform troopers and BCI personnel were dispatched and established a perimeter.

The 30-year-old boyfriend was located hiding in a barn on a farm in Rensselaer County and taken into custody without incident.

He was charged with Assault 1st, aggravated assault on a police officer, Reckless Endangerment 1st and one count of misdemeanor endangering the welfare of a child and held in Washington County jail without bail.

Stolen Vehicle Inquiry Leads to Unexpected Marihuana Operation

August 24, 2010 — At about 4:30 p.m., **Inv. David P. Burns** and **Tpr. Steven M. Rothwein** (G-New Scotland) went to a Bethlehem residence to interview the owner about a stolen Chevrolet Nova.

It was indicated that a Bethlehem man may have information about Chevrolet Novas in the area and, when they arrived the officers saw numerous junked vehicles on the property, many of them being old Chevrolet Novas. Inv. Burns compared information from his stolen vehicle report to the existing vehicles on the property, but found no matches.

As the investigator and trooper approached a blue warehouse on the property, a man drove to the front of the property from the rear of the warehouse and identified himself the 43-year-old owner of the property and all associated vehicles. Inv. Burns asked him if he could check the contents of the warehouse for

possible matches to the stolen vehicle.

When the owner became visibly nervous, again, Inv. Burns asked permission to look in the warehouse for possible matches. The man looked down and uttered, “You guys got me.”

The owner explained that he had marihuana growing inside the warehouse and consented to the search, informing the officers that two men were inside the building. Back-up units from SP New Scotland and Bethlehem PD were called to assist.

The two Albany men exited the building and were questioned, after which the three men were then arrested and taken to SP New Scotland for further investigation. The warehouse contained a large growing operation and a State Police detail seized all equipment and about 74 pounds marihuana.

The three men were processed and charged with Criminal Possession of Marihuana 1st, a class C Felony.

Traffic Stop Yields Hidden Cocaine, Heroin, Stolen Plates

September 10, 2010 – **Tpr. Thomas J. Judge** (G-Princeton) stopped a vehicle for speeding on I-890 in Rotterdam and smelled a strong odor of burnt marijuana emanating from inside the vehicle. The driver, from Poughkeepsie, NY, admitted to smoking marijuana inside the vehicle earlier in the day.

When the driver was questioned outside of his vehicle about his male passenger in the front seat, he said it was his cousin and gave the man’s first name but was unable to provide his last name. A NYSPIN check revealed that the driver’s license was suspended.

When the passenger was interviewed, he gave his full name and said he was on parole for drugs.

Based on the inconsistent answers given by the two men and the strong odor of marijuana, Tpr. Judge asked for and received permission to search the vehicle.

During the search, the trooper found three white powder chunks, determined to be crack cocaine, in the front driver seat area. Both men denied that the drugs belonged to them and said there were no other drugs in the vehicle.

Ofc. Sean Clifford, Schenectady PD and his K-9 responded to conduct a more thorough search. The K-9 alerted to the air vent next to the glove box.

The officers found about 120 chunks of a white rock which tested positive for Crack Cocaine and four decks of heroin inside the vent and two NYS license plates in the trunk.

The men denied that the drugs or the license plates belonged to them. The plates had been reported stolen out of Stamford, CT on August 11, 2010.

The officers confiscated \$370 from the passenger and \$6.28 from the driver. Both men were arraigned and remanded to the Schenectady County Jail.

Bronx County NYS Parole was contacted and advised of the arrest of the passenger, who admitted to being on parole. Although Parole faxed an arrest warrant, the following day they called back to report that their parolee was in NYC and could not be the man who was arrested the day before.

The finger prints taken at the time of arrest were submitted and the real identity of the

passenger was determined.

The men were charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd with intent to sell, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 5th, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th, Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 5th, Criminal Impersonation 2nd, Falsifying Business Records 1st and Forgery 2nd.

Diligence Solves Auto Thefts

September 30, 2010 — The summer-long investigation into a series of burglaries and car larcenies occurring throughout northern Rensselaer County and various other Capital District locations came to a conclusion.

With few leads and no clear suspects developed, patrols relied on their enforcement of the vehicle and traffic law to apprehend the persons involved.

Being aware of ongoing criminal investigations, **Tprs. Rocco J. Oppedisano** and **Michael J. Painter** (G-Brunswick) were passing through Troy on September 30 when they saw a vehicle operated by a man with whom they were familiar and had been known to drive with a suspended license.

They conducted a traffic stop, determined that the driver's NYS driver's license was indeed suspended and took him into custody for Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the third degree.

Tprs. Oppedisano and Painter conducted an inventory of the vehicle and found drug paraphernalia and several items that were linked to a series of car larcenies in Albany and Rensselaer Counties.

While being interviewed, the man said that he had stolen additional property from other vehicles and had participated in several burglaries within Rensselaer County. He also implicated a co-conspirator—a parolee who was suspected in several thefts of motor vehicles throughout the Capital District.

Invs. John Ogden Jr. and John Deyette (G-Brunswick), continued the interview and obtained information linking the driver and his co-conspirator to several burglaries, larcenies and motor vehicle thefts.

While driving a stolen car, the co-conspirator was apprehended by Rensselaer County Sheriff's Deputies.

Suicidal Man with Gun is Talked Down and Rescued by Troopers

November 22, 2010, **Tprs. Brian T. Callahan** and **Robert L. Vananden** (G-Granville) responded to a report of a distraught male in Hampton. They found a 23-year-old man on the front porch pacing back and forth talking on his cell phone.

Although he did not initially display a gun, the man told Tpr. Callahan that he had one, then began yelling at the troopers saying that he was upset over his fiancée cheating on him and despondent over the recent loss of his job.

He requested that they shoot him and, as he again informed them that he had a gun, he turned partially around, lifted up the back of his sweatshirt and revealed the handgun he had tucked in the back of his pants.

Tpr. Vananden obtained the shotgun from his troop car while Tpr. Callahan continued to converse with the man. Vananden returned to Callahan's position behind the troop car which

was parked in the man's driveway, about 30 feet from the residence.

The troopers continued talking with the man as he paced back and forth on his porch, then, suddenly the man pulled the gun from the back of his pants and held it against his head and threatened to kill himself. The troopers repeatedly told him to not shoot and to think of his children.

The man swung the gun at the front door window and broke it, then lowered the gun and continued pacing on his porch while swinging the gun along his side. The troopers kept trying to get him to calm down and put the gun down.

As additional police units began to arrive, the man walked toward the end of his porch and down the steps. He dropped the gun over the porch railing and when his hand appeared to strike the railing, the troopers rushed forward directing the man to lie down on the porch.

Initially it appeared as if he was trying to jump over the railing to get his gun, but eventually he obeyed the direction to lie down. The weapon was secured and the man was taken into custody without injury.

Later the distraught man admitted that he had wanted the troopers to shoot and kill him. Three handguns and one sawed-off shotgun were secured from scene.

The man was charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3rd degree, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon 4th degree, arraigned and committed to the Washington County Jail, placed on suicide watch and ordered to undergo a psychiatric evaluation.

Troop K

One of the original 1917-era troops, Troop K services the region bounded by the Hudson River and the Connecticut border, from the Rensselaer Columbia county line to the New York City limit.

From 18 stations, its members provide service to nine cities, 37 villages and 62 towns in this 2,100 square mile area. Among the characteristics distinguishing this region are its population density, which varies from more than 2,000 persons per square mile in Westchester County to about 100 per square mile in Columbia County.

Even in its most densely populated areas, however, the geography of Troop K is picturesque, consisting of gentle hills, valleys and prime farmland.

Some of the state's most wealthy and influential residents live in this area, and the region's proximity to New York City makes it a heavy commuter corridor. The combination of heavily traveled roads, variegated geography and a highly diverse population presents members assigned to Troop K with a demanding law enforcement experience.

Members in Troop K regularly encounter people at totally opposite ends of the spectrum from one complaint to the next. For these reasons, troopers assigned to the region develop and demonstrate outstanding communication and cultural sensitivity skills.



Population: 1.36 million (approx.) **Service Territory:** 2,111 square miles

Counties Served: Columbia, Dutchess, Putnam, Westchester

Headquarters: Poughkeepsie (Dutchess County)

Zone 1: Kinderhook, Livingston, New Lebanon, Pine Plains, Rhinebeck

Zone 2: Brewster, Dover Plains, East Fishkill, LaGrangeville, Stormville, Wappinger

Zone 3: Cortlandt, Hawthorne, Lewisboro, Mohegan Lake, Pound Ridge, Somers

2010 Selected Statistics

Calls for Service: 59,238

Vehicle and Traffic Law Enforcement

DWI Arrests: 1,854

Speed: 35,355

Safety Restraints: 13,098

Total V & T: 103,467

Index Crimes

Violent

Murder: 4

Rape: 68

Robbery: 56

Assault: 292

Property

Burglary: 806

Larceny: 2,382

Motor Vehicle Theft: 114

Part II Offenses: 15,620

Troop K - 2010 Interesting Cases

Ice-trapped Father and Daughter Saved from Freezing Waters

January 28, 2010 — **Tprs. Paul Carinci** and **Timothy J. Gleason** (K-Somers) responded to a call of persons in the water at the Muscoot Reservoir, off SR-100 in Somers.

When they arrived at the Reservoir, the troopers saw a man and woman struggling in the water after having fallen through the ice. Putting their own safety aside, the troopers got a 50-foot rope from their patrol vehicle and walked onto the ice.

Supported by three civilian Good Samaritans and Somers Police Officer Peter J. Gobbo (retired NYSP Z/Sgt.), Tprs. Carinci and Gleason ventured about 100 yards onto the thin ice near to where the father and daughter continued to struggle in the freezing water.

Laying down prone on the wet, slush-covered ice as close to the hole as possible, the troopers threw the rope to the father and daughter and, after several attempts, were able to safely pull both persons onto the ice.

Both victims were escorted to shore and were transported to Northern Westchester Hospital by Somers EMS where they made a full recovery.

Woman Rescued; Gunman Turns Weapon on Troopers

March 19, 2010 — **Sgt./SC Mark W. Breen** (K-Rhinebeck) responded with patrols to a 911 call of an armed man attempting to enter his estranged wife's house.

When they arrived, they saw two bullet holes

in the front door and heard a female yelling from the second floor, begging for her life.

After establishing a perimeter and contacting NYSP negotiators, Sgt./SC Breen and a Dutchess County Deputy entered the residence, attempted to talk to the man and went up the stairs.

As the man continued to threaten the hostage's life, Sgt./SC Breen kicked open the door and when the woman ran to him she was removed to safety.

Then, Sgt./SC Breen and the Deputy confronted the suspect who was now in a bladed-position and hiding his right hand.

Sgt./SC Breen gave repeated commands for the suspect to show his hands, the subject did not comply and the Deputy discharged his taser, striking the man with no apparent effect.

Consequently, the man spun towards the officers and extended his arm. Sgt./SC Breen responded by firing one round, striking the suspect who immediately collapsed to the floor and, subsequently, died from his wound.

Escape Attempt in Stolen Vehicle Ends with Plunge into River

April 27, 2010 — SP Cortlandt was advised a Toyota Yaris had just been stolen in Peekskill. The vehicle was spotted southbound on SR-9A, in Cortlandt, and a pursuit ensued.

After about four miles, the stolen car drove through the locked gate—the entrance to the historic Van Cortlandt Manor—and continued down the dirt path at speeds close to 60 mph.

Due to the predawn darkness, the operator was unable to see that the path ended where a bridge, that once crossed the Croton River, no longer existed and his vehicle plunged 30 feet down, flew about 75 feet into the river and landed on its roof.

The troopers who were pursuing the vehicle called for assistance and emergency rescue equipment.

As soon as **Sgt. Mark A. Nielson** (K-Cortland) arrived on scene, he and **Tpr. Adrian A. Melendez** (K-Cortland) removed their gun belts and searched for a path leading into the river below in an attempt to rescue occupants of the stolen vehicle.

Trudging through thick brush, they entered the frigid water about 300 feet from the vehicle, fought their way against the dangerous river current and made their way out to the overturned car which was submerged in four feet of water.

The doors and windows of the vehicle were closed and completely underwater and there was no sign that anyone had escaped from the vehicle. Sgt. Nielson was able to force open the driver's side door. When he reached into the vehicle, he felt a foot that belonged to the driver—the sole occupant.

The driver had managed to crawl into the back passenger area and found a small air pocket which prevented him from drowning.

The driver was able to get out through the open door and his rescuers brought him safely back to shore, then placed him under arrest.

Man Rescued after Accident had Him Missing Over Four Days

May 30, 2010 — SP Livingston and Stormville received a report of a 22-year-old missing man from New York City. The young man had attended a house party on SR-52 in East Fishkill, and was last seen heading toward his vehicle between 2:00 and 6:00 a.m. en route to his mother's residence in Copake.

Twelve hours after he left the party, no one had heard from him or was able to make contact with him on his cell phone.

Inquiries were made with various police agencies, county jails, hospitals, and the State of Connecticut, with negative results. In addition, NYPD was requested to check the man's apartment and Central Booking to determine if he had possibly returned to NYC.

State Police members checked all the 24-hour establishments in the area and reviewed surveillance tapes to see if the man had been there. They also patrolled all the area roadways, including I-84, to determine if a vehicle may have left the roadway.

Verizon Law Enforcement Division was contacted regarding activity or location of the man's cell phone, with negative results.

On June 2, 2010 — the Major Crimes Unit received updated information from Verizon, based on the last signals received during the early morning hours on May 30, 2010, that the phone was located about three miles from a cell tower in Elizaville, Columbia County.

A command post was established at the entrance of Lake Taghkanic State Park, and a contingent of troopers, BCI investigators from Zones 1 and 2, Major Crimes Unit, K-9 Units, Aviation and the NYS Park Police began to

search.

Searching along the east shoulder of the Taconic State Parkway, just north of the Gallatin Overlook, **Tpr. Ronald S. Cardis Jr.**, (K-Poughkeepsie), found a place on the east shoulder where a vehicle had possibly left the roadway. Walking in a short distance, he found a mirror that appeared to have been freshly torn off of a vehicle and a piece of car molding matching the color of the missing car.

Tpr. Cardis contacted the command post and **Sr. Inv. Gary J. Mazzacano** (K-Livingston) responded. The two officers searched the area until they found the car in an area of heavy vegetation and swamp.

When the driver was located in critical condition first aid and water were immediately administered. The driver, relatively alert considering his four and one-half day ordeal, said he had no feeling in his lower extremities and was transported by Life-Net helicopter to Albany Medical Center.

During an interview, the 22-year-old explained that a deer ran out in front of his car causing him to run off the shoulder of the Parkway and travel the 480 feet into the heavy brush.

Diligence puts Sexual Child Abuser in jail for 20 years

August 2, 2010 — SP Livingston BCI was advised by the ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) Task Force of a case involving a 51-year-old man from Stockport.

The man, whose online chatting consisted of graphic sexual acts, was communicating with a subject whom he believed was a 14-year-old girl named "Katie."

'Katie' was actually Mary A. Barrette, H-ICAC

Task Force, an undercover investigator from the Child Abuse and Exploitation Unit.

During the chats the man requested "Katie" run away with him so that they could engage in sexual contact, having admitted to engaging in sex acts with a 13-year-old relative. Several controlled calls were made in which he described what he intended to do to the 14-year-old "Katie."

To facilitate the investigation, **Inv. Jeffrey A. Goldman**, H-ICAC Task Force, was granted a search warrant for the 54-year-old's residence in Stockport. The search warrant was to be executed when the man was meeting with "Katie."

Although initially a meeting was arranged, Inv. Barrette made several phone calls to the man during which he made excuses as to why he could not meet her.

When the Child Abuse and Exploitation Unit members, **Sr. Inv. William E. Gray** (K-Rhinebeck) and Inv. Goldman executed a search warrant, it was determined that the sex offender was not at his meeting with "Katie," but, was engaged in an unlawful relationship with at least one other minor and was at her residence in Millbrook.

Invs. Francis P. Stabile and **Michael T. Kowalski** (K-Poughkeepsie) were asked to check the minor's Millbrook residence for the man. Although the man was not there, they did interview the 13-year-old potential victim who admitted that she had been in contact with the man via the Internet and telephone. As the interview progressed she disclosed that she has been sexually active with the man since July 16, 2010.

During the execution of the search warrant on the man's residence, numerous computers

and storage devices were seized on which over a 100 pictures and videos of child pornography were located and secured.

The man was finally located at a friend's residence hiding in a closet and was taken into custody and transported to SP Livingston where he was interviewed by Invs. Goldman and **Eric J. Barnes** (K-Livingston).

The man's admissions were captured and recorded on DVD. He said that he had engaged in oral, anal, and vaginal intercourse with the 13-year-old victim about 12 times at her home, a motel in Columbia County and several other locations in Dutchess County.

The suspect was charged with Rape 2nd, Sexual Misconduct 2nd, and Endangering the Welfare of a Child, was arraigned in the Greenport Court and remanded to the Colombia County Jail without bail.

Following his arrest:

- Numerous follow up investigations ensued and the man was later charged with several counts of Rape 2nd, Criminal Sex Acts and Endangering the Welfare of a Child in Dutchess County.
- During the month of September, BCI-Livingston created and distributed an informational flyer through NYSIC which led to SP Wilton identifying the man as a suspect in an attempted abduction in Saratoga County.
- Following the release of press reports, SP Livingston was advised of possible additional offenses, and were provided with a video micro tape that was used to record what appeared to be the 54-year-old taping himself abusing a minor male infant.

This tape was reviewed, secured as evidence, examined and enhanced with the assistance **James M. Kennedy** (H-Video Unit).

- Due to the severity of the offenses and possible wide range of jurisdictions, the US Attorney's Office in Albany was contacted and agreed to adopt a case on the matter.

The defendant ultimately accepted a plea offer in Dutchess County of incarceration for 14 years to be served concurrently to an SCI plea in Columbia County of 20 years. Federal proceedings are still pending.

Murderer Captured exiting Bus in Nebraska; Extradited to NYS

September 4, 2010 — At 8:10 a.m., when he heard a Dutchess County Emergency 911 report of an unconscious woman in an upstairs apartment, **Tpr. Christopher J. Liebler** (K-Wappinger) responded to the Wappingers Falls residence.

Upon arrival, Tpr. Liebler met with the Wappingers Falls PD's officers who had already entered the second floor apartment and found the bloodied body of a woman on the floor in one of the bedrooms. There was a large knife near the body and it was apparent that the woman was dead.

The victim's two young daughters and several roommates were at the scene. The daughters said that the victim's boyfriend—the father of one of the children—had spent the night in the apartment and was likely involved in her death.

The man had apparently fled the scene before the police arrived and, although the original call had been assigned to

the Wappingers Falls PD, their police commissioner requested that the State Police take over the investigation.

As a result, BCI investigators from SPs Wappinger and Cortlandt and the K-VCIT were assigned to further investigate the incident under the command **Capt. William Baker** and **Lt. Dominick L. Chiumento** (K-BCI).

Sr. Inv. Brian D. Hoff (K-Cortlandt) interviewed the suspect's brother who said that he had picked up his intoxicated brother after getting a phone call from him at about 3:30 a.m., asking to be picked up at a restaurant that was about a half mile from the crime scene.

Further, he said that his brother told him that he had been arguing with his girlfriend and asked if he could spend the night and when he awoke in the morning, the suspect was already gone.

While conducting family interviews, **Inv. Jose R. Lopez** (K-VCIT) spoke to the suspect's brother's four-year-old daughter. She said that her father had given her uncle his passport and driven him to the train station earlier that morning.

Acting on this information, Sr. Inv. Hoff and Inv. Lopez re-interviewed the suspect's brother who would only admit that his brother said that he wanted to go to New York City and that he dropped him off at the New Hamburg train station.

Obtaining an order to obtain cellular telephone activity on the suspect's phone through the Dutchess County DA's Office, Sr. Inv. Joanne Leoni and **Inv. Jasper A. Saunders** (K-VCIT) saw that the suspect had made a cellular call to a relative in southern

California at about 4:35 a.m.

Inv. Daniel P. Smith (K-Wappinger) contacted the Metropolitan Transit Authority in hopes of locating video surveillance of the suspect arriving at Grand Central Station, New York City, by train. The next day, he was told by Det. Pomposello, MTA PD, that they had located a video of the suspect arriving at Grand Central Station at about 10:22 a.m. on September 4th

Requested to follow up on the investigative leads, **Invs. John A. Alfalla** and **Michael C. Cameron** (NYC) determined that the suspect had left Grand Central Station, arrived at the Port Authority Bus Terminal and boarded a Greyhound Bus, en route to Chicago, IL at about 1:00 p.m., September 4th.

Inv. Scott M. Hurley (K-Wappinger) obtained the Greyhound Bus manifest and itinerary and concluded that the suspect had used his brother's name to purchase the bus ticket in NYC. Further, the investigator theorized that if the suspect remained on the same Greyhound Bus, bound for Chicago, that it would have already made its stop in Illinois and would be en route to southern California.

When he contacted Greyhound, he found out that the next stop for that bus would be in Omaha, Nebraska. Although not knowing whether the suspect was still on the bus, had gotten off in Chicago or at any other stop along the way, Inv. Smith contacted Omaha Nebraska PD Det. Oscar Dieguez and advised him that the suspect may be arriving at the Greyhound Bus Terminal at about 3:30 p.m. Central Time.

Inv. Smith provided Det. Dieguez with a photograph and additional descriptors of the suspect. The detective and several other

members of his department established surveillance on the bus terminal and saw the suspect getting off the bus and took him into custody.

During his arrest, the suspect made unsolicited statements incriminating himself to Det. Dieguez and was charged by the police department as a fugitive from justice in Nebraska.

On September 8, 2010, the suspect was extradited from Nebraska to Dutchess County, NY by Sr. Inv. Mohl and Invs. Eugene E. Donnelly, Smith and Lopez.

The suspect was charged with Murder 2nd and had an INS detainer placed on him because he was found to be living in the United States illegally, having re-entered this country from Mexico for the second time.

Shots Without Cause Pierced Window; Struck Resident

November 13, 2010 — Responding to a report of a shooting, **Tprs. Siano Marcano** and **John L. Bode** (K-Cortlandt) arrived at the intersection of Young St. and Oregon Rd. and were confronted by a man in the roadway pointing a handgun at them.

While giving the suspect verbal commands to drop his weapon, the troopers exited their vehicle and took cover behind a nearby stonewall. Eventually the man complied, dropped his weapon and fled on foot.

Then, the troopers were faced with a second man approaching them who ignored their verbal commands to show his hands and get on the ground. Eventually, the second man complied and was detained and a foot pursuit ensued for the first man.

With assistance from **Sgt.. Anthony F. Gentile** and **Tprs. Heather L. Sinkowitz, Richard A. Miller, Marlon R. White** and **Adrian A. Melendez** (K-Cortland), the first man was taken into custody.

Then, the troopers began to canvass area homes for potential victims and immediately found a 33-year-old resident of a nearby house had been struck by a bullet fired by one of the men. The troopers rendered medical aid to the victim until the EMS arrived.

A multi-person, coordinated investigation was initiated that, initially, revealed that the shooter—a NYS Corrections Officer—had opened fire without any obvious reason, discharged 20 rounds from his 9mm handgun and struck 33-year-old's house in excess of 10 times. One round had pierced the window of the home.

At the conclusion of the investigation, the man was charged with Assault 1st, Criminal Use of a Firearm 1st, two counts of Menacing a Police Officer, one count of Criminal Mischief 2nd, arraigned in the Cortlandt Justice Court, and remanded to Westchester County Jail in lieu of \$750,000 bail.

Troop L

Long Island's Nassau and Suffolk counties are distinguished by two outstanding characteristics: the surrounding Atlantic Ocean and Long Island Sound and the heavily traveled highways that connect them to each other and to metropolitan New York City.

An estimated three million commuters travel Long Island's parkways each day, as do thousands of vacationers seeking the Island's seaside vistas, recreational parks, and aquatic playgrounds. Most of these travelers at some point pass through the jurisdiction of State Police Troop L, headquartered in Farmingdale.

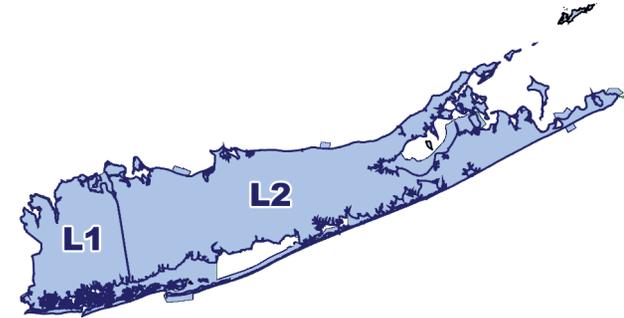
While the State Police on Long Island are most visible in their role as highway safety, patrol, and traffic control professionals; the Uniform Troopers and BCI Investigators assigned to Troop L provide a full range of police services.

It is not known when the first troopers began to patrol on Long Island, but the first official detail — known as the "Sunrise Trail Detachment" — was established in 1925 and operated out of Bay Shore (Suffolk County).

Originally a part of Troop K, the detail was reorganized in 1928 as the Long Island State Park Detail and moved to Babylon (Suffolk County), from where it policed parks, parkways and athletic events, conducted investigations, supervised lifeguards and regulated traffic. In time, detail members adopted the unofficial sobriquet, "Troop L".

In 1946, the detail was disbanded, although troopers under the direction of Troop K continued to patrol Suffolk County and assist law enforcement agencies across Long Island with large-scale investigations, such as those involving gambling and prostitution. In 1959, the State Police discontinued teletype operations at all Long Island points and State Police operations were shifted to Riverhead, from where troopers patrolled only the five eastern townships of Suffolk County.

On Jan. 1, 1980, legislation merged the State Parkway Police into the State Police and formally established Troop L.



Population: 2.75 million (approx.) **Service Territory:** 1,199 square miles

Counties Served: Nassau, Suffolk

Headquarters: Farmingdale (Nassau County)

Zone 1: Lake Success, Valley Stream

Zone 2: Brentwood, Fishers Island, Riverside

2010 Selected Statistics

Calls for Service: 16,952

Vehicle and Traffic Law Enforcement

DWI Arrests: 945

Speed: 23,076

Safety Restraints: 6,258

Total V & T: 74,988

Index Crimes

Violent

Murder: 2

Rape: 10

Robbery: 2

Assault: 16

Property

Burglary: 18

Larceny: 174

Motor Vehicle Theft: 8

Part II Offenses: 3,366

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Trooper Injured in Hit-and-Run; Investigation Results in Arrest

January 22, 2010 — While she was watching the traffic from her stationary patrol vehicle on the Sagtikos Parkway, **Tpr. Nicole D. Eli** (L-Brentwood), a green vehicle struck a Ford, that has slowed for traffic, from behind. This forced the Ford into the passenger side of the patrol vehicle and injured Tpr. Eli.

The green vehicle left the scene without stopping and continued northbound. Two witnesses were able to provide a partial licence plate number of the fleeing car.

After arriving at the scene, **Sgt. Michael A. Granville** (K-Brentwood) followed a few potential leads and requested a DMV Lawman search.

On February 1, 2010, while the Lawman search continued, **Inv. Christopher I. Budesa** (L-NEU) received information from a confidential informant that the vehicle involved in the hit-and-run collision was parked behind a Ronkonkoma residence where the 46-year-old driver lived.

Inv. Budesa passed on the information to **Sgt. S/C Scott A. Crawford** (L-Brentwood), who assigned **Tprs. Adam B. Hoffman, Brian N. Poulos** and **James E. Hubert** (L-Brentwood) to go to the residence and conduct an investigation.

When the troopers arrived, the driver met them in the front yard. Tpr. Hoffman requested identification from the man and the man retrieved and opened a folder containing a TraCS ticket that Tpr. Hoffman noticed had

a different first name on it.

Upon further questioning, the man stated it was his brother's ticket and he was holding it for him. Tpr. Hoffman contacted the brother who said he never received that ticket and it was determined that the man was using his brother's name to avoid the ticket and prosecution for the hit-and-run.

The man permitted the troopers to inspect the vehicle in the rear of his house. There were two vehicles, a green Honda without plates that had extensive front end damage, consistent with being involved in the hit-and-run collision, and an undamaged Mercedes with a damaged front plate having a number that matched the partial plate witnesses had provided.

The man was arrested for Criminal Impersonation 2nd. Subsequently, the man provided a written statement admitting his involvement in the hit-and-run collision.

The man was additionally charged with Leaving the Scene of a Personal Injury Auto Accident and multiple traffic violations.

A DWI Arrest Results in Multiple Criminal Charges

June 24, 2010 — **Tpr. Michael Scala** (L-Farmingdale) stopped a 2006 Ford Crown Victoria for failing to maintain its lane on the Southern State Parkway in Hempstead.

As Tpr. Scala began to interview the 30-year-old male operator from Brooklyn, N.Y., he detected a strong odor of alcoholic beverage, conducted field sobriety testing on the man and, subsequently, arrested him for Driving

While Intoxicated.

An inventory search of the vehicle located \$18,290, 34 NYS Benefit Identification cards belonging to different people; 20 cartons of untaxed cigarettes bearing forged NYS and NYC stamps; 7.5 ounces of KHAT (a vegetative amphetamine or stimulant commonly cultivated in Africa and the Middle East); one collapsible baton, and a water bottle containing vodka.

The defendant was subsequently charged with Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument 1st, Criminal Possession of a Benefit Card 1st, Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 4th, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th, Possession /Sell Unstamped Cigarettes, and Driving While Intoxicated.

The defendant was remanded to the Nassau County Jail on \$20,000 bond or \$10,000 cash. The Nassau County District Attorney's office requested \$100,000 cash bail but was denied. A Sufficiency Hearing has been ordered if the defendant does produce the \$10,000 cash bail.

Cross-county Drug Trafficking Results in Arrests

July 30, 2010 – The L-Narcotics Enforcement Unit, along with the Suffolk County PD, Illinois SP, Nassau County PD, and the Drug Enforcement Administration, arrested four Long Island residents for distributing large quantities of cocaine and heroin in both Suffolk and Nassau Counties.

The Illinois SP had information that indicated

illicit drugs were being transported from California, through Illinois and ending up on Long Island. During a follow-up investigation, it was determined that four Long Island men were involved in a large-scale drug network that distributed in both Suffolk and Nassau Counties.

The operation resulted in the seizure of 13 kilos of cocaine; over 100 grams of crack/cocaine; an ounce of “Black Tar” heroin, which is not usually found on Long Island; \$19,200; two handguns, and two vehicles outfitted with traps used to secrete drugs.

The four men were arraigned in Federal Court in the Eastern District of New York in Central Islip where they were all ordered held without bail.

Boyfriend Arrested for Murdering Infant

August 11, 2010 — At about 8:25 p.m., SP Riverside received a 911 call of an infant in cardiac arrest and the Southampton Ambulance transported a 17-month-old boy from the Shinnecock Indian Reservation to Southampton Hospital. At about 9:11 p.m., the child was pronounced dead.

BCI (L-Riverside) in conjunction with the L-Major Case Unit, initiated an investigation into the cause of death.

Investigation revealed that the 20-year-old boyfriend of the infant’s mother had been baby sitting the infant for several months. While in his care, the boyfriend would repeatedly beat the infant. The infant finally died as a result of the last beating. The boyfriend explained that he assaulted the infant “to teach him to be a boy.”

An extensive interview of the 20-year-old

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conducted by **Invs. Thomas J. Hughes** (L-Major Case Unit) and **Michael A. Stephens** (L-Riverside) resulted in a full written and videotaped confession to this brutal murder. The man was arrested and initially charged with Manslaughter 1st Degree.

On August 12, 2010, the defendant was indicted for Murder 2nd and Endangering the Welfare of a Child, and was held in the Suffolk County Jail without bail.

Tip leads to Arrest of Man Wanted by Three Agencies

September 27, 2010 — **Inv. Thomas Hughes** (L- Major Case Unit) received information that a recently-stolen construction sheathing hammer valued at \$120,000.00 was hidden at a construction yard in Farmingdale, NY.

Invs. Thomas Hughes and **Patrick Colgan** (L-Major Case Unit) talked to the 41-year-old construction yard owner, from Woodbury, NY. The man informed them that the hammer was located on his property in a concealed container under a tarp and that two former employees, a 39-year-old male and a 50-year-old male from Deer Park, NY, had stolen the hammer and stored it in his yard.

November 1, 2010 — The Nassau County PD, who had the original stolen property case, asked the State Police to continue the investigation.

November 12, 2010 — Invs. Hughes and Colgan talked to the construction yard owner again and this time he confessed to having purchased other stolen items from his former employees—six tractor-trailer tires and rims, a construction saw, a compressor and a jack hammer.

The construction yard owner was charged

with Criminal Possession Stolen Property 2nd.

November 24, 2010 — Investigation determined that the 39-year-old male, who had stolen the hammer, was also a suspect in a home invasion robbery that occurred in Dix Hills, NY, on February 8, 2010.

The Suffolk County PD was advised of the investigation and confirmed that they had an unsolved home invasion at the Dix Hills residence. A photo array was shown to the home invasion victims and the 39-year-old man was positively identified.

November 29, 2010 — Information was received that the 39-year-old male was located at a Massapequa, NY, address. Under surveillance, the man left the residence in a vehicle and was taken into custody without incident.

The 39-year-old man admitted stealing the sheathing hammer and made admissions on other open cases being investigated by the SCPD including another home invasion robbery, which occurred on February 8, 2008.

SCPD charged the 39-year-old with two counts of Burglary 1st and the NCPD has an arrest warrant for him from an open Robbery 2nd investigation.

Additional charges are still pending and the investigation is continuing.

Collision Investigation Leads to Arrest of Two for Robbery

October 03, 2010 — At about 11:40 p.m., **Tpr. Edward M. Kuhn** (L-Valley Stream) was assigned to investigate a one-car property damage collision on the Southern State Parkway in the vicinity of Central Ave. in Hempstead.

When he arrived at the scene, Tpr. Kuhn saw a 2000 Mercury abandoned in the roadway. A witness described the two men who had fled the scene and Tpr. Kuhn forwarded the information to other patrols in the area.

Tpr. Frederick S. Ortiz (L-Valley Stream) saw two subjects who fit the description on Central Avenue and, with the assistance from **Tprs. Anthony Muñoz** and **Tpr. Philip G. Pernice** (L-Valley Stream), approached and separated the men and began interviewing them.

Both men—one from Brooklyn and the other from Amityville—denied being involved in the collision. But, because they provided conflicting stories, they were transported to SP Valley Stream where the troopers continued their interviews with emphasis on the inconsistencies between the stories.

A Brooklyn-man, who was the owner of the Mercury, was contacted and, when he arrived at SP Valley Stream, he provided a written deposition stating that he was robbed by two men in the hallway of his building earlier that evening. He stated that they took \$300 in cash, his cell phone, car keys and his car.

The suspects were in possession of the Brooklyn-man's vehicle, keys, cell phone, and \$200 in cash.

When he was advised, **Inv. James Boyle** (L-Valley Stream) contacted NYPD and found that they were investigating the theft of the Brooklyn-man's car. While continuing with his own investigation, Inv. Boyle assisted NYPD with their investigation.

Both defendants were charged with Criminal Possession Stolen Property 3rd and Criminal Possession Stolen Property 5th and transported to Nassau County Detention for arraignment.

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The two men, who were released to the NYPD on October 04, 2010, were put in a line up and positively identified by the victim.

The men admitted to robbing the victim and were charged with Robbery 2nd.

Traffic Stop Yields Stolen Property

October 30, 2010 — While patrolling the Sunken Meadow Parkway, **Tpr. Michael Mangano** (L-Brentwood) saw a 2004 Chevrolet with no plate lamp and dark tinted windows and initiated a traffic stop. The vehicle contained three men.

While talking to the driver, a 26-year-old male from Brooklyn, NY, Tpr. Mangano smelled a strong odor of marijuana and conducted a probable cause search of the vehicle.

He located a small amount of marijuana, a laptop computer, numerous pre-paid cell phones, blue-tooth headsets, video games, and assorted video game equipment. When asked about the origin of the items, the driver said he knew the items had been stolen and was holding them for somebody. The two passengers denied ownership or knowing where the items originated.

The three men were then transported to SP Brentwood for further investigation. Interviews of the driver and the passengers by **Inv. Richard Esposito** (L-Brentwood) yielded no additional information.

Because the driver was in possession of a learner's permit and neither passenger possessed a valid driver's license, the vehicle was towed to SP Brentwood and secured in the station impound lot and the items located in the vehicle were secured as property.

The driver was given an appearance ticket for the Unlawful Possession of Marijuana, issued two summonses for the traffic infraction, and released. The passengers were not charged and were released.

Continuing, BCI (L-Brentwood) attempted to identify the source of the items located in the vehicle by contacting several manufacturers and retail stores known to sell the electronic equipment.

November 10, 2010 — Inv. Esposito was contacted by a sales associate from a Radio Shack store located in East Setauket, NY, who believed the items were the ones stolen from his store. He said that several pre-paid cell phones, blue-tooth headsets, and a laptop computer had been stolen from his store sometime during the evening of October 30, 2010. Subsequently, the items were positively identified as the ones that had been stolen from his store.

November 12, 2010 — The driver appeared at SP Brentwood to pick up his vehicle and was arrested and charged with Criminal Possession of Stolen Property.

During processing, it was found that the driver possessed a magnetized security key—a proprietary item made and designed specifically for use by store owners as a security key and can be used to bypass the security aspect of "in-store stock".

The driver was additionally charged with Possession of Burglary Tools.

Trooper Performs Heimlich – Saves Neighbor's Life

November 10, 2010 — Off-duty, **Tpr. Fabio D. Daino** (L-CRU) had just arrived home when heard a 911 call for an aided case at

his neighbor's residence dispatched by the Southampton Town PD.

Simultaneously, he received a cell phone call from the victim's son asking for help.

Immediately responding to the residence, Tpr. Daino found his 53-year-old neighbor on his knees, choking, and unable to breathe or verbally communicate.

Tpr. Daino, a certified CPR instructor, advised the man that he would be administering the Heimlich maneuver.

After about five attempts, a piece of food was dislodged, exited the victim's mouth, and he began breathing again.

Long-term Investigation Yielded Arrest of Major Drug Supplier

September 1, 2010 — A 7-year-investigative effort by the L-Narcotics Enforcement Unit (NEU), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and Long Island District Office (DEA LIDO) was concluded.

November 2003 through April 2004 —The three agencies conducted a joint narcotics investigation targeting a Suffolk County, N.Y. crack/cocaine distributor.

Wire intercepts and surveillance revealed the distributor's source of supply was tentatively identified as a man operating in the Soundview section of the Bronx, N.Y.

The Bronx-supplier was able to successfully insulate himself from law enforcement using a series of runners and a system of cellular instruments and pagers.

October through December 2004 — A cellular instrument analysis, of the Bronx-supplier's cell phone, identified three more men as

crack/cocaine distributors operating in Troop L.

Additional phone analysis revealed that the Bronx-supplier was associated with several large-scale cocaine traffickers operating in California, New Jersey, Rhode Island and the Dominican Republic.

February through June 2008 — A narcotics investigation was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration and Capital District Task Force targeting individuals distributing crack/cocaine in the Albany, N.Y. region and a suspect from Amityville, NY, was identified as the supplier for their main target.

Through electronic and physical surveillances, it was determined that the Amityville-supplier had been purchasing large amounts of cocaine from the unidentified Bronx-supplier.

The Capital District Task Force contacted the DEA LIDO and L-NEU and forwarded the information necessary to pursue a narcotics investigation into the Bronx-supplier. This investigation ended with a tentative identification of the Bronx-supplier.

The investigation clearly showed that the Bronx-supplier's distribution network used cell phones and pagers as the primary sources of communications among all parties involved - suppliers, distributors and customers.

May 2009 through September 2009 — the DEA LIDO and L-NEU conducted numerous wire intercepts that identified members of the Bronx-supplier's narcotics organization and his Long Island based customers.

September 11, 2009 and September 15, 2009 — DEA LIDO and L-NEU, assisted by U.S. Marshals Service and the Suffolk County PD, executed search warrants in Bronx, Queens,

and Suffolk Counties, that resulted in the arrests of the Bronx-supplier's associates and Long Island customer, and the seizure of cocaine, marijuana, firearms, and U.S. currency.

January 26, 2010 — The 35-year-old Bronx supplier continued to elude capture until he was arrested by the United States Marshals Service in a suburb of Atlanta, Georgia.

February 4, 2010 — The Bronx-supplier waived extradition and was returned to New York, where he was arraigned to face charges of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance 1st, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 1st and Conspiracy 2nd.

September 1, 2010 — The 35-year-old man pled guilty to the indictment and agreed to serve nine years incarceration.

Troop NYC

Troop NYC, which services the five boroughs of metropolitan New York City, has no patrol function but conducts and contributes to a variety of investigations throughout the city.

It traces its origin to the early 1950s when, at the state attorney general's request, several BCI members were temporarily assigned to investigate organized crime on the New York waterfront.

The temporary detail gradually expanded, became permanent in 1961, and was re-named SP Manhattan in 1973. It was designated an independent troop in 1992.

From its headquarters on Wards Island, Troop NYC is the operational hub of numerous specialized units and details.



New York Drug Enforcement Task Force

(NYDETF) works in conjunction with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the New York City Police Department (NYPD). State Police members conduct major narcotics investigations originating in the New York Metropolitan area, many of which lead to the dismantling of major narcotics trafficking organizations and significant seizures of drugs, weapons and drug related currency and property.

New York Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Strike Force is comprised of members from the NYSP, DEA, FBI, ICE, ATF, IRS, NYPD, USMS, USSS and prosecutors from both the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. Its mission is to disrupt and dismantle major drug trafficking organizations designated by the U.S. Department of Justice as Consolidated Priority Organization Targets and affiliates.

Special Narcotics Prosecutor's Squad

is assigned to assist Department of Homeland Security - Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The Squad is one of the founding members of the El Dorado Task Force, a multi-agency, federally supervised task force that targets money laundering operations related to the transfer of currency and tangible assets derived from the sale of illegal controlled substances and other crimes of specified unlawful activities.

Federal Criminal Squad is a consolidation of several pre-existing Troop NYC units working with federal law enforcement agencies creating partnerships vital to combating criminal enterprises that routinely cross jurisdictional lines. Case investigations tend to be complex, long-term and involve major thefts, frauds and sale of illegal firearms. Partner federal agencies in New York City are the FBI, U.S. Secret Service and the

Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms & Explosives (ATF).

Criminal Squads provide investigative assistance to law enforcement agencies statewide and abroad, cover specified borough(s) and connect with area District Attorney's Office(s):

- Bronx Squad - Bronx and Staten Island
- Manhattan Squad - Manhattan and Brooklyn
- Queens Squad - Queens

Confidential Squad conducts background investigations on trooper applicants, political appointees and out of state police applicants.

Population: 8.5 million	Service Territory: 303 square miles
Counties Served: Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, Staten Island	
Headquarters: Manhattan (Wards Island)	
Zone 1: Criminal Investigation Squad Confidential Investigation Squad	
Zone 2: Drug Enforcement Task Force (NYDETF) Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Strike Force	

Arrests	732	Warrants	160
Seizures			
Cocaine	8,683.5 lbs.	U.S. Currency	\$45,694,696
Heroin	444 lbs.	Vehicles (78)	\$1,357,525
Marihuana	6540 lbs.	Jewelry	\$40,000
Ecstasy (MDMA)	2.12 lbs.	Other	\$891,275
Khat	42 lbs.	Cigarettes	400 cartons
Meth. Dosages	308 Units	Handguns	62

Troop NYC - 2010 Interesting Cases

Tip Leads to Large Cash Seizure

April 2010 — The Special Narcotics Prosecutor's Squad, as members of the El Dorado Task Force, received information that an man had a large sum of laundered money he needed to send to South America.

Task force members received a description of a man and tracked him to a location in the Bronx, saw him exiting the building with a large suit case and drive away.

Squad members made a traffic stop, conducted a consent search, seized about \$500,000 and arrested the man.

A subsequent search of the defendant's residence resulted in the seizure of an additional \$2,600,000.



\$3,100,000 Not Laundered: NYSP members of the El Dorado Task Force seized \$3,100,000 before it could be sent to South America to be laundered.

\$13.5 Million Mortgage Fraud Affected 26 Homeowners

May 2010 — Queens Criminal Squad concluded a two year joint investigation with the Queens District Attorney's Office into a mortgage fraud scheme that focused on two law firms located in Queens and several real estate companies.

The scheme targeted distressed homeowners who were looking for help in refinancing their homes to prevent foreclosure. The homeowners were promised that the ownership of their property would be transferred temporarily to a third party (straw buyer) until the homeowners repaired their finances.

During the process of transferring ownership to the "straw buyer," the existing mortgage would be inflated and the equity stripped out from under the original owners.

The scheme, which affected 26 homeowners, netted about \$13.5 million dollars.

The investigation resulted in the execution of multiple search warrants and the arrest of 13 people.

NY Murder Suspect Captured at Bus Stop in Nebraska

September 2010 — Troop K-Wappinger requested the Bronx Criminal Squad's help with a homicide investigation in which a woman suffered a violent death.

The victim's husband was identified as a suspect and it was believed he had fled hours earlier to somewhere in New York City and may be trying to flee the country.

Investigators set up surveillance at the two major airports and Grand Central Station. When they looked at the Grand Central Terminal's video surveillance cameras, they saw a man matching the husband's description and tracked him to the New York City bus terminal.

After reviewing the bus passenger manifests and interviewing bus terminal employees,

investigators determined that the husband was on a Greyhound bus under a false name and possibly heading to Mexico or California.

Analyzing connecting bus routes and the husband's possible destinations, they narrowed the focus to a bus currently traveling through Nebraska.

Being alerted, the law enforcement authorities in Nebraska took the husband from the bus and into custody. The man was extradited to New York State and charged with his wife's murder.

Fraudulent Bingo Steals from Greek Orthodox Church

August 2010 — The Manhattan Criminal Squad conducted a joint investigation with the NYS Racing and Wagering Board and the Queens DA's Office into an illegal bingo hall operating in Queens, NY.

A two year undercover investigation revealed that two men, a woman and a corporation were operating a licensed bingo hall using licensed charitable organizations as a front.

Between January 2007 and February 2010, in the name of various inactive charities under the umbrella of a Romanian Orthodox Church, they stole about \$830,000.

They illegally obtained licenses to operate and use charities as a front to siphon monies from the gaming for their own profit. Bingo games were conducted daily by people posing as members of various charities.

The investigation concluded with a 714 count indictment and the arrest of two men and the woman on charges including Grand Larceny,

Tampering with a Witness, Possession of a Forged Instrument, Scheme to Defraud, Criminal Possession of Stolen Property, Falsifying Business Records, Offering False Instrument Filing, Promoting Gambling, Possession of Gambling Records and Conspiracy.

The arrests resulted in convictions with restitution and forfeitures totaling one million dollars.

\$1.3 Million Painting, Lost by Drunk Art Dealer, Recovered

September 2010 – Members of the FBI Major Theft Squad, including NYSP **Inv. William R. Nemeth** (NYC–Manhattan), adopted an investigation into the suspicious loss of a 1857-58 painting by Jean-Baptiste-Camille Corot, titled “Portrait of a Girl,” valued at \$1.3 million dollars.

Due to the value and importance of the missing painting, this investigation quickly became a high profile media case.

Investigators found that a man, who was showing the painting to a potential buyer, lost it during a night of drinking.

After three weeks of interviews and investigating, a Manhattan doorman turned in the painting over to the local NYPD precinct, after finding it in the bushes a short distance from where the painting had been originally shown.

It was validated that the man, who was showing the painting, did lose the painting during a night of drinking and he was cleared of any criminal acts.

However, it was learned that the part-owner who brokered the deal had misled his co-



“Portrait of a Girl” Found in Bushes: The \$1.3 million, 9x12 inch canvas, painted by Jean-Baptiste-Camille Corot 1857-58, lost by an art dealer during a night of drinking, was found in the bushes by a doorman.

owner by misrepresenting the painting’s original sale price. This was done so he could fraudulently skim off \$105,000 for himself, plus the additional \$50,000 dollars for negotiating the deal.

With the proceeds from the deal, he purchased luxury items, including a 1993 Ferrari convertible and other art works all of which were seized during the investigation.

The part-owner was arrested for Conspiracy to Commit Mail and Wire fraud, which carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison.

Men Arrested in Shooting are Suspects in 11 Other Cases

October 13, 2010 — At about 12:00 p.m., when the NY Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Strike Force was on surveillance in Brooklyn, NY, trying to locate a subject of an open investigation, they noticed two men standing on the opposite side of the street from an internet café.

One of the men fired a shot from a handgun into the café and, then, the two men fled in a red 2006 Chevrolet Trail Blazer.

Strike Force members followed the Blazer and initiated a felony car stop. The heavily tinted windows made it impossible to see into the interior of the vehicle, and the occupants did not respond to verbal commands.

In order to see into the car, members approached the rear of the Blazer tactically, broke out the rear window glass and found a third man hiding in the vehicle.

The men were arrested and their semi-automatic pistols seized. Further investigation of the arrestees revealed that they were suspects in four open armed robbery cases, had ties to three other armed robberies in Brooklyn, Staten Island and in Manhattan, and are suspected participants in four open homicide cases in Brooklyn.

Following the Trucks Led to Seizure of Drugs and Millions

January 2010 — NYDETF’s investigation of commercial vehicles associated with the Los Zetas Narcotics Transportation Cartel led group members to enter a Bronx warehouse and seized 40 kilograms of cocaine, \$1.6 million dollars in U.S. currency and arrested

five people.

Investigation led to additional seizures and arrests in Bronx, Long Island, Manhattan, Rockland County, Connecticut and New Jersey totalling 175 kilograms of cocaine, over 2.5 kilograms of heroin, over \$8.25 million in U.S. currency and the arrest of 47 defendants.

Trafficking Organization and Three Heroin Mills Dismantled

May 2010 — NYDETF dismantled a major Drug Trafficking Organization based in New York by identifying suppliers, couriers, heroin mills and distributors.

The couriers were traveling to New York from Mexico and, once in New York, the couriers delivered the heroin to apartments in New York City, which were then converted into heroin mills.

Three heroin mills were identified and search warrants executed on the apartments lead to the seizure of 27 kilograms of heroin, 6 kilograms of cocaine, \$420,000, two handguns and the arrest of 15 individuals.

\$1.5 Million Seized; Two Arrested

September 2010 — NYDETF, working with the DEA Field Divisions in Florida, New Jersey and Rhode Island, concluded a seven-month multi-jurisdiction, sophisticated money laundering investigation involving electronic surveillance, DEA confidential sources, and multi-state physical surveillances. With the help of the NYSP Electronic Surveillance Unit a person in Providence, Rhode Island was located.

The investigation culminated in the seizure of \$1,550,000 and a .380 semi-automatic pistol

and the arrest of two people.

36 Arrested; 280 Kilograms of Drugs Didn't Make the Streets

October 2010 — NYDETF concluded an investigation into the Fortuna Drug Trafficking Organization operating from the Dominican Republic and responsible for the coordination and shipment of cocaine and heroin from airports in the Dominican Republic to New York and Florida by using commercial airlines.

This investigation used multiple International Controlled Deliveries (ICD) on drug shipments to New York and Florida and resulted in the arrest of 36 people and the seizure of 256 kilograms of cocaine and 24 kilograms of heroin.

Man Arrested in Puerto Rico in Possession of \$2 Million USD

December 2010 — NYDETF became the first Group within the New York Field Division to control a Sensitive Activity Review Committee (SARC) case.

This case involved establishing “shelf accounts” that are used to facilitate money laundering, identifying suspect bank accounts and working with multiple confidential sources who were closely associated with high-level Colombian Cartel operatives.

After traveling to Puerto Rico to establish communication with a man who represented a money laundering organization, Task Force members identified and arrested the him. At the time the man was in possession of about \$2 million in U.S. currency.

Troop T

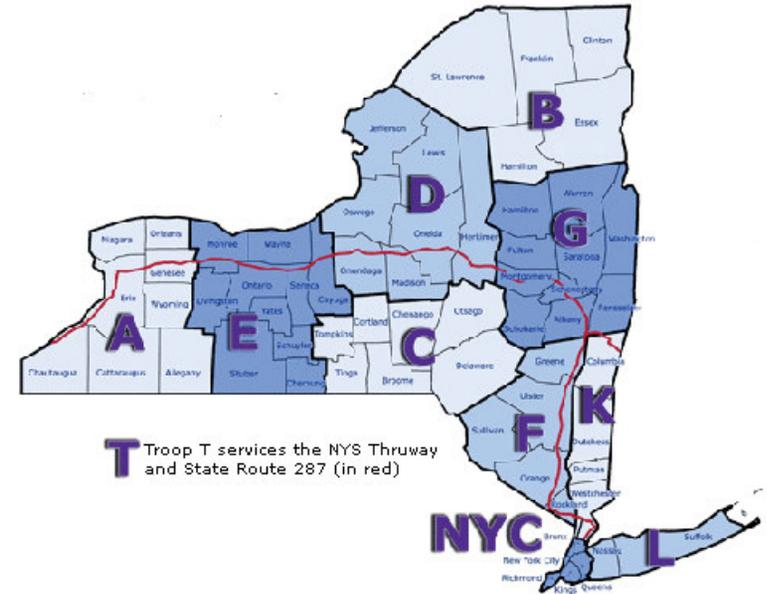
Troop T, which services the New York State Thruway, originally was established as the State Police Thruway Detail in 1954. It attained independent troop status in 1961.

Today it is the sole remaining troop with exclusive policing authority within its service area. It also shares a close relationship with the NYS Thruway Authority in the daily administration and operation of a network of interstate highways that includes I 95 and I 287. Troop T's 13 stations service 570 miles of roadways in four separate zones.

In 1994 the Thruway Authority absorbed the State Canal System, and Troop T became responsible for policing 524 miles of inland waterways and 350 miles of recreational trails.

The Canal Detail, which operates May through October, conducts general patrols and provides criminal investigative services for any canal related incident.

In October 2010, the responsibility of maintaining I-84 and the associated facilities was transferred from the NYS Thruway Authority to the NYS Department of Transportation. Thereby, Zone 5 of Troop T was eliminated and the troopers assigned to patrol I-84 were transferred to Troops K and F.



Service Territory: 570 linear miles of roadways (New York State Thruway, State Route 287), 524 miles of inland waterways and 350 miles of recreational trails

Counties Served: Albany, Cayuga, Chautauqua, Columbia, Erie, Genesee, Greene, Herkimer, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Oneida, Onondaga, Ontario, Orange, Rensselaer, Rockland, Schenectady, Seneca, Ulster and Westchester

Headquarters: Albany (Albany County)

Zone 1: Tarrytown, New Rochelle, Tarrytown, Newburgh

Zone 2: Albany, Fultonville, Kingston

Zone 3: Junius Ponds, Schuyler, Syracuse

Zone 4: Buffalo, Dunkirk, Henrietta

2010 Selected Statistics

Calls for Service: 23,994

Vehicle and Traffic Law Enforcement

DWI Arrests: 1,124

Speed: 83,482

Safety Restraints: 18,003

Total V & T: 194,786

Troop T - 2010 Interesting Cases

Truck Drivers' Altercation Led to Murder by Mentally Ill Driver

January 26, 2010 — **Tpr. Mark J. Hufnagel** (T-Buffalo) was dispatched to a report of a truck off the road on Interstate 90 in Hamburg. When he arrived, Tpr. Hufnagel found a man by the side of the road covered in blood.

After he interviewed the man and learned that the 46-year-old Ohio man had an altercation with his co-driver while the truck was traveling on the road, Tpr. Hufnagel checked the cab of the tractor trailer and found a dead man in the sleeper portion of the cab.

The 46-year-old was taken to the Erie County Medical Center for treatment of injuries to



Traffic Stop leads to Drug Arrest: When he stopped a vehicle for tinted windows, Tpr. Paul Davignon (T-Fultonville), above, had sufficient evidence to request the driver's permission to search the vehicle. Receiving permission, the trooper found and seize 45 pounds of Marihuana and arrested driver for Criminal Possession 1st. The driver was committed to jail on \$50,000 bail.

his face and hands, and later released to the custody of the State Police.

When questioned by **Inv. John J. McCusker** (T-Buffalo) and Troop A investigators, the 46-year-old male confessed to the murder of his 33-year-old co-driver.

The 46-year-old male was charged with Murder 2nd and later found to be mentally ill. He was subsequently confined to a secure mental institution.

Stopped for Driving Erratically; Charged for Possession

March 11, 2010 — **Tpr. Seamus A. Lyons** (T-Tarrytown) stopped a vehicle being operated erratically on Interstate 87 in Clarkstown. The driver, who was driving with a suspended licence, claimed the reason he was unable to maintain his lane was because he was eating his dinner while driving.

The vehicle was impounded and an inventory of the vehicle was conducted, during which about 38 pounds of marihuana was discovered.

The man was charged with Criminal Possession of Marihuana 1st.

Lane Violations Stop Ends in Arrest of Passenger for Drugs

June 5, 2010 — When **Tpr. Miguel A. Berberena** (T-Tarrytown) stopped a vehicle on Interstate 95 in Mamaroneck for traffic lane violations and spoke with the driver, the trooper detected the odor of raw marihuana.

When the trooper spoke with the passenger outside the vehicle, the passenger admitted

to possessing both marihuana and some unknown pills. When Tpr. Berberena searched him, he recovered about 4½ ounces of cocaine, 9 ounces of ecstasy and 5 grams of marihuana.

The passenger was charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 2nd, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd and Unlawful Possession of Marijuana.

Speeding Vehicle Stopped; Driver Wanted for Attempted Murder

June 27, 2010 – When **Tprs. Scott Claus** and **Paul H. Davignon** (T-Fultonville) stopped a vehicle for speeding on Interstate 90 in the Town of Florida, the driver gave contradictory information, was extremely nervous, had bloodshot eyes and had slurred speech.

Consent to search the vehicle led to the discovery of a loaded handgun and 15 Alprozolam pills. The driver was charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th, was arraigned and committed to jail on bail.

Shortly thereafter, Woonsocket PD, Rhode Island, contacted the NYSP to advise the man was wanted for attempted murder. The troopers immediately contacted the jail and were told the man had been bailed out.

After notifying local police agencies, the troopers conducted field interviews that led them to locate the man at a motel in Glen.

With assistance of G-BCI, G-VFW, additional troopers and the Montgomery County Sheriff's

Office, they apprehended and arrested the man as a Fugitive from Justice. The recovered firearm was later determined to be the weapon used in the attempted murder.

Murderer Wanted in Ohio Spotted and Captured on Interstate 87

September 13, 2010 — SP Tarrytown patrols received information that a man wanted for a homicide in Ohio could possibly be traveling northbound in the area of the Tappan Zee Bridge.

Tprs. Seamus A. Lyons and William M. Suchocky (L-Tarrytown) established a stationary position south of the Tappan Zee Bridge and, within five minutes, spotted the suspect vehicle traveling northbound on Interstate 87.

With the assistance from other NYSP personnel and the Clarkstown PD, a felony stop was conducted and the man taken into custody without incident. Incriminating evidence was secured. The man was extradited to Ohio to face murder charges.

Wife's Traffic Stop leads to Arrest of Husband Wanted in Florida

September 23, 2010 — Tprs. **Howard A. Jones, Anthony M. Huggins and Gabriel T. Ryan** (T-Albany) stopped a vehicle for a cell phone violation on Interstate 87 in Albany.

During a file check of the female driver and vehicle, they found that the vehicle was registered to the driver's husband who was wanted in the State of Florida for allegedly stealing more than \$100,000 from homeowners with whom he was engaged in business contracts.

When they spoke with the woman, the

troopers learned that she was traveling alone and on her way to meet her husband at a local restaurant.

The troopers released the woman, went to the restaurant, located the husband and placed him under arrest as a Fugitive from Justice.

The husband was later remanded to jail without bail to await transport back to Florida.

Driver Wanting to Pass, Threatens with Semi-automatic

September 24, 2010 — **Tpr. David S. Smith** (T-Buffalo) received a report of an erratic operator displaying a weapon. Tpr. Smith located the vehicle and conducted a felony traffic stop.

The driver, a 22-year-old Pennsylvania man, had a loaded .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol, and, although he had a valid Pennsylvania pistol permit, he did not have a New York pistol permit.

The driver was taken into custody and transported to SP Buffalo, where he was interviewed by **Inv. John J. McCusker**. The driver admitted that he displayed the gun because the vehicle in front of him was not going fast enough and he wanted them to know someone of importance needed to get past.

He was charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd, Menacing 2nd and two counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

Recreation Vehicle Contained \$360,000 in Untaxed Cigarettes

December 4, 2010 — **Tpr. Daniel C. Snyder** (T-Schuyler) stopped a rented 2011 Ford Recreational Vehicle, bearing California

registration plates, traveling eastbound on Interstate 90 in Danube.

When Tpr. Snyder talked to him, the driver appeared to be extremely nervous. The man's travel itinerary made no sense and his explanations were incongruent. For example, he stated that he did not have a rental contract with him even though he claimed to just be coming from the rental agency.

After noticing several indicators of criminal activity, Tpr. Snyder requested the assistance from **Tpr. Timothy D. Ryan** (T-Syracuse).

After Tpr. Snyder obtained written consent to search the camper, but before he conducted the search, the driver admitted that he was



Untaxed Cigarettes Seized: Troopers seized a recreational vehicle headed for New York City that contained about 3,600 cartons of untaxed cigarettes having a street value of over \$360,000.

transporting untaxed cigarettes.

When the troopers searched the camper, they found about 3600 cartons of untaxed cigarettes, with a street value over \$360,000, concealed in every available space inside the vehicle.

Tpr. Ryan secured a written statement from the driver stating that the man took \$90,000 in cash to the Sacajawea Indian Market in Basom, NY, met with the store owner around 1:00 a.m. and purchased the cigarettes to bring back to the New York City area.

The man was processed at SP Syracuse and charged with Possession / Sale of Untaxed Cigarettes in violation of NYS Tax Law section 1814 C2.

Collision of Three Tractor Trailers Expertly Handled by Trooper

December 7, 2010 — **Tpr. Nhan N. Le** (T-Junius Ponds) was dispatched to the scene of a jack-knifed tractor trailer on Interstate 90 in Van Buren. As he approached the vicinity of the scene, the trooper observed a second tractor trailer collide with the first tractor trailer that had partially blocked the passing lane.

Before he could arrive and secure the scene, a third tractor trailer collided with the first two vehicles, causing both thruway lanes to be blocked.

After he made immediate notification of the collisions, instructed the nearby Thruway Interchange to deny entry to west-bound traffic and advised of further resources needed, Tpr. Le went to assist the occupants of the vehicles involved.

Seeing that the engine compartment of the second tractor trailer was on fire, and

because the vehicle had overturned and sustained extensive damage, the driver was trapped inside, Tpr. Le retrieved the fire extinguisher from the trunk of his troop car and used it on the fire.

When the fire spread to the inside of the cab, Tpr. Le passed his extinguisher into the cab for the driver to use and ran to a nearby NYS Thruway Snow Plow, retrieved its fire extinguisher and applied it to the fire.

After the fire was extinguished, the local fire departments arrived to extricate the driver of the second vehicle and Tpr. Le directed his attention to the third vehicle.

Upon impact, the top of the cab had been cut off by the cargo of the first vehicle and the driver was pinned inside the cab. The driver had sustained deep facial trauma and, with assistance of a motorist, Tpr. Le used gauze pads from his patrol EMS kit to apply direct pressure to the wounds. Subsequently, the truck driver lost consciousness at the scene.

Drivers from the second and third tractor trailers were taken to Syracuse area hospitals by ambulance. The driver of first tractor trailer sustained minor injuries and did not require further medical treatment.

K-9 Alerts; 16 Pounds of Marihuana Hidden in Pickup

December 24, 2010 — SP Syracuse received a call from Troop D that border patrol had been watching two vehicles, that a Troop D patrol had stopped one car and asked that the Thruway patrols put out a BOLO for the other—a Black Dodge Ram Pick up truck.

Tprs. Timothy Brennan and James Grizzanti (T-Syracuse) began to patrol the Weedsport area searching for the black

pickup.

When Tpr. Brennan spotted the vehicle, Tpr. Grizzanti noticed the truck did not have a plate lamp, thus creating probable cause for a traffic stop. When the occupant's stories conflicted as to where they were coming from and the reason for their trip, the troopers obtained consent to search the vehicle.

Tpr. Ronald Morse (T-North Syracuse) responded to assist and his K9 alerted on the rear wheel well. The troopers found a trap located under the vehicle and into the side panel of the pickup truck.

At SP Auburn a thorough search was conducted and 16 lbs of marihuana were recovered. CNET Central investigators interviewed the two men involved.

The two men were incarcerated for Criminal Possession of Marihuana 1st.



Driver's Conflicting Stories Lead Drug to Arrests: A request from border control leads troopers to conduct a traffic stop, hear conflicting stories from the two occupants and request permission to search the vehicle. They found and seized 16 pounds of Marihuana.

Central Records

The Central Records Section secures and maintains all agency records.

The section is responsible for providing records and information to the public, the criminal justice community and government agencies in compliance with laws and policies which ensure officer safety, maintain the integrity of current investigations and protect the privacy of all citizens.

It is composed of three distinct units.

Administration

Central Records

Fiscal Management

Fleet Management

Public Information Office

- **Criminal Records Section**

This section is the central repository for all Division investigative reports, daily correspondence and other written material the superintendent deems necessary.

It receives, answers and maintains all

general records inquiries.

- **Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) Unit**

This unit receives, answers and maintains all requests made to the State Police pursuant to Article 6 of the Public Officers Law.

- **Pistol Permit Bureau**

The bureau is the repository for all records concerning various classes of firearms and licenses in New York State.

Pistol Permit Bureau

Although it is not required by law to do so, the Police Pistol Permit Section often provides assistance and guidance to persons charged with the responsibility of issuing firearms licenses.

Applicants seeking licenses and those possessing pistol/revolver licenses and dealer/gunsmith licenses often consult with section personnel.

Issuing authorities have found the section to be a ready source of assistance in the proper processing of pistol/revolver licenses, amendments and dealer/gunsmith licenses.

Fiscal Management

The Fiscal Management Section is responsible for all Division activities involving cash, payroll, procurement and vendor

Central Records 2010 Activity

53,728	Investigative, arrest and case reports processed and filed
14,040	Supplemental Criminal reports processed and filed
13,764	Administrative documents and items of correspondence received and filed
793	Requests for written verification of claims from crime victims who suffered financial losses processed
704	Written verifications to the State Crime Board regarding criminal incidents that resulted in claims of injury, death, or loss of personal property prepared and provided
2,631	Freedom of Information Law requests received (a 142% increase in the last five years)
7,131	Sealing orders for records compiled in criminal cases in which the arrestee was acquitted or convicted of a non-criminal offense received and processed
19,148	Pistol licenses issued and added to the file containing the 1,264,337 pistol licenses issued in NYS since 1936 that is maintained by the unit.
93,483	Firearms licenses amended
5,538	Firearms licenses canceled or revoked
111	New firearm dealers
69	Gunsmith licenses received and filed
524	Gunsmith licenses renewed
152,085	Transactions reported by retail firearms dealers
9,395	Nuisance firearms destroyed as mandated by NYS law
1,065	Nuisance firearms destroyed by NYSP as mandated by NYS law

payment.

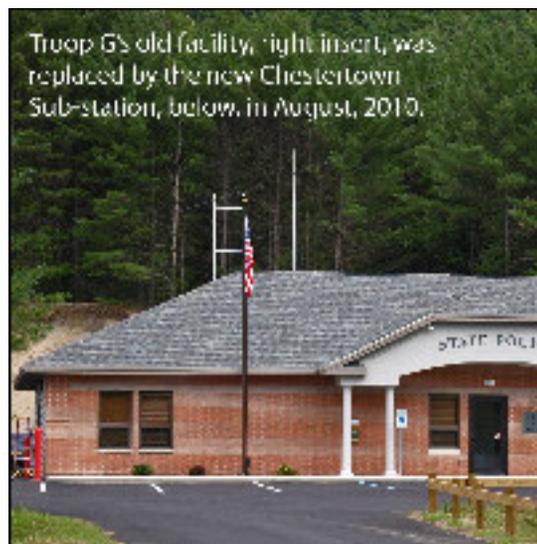
It ensures the agency's financial resources are used efficiently and effectively in support of the Division's public safety mission, and that the agency complies with all Office of the State Comptroller, Division of the Budget, and Division of State Police rules, regulations, policies and procedures governing financial matters.

Payroll Unit

This year, the Payroll Unit received the Office of the State Comptroller's Gold Star Award for the unit's composite performance for agencies with the highest volume of payroll transactions.

In biweekly cycles, the Unit processed payment and deduction transactions for over 5,400 employees and made more than \$600 million in salary payments.

Payroll staff processed salary payments and special payroll transactions for longevity, education, physical fitness assessments and holidays.



Quartermaster Unit

In 2010, the Quartermaster Unit negotiated contracts for:

- Automotive parts and repairs
- Engineering services for the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD)/Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) System
- Seat belt convincer units
- Patrol vehicles
- Portable radio equipment

Facilities Unit

The Division continues to strive toward improved facilities that will afford all personnel a suitable environment in



In August 2010, the new Troop A-Warsaw Sub-station replaced the old facility, insert.

which to perform their job duties each day.

Lease Program

Employing the Division's lease program, two new patrol stations were opened in August 2010—Troop A, SP Warsaw and Troop G, SP Chestertown—

replacing their respective former stations which had endured the wear and tear of 24-hour activities long past their useful lives.

Capital Construction Program

The Division's capital construction program continues to provide for new and improved facilities.

- September 2010 — The Forensic Investigation Unit (FIU) building at Troop B Headquarters, Ray Brook was completed and houses the Troop's Forensic Identification Unit, Collision Reconstruction Unit and the Computer Crimes Unit.

The new building provides appropriate facilities for evidence storage and vehicle and evidence processing.

Although the formal review process is still underway, it is anticipated that the building will attain LEED Silver certification by the

U.S. Green Building Council.

LEED certification indicates the building, “was designed and built using strategies aimed at improving performance across all the metrics that matter most: energy savings, water efficiency, CO2 emissions reduction, improved indoor environmental quality and stewardship of resources and sensitivity to their impacts”.

LEED certification is the result of the cooperative and deliberate design strategies of the entire design team including of a number of professional architectural and technical consultants, the NYS Office of General Services, and the NYSP.

- Construction of an FIU facility at Troop D Headquarters, Oneida began in 2010 with completion anticipated in July of 2011. Additional renovations at Troop D include an addition to the Headquarters building, which will include a classroom and conference room and provide much-needed space for the facility to adequately house the operations of the Troop.
- The contract for the Phase II construction of the new Troop G Headquarters, Latham was bid in 2010 and work began in August. Completion of the Headquarters building and Vehicle Maintenance/ Quartermaster building is scheduled for the summer of 2012.

Fleet Management

Fleet Management Section is responsible for the acquisition, deployment, maintenance and surplus of all Division vehicles.

Fleet vehicles include the Ford Crown Victoria

and Chevrolet Tahoe patrol vehicles; a variety of mid-sized vehicles for use by BCI members; specialty vehicles, such as, vans, trucks, and four-wheel-drive utility vehicles. All were purchased through a competitive bidding process.

In 2010, vehicles in this fleet patrolled 77,229,267 miles (not including Troop T).

Although augmented where necessary by commercial repair businesses, the task of maintaining this fleet is borne by NYSP repair staff at the nine regionally based troop headquarters and at Building #18 of the State Office Building Campus, Albany. Also, Division maintains auto body shops in Troop E and Troop F.

When no longer serviceable, Division vehicles are stripped of all emergency equipment and sold at public auction by the State Office of General Services, Surplus Property Unit.

Public Information Office

The Division’s Public Information Office (PIO):

- Responds to media inquiries
- Serves as liaison with other governmental agencies on public relations matters
- Prepares news releases
- Coordinates public events
- Assists field personnel with local media relations,
- Coordinates video production for documentaries and news stories of special interest.
- Assists other Division sections in developing informational and promotional materials that are used to support

displays, speaking assignments, the New York State Fair, the internal and external websites, and other special events.

During 2010, the office fielded over 1,450 media inquiries on a variety of topics:

- School Resource Officers
- Protective Services Unit
- **CoBIS**
- Pistol permits
- Cell phone and texting enforcement
- DWI enforcement
- Leandra’s Law
- Internet crime
- Budget issues
- Aviation
- Pursuits
- Personnel investigations
- Patrol rifles
- Patrol strength
- Arrests
- Crime prevention
- Tragic passing of Tpr. Jill Mattice

The PIO replied to more than 6,000 e-mails inquiring about pistol permits, carry and transport laws, accident reports, FOIL requests, production requests, criminal cases, criminal histories, traffic laws, criminal laws, State Police history and personnel.

Many production companies approach the PIO each year to produce television documentaries on various topics and interesting cases. Our agency’s work was the subject of many different documentary productions.

PIO also provided technical assistance and guidance in several motion picture productions this year. Companies producing shows included: Storyhouse, A&E Television, Cineflix, TruTV, Directors Productions, Darren

Press Films, HBO, and all the major television news networks (ABC, CBS, CNN, FOX, and NBC).

The Division hosted several events that were widely covered by the media including:

- Superintendent's Commendations and Awards Ceremony
- Women's History month
- The introduction of traffic initiatives including the Ambrose-Searles "Move Over" Law that requires vehicles to safely move away from and reduce speed when approaching emergency vehicles on our state's highways.

With the support of Information Services, every day PIO compiles and posts relevant news articles from all over the world on topics and stories of professional interest to our employees on the Division's internal website.

This year PIO compiled more than 15,000 pages of news clips on the NYSP.

Online Newsroom

The PIO introduced the NYSP online newsroom in 2009—www.NYSPNews.com.

The site has proven to be an exceptional tool for our media partners to access our agency's press releases and daily blotters. Use of the newsroom by the personnel has streamlined the process required to publish press releases.

The subscription features built into the website allows registered media users to be immediately notified of new postings. The feedback from site users and the media has been extremely positive.

Newsroom users doubled in the last year. We currently have 1,759 registered users

including reporters, editors, news directors, producers, photographers, and other correspondents representing newspaper, print, radio, and television media outlets statewide and beyond.

The 7,244 press releases posted to the online newsroom were drafted and posted by 612 Content Administrators. The press releases were read 108,608 times.

Crime Prevention

PIO continues to assist employees with crime prevention information and material and coordinate public requests for information on topics such as:

- Neighborhood Watch
- Personal safety
- Burglary prevention
- Crime prevention for senior citizens
- Internet safety
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

The Division's public website includes a section on Crime Prevention, where information can be accessed and uploaded on a number of crime prevention topics.

The State Police continues to maintain working partnerships with the National Crime Prevention Council, the Crime Prevention Coalition of America and the National Crime Prevention Association, where it holds a seat on the board of directors.

Since 1936, the fundamental mission of the NYSP Crime Laboratory System's has been to provide quality forensic science services to the entire state criminal justice system.

The system incorporates four facilities:

- **Forensic Investigation Center (FIC)**, 1996, Albany — Is home to the system's **Headquarters Laboratory**, and provides a full range of forensic science services.
- **Mid-Hudson Regional Lab**, Stewart Airport, Newburgh (Orange County) — Provides controlled substance examinations and toxicology analyses.
- **Southern Tier Regional Lab**, 1979, Port Crane (Broome County) — Specializes in controlled substance examinations.
- **Western Regional Lab**, 1987, Olean (Cattaraugus County) — Specializes in controlled substances, toxicology, trace evidence and firearms tool mark examinations.

Laboratory	Cases
Headquarters	6,374
Mid-Hudson	4,442
Southern Tier Regional	1,439
Western Regional	1,1618

The Crime Laboratory System is externally accredited, as mandated by New York code Article 49-B of the Executive Law. All four labs have successfully completed accreditation inspections by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors-Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD-LAB) since in 1993.

In 2008, the NYSP Laboratory achieved its first ASCLD-LAB International Accreditation, and has maintained that status by undergoing

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an annual ASCLD-LAB surveillance audit.

ASCLD/LAB-International™ accreditation confirms the NYSP Laboratory System's reputation as one of the top publicly funded laboratories in the nation.

Administration

Administrative staff oversee all administrative, technical and supervisory functions associated with managing the Laboratory System and provide training to recruits at the Academy.

Also, they are responsible for the lawful destruction of seized narcotics and firearms. By law, the Superintendent of State Police is authorized to destroy "nuisance" weapons—guns or firearms which are unwanted, surrendered or which have been used in the commission of a crime.

In 2010, 1,003 firearms and 10,936 narcotics-related pieces of evidence from closed State Police cases were destroyed.

Biological Sciences

Casework

The Casework Section analyzes biological material to help investigators identify perpetrators of violent crimes and exonerate

and/or exclude innocent persons.

Casework 2010 Activity	
40,752	Evidence Items Examined
2,966	Criminal Case Reports
	1,821 DNA
	1,145 Serology
1,022	DNA Analysis Provided
	975 "No-suspect" Cases
	47 Forensic Paternity Cases
95	Criminal Trials in which expert testimony was provided

2010 Interesting case

DNA Resolves 20-year-old Homicide

February 2010 — Through the combined efforts of the Biological Science Casework section, CODIS unit, and the NYS DNA Databank, Troop F investigators were provided with a powerful investigative lead that led to resolution of a 20-year-old cold case homicide.

April 27, 1990 — An adult female was found dead in her mobile home in the Huguenot section of the Town of Deerpark, NY.

She had been strangled and her throat was slashed. A subject was initially charged with the murder and spent over a year in the

Orange County jail before DNA analysis conducted by the FBI excluded him as a suspect.

Over the years investigators continued to work the case and, in 2003, a cold case meeting was held at the FIC to develop further investigative leads.

January 2004 — The persistence of Forensic Scientist Urfan Mukhtar paid off when he developed a partial DNA profile of an unknown male from semen stains left on the victim's bedding. This DNA profile was entered into the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS).

March 2009 — The DNA profile "hit" against a subject in the convicted offender profile database. The offender had been required to provide a sample to the NYS DNA Databank after pleading guilty in January 2009 to felony DWI.

February 2010 — The defendant pled guilty to killing the woman and was sentenced to 8 1/3 - 25 years in prison.

During his guilty plea, the defendant admitted to having an affair with the victim, who lived near him in the same mobile home park.

He indicated that when the victim threatened to tell his wife about their relationship, he strangled the victim and slit her throat to remove any traces of his fingerprints.

DNA Evidence Yields Guilty Plea

August 23, 2009 — A woman, taking an early morning walk near her home, in Stuyvesant, was brutally attacked by a man who forced her to the ground, struck her head against the pavement, removed her clothes and sexually assaulted her.

During the assault, the man removed the victim's shoes and chewed on her toes. The man held the woman against her will for over an hour, until the woman received help from a passing motorist.

SP Livingston investigators subsequently arrested a 19-year-old migrant worker for the abduction and rape of the woman.

Evidence from this case was submitted to the FIC where Forensic Scientists Melissa Breedlove and Jay Caponera expedited the serology and DNA analysis.

DNA mixture profiles consistent with the victim's and the man's were recovered from swabs collected from areas of the victim's body, including her big toe.

Faced with the DNA results and other evidence in this case, the defendant pled guilty and was sentenced to 22 years in prison.

DNA Databank

The DNA Databank is responsible for analyzing qualifying-convicted offender samples submitted to the laboratory, under the direction of the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services and:

- Uploading them to the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS)
- Conducting a search against DNA profiles from forensic evidence in the local, state and national databases.

DNA Databank 2010 Activity	
40,736	DNA Convicted Offender Profiles entered into CODIS
2,138	Investigative leads generated

Looking to the future

DNA Databank staff are preparing for future legislative expansions.

As part of their ongoing review of new and improved technology regarding equipment, instruments and computer software, staff has validated the implementation of new/upgraded liquid handling robots, kit chemistries and genotyping software.

These technologies will provide a more efficient and effective automation line with a production capacity of 10,000 - 12,000 samples per month and:

- Increase sample throughput, quality control and power of discrimination.
- Reduce sample costs, instrument analysis time, costs for consumable supplies, data review times and lab space requirements.
- Replace aging equipment and instrumentation.

Also, in response, the upgrading of the Databank Laboratory Information Management System (DLIMS) began in April.

The new version of DLIMS software will:

- Improve sample management.
- Contain an automated assignment function for expediting hit confirmations.
- Include a new in-house DLIMS identifier for convicted offender samples.
- Assist in streamlining the expungement process in the future.
- Serve as the foundation to develop and integrate DLIMS throughout the entire analytical workflow.

Successful implementation of a new DLIMS is imperative to provide an optimal automated system for tracking high volumes of samples

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that may be associated with future legislative expansions.

2010 Interesting case

Petit-larceny DNA Leads to Rapist

February 2010 — A Queens County man, identified through a “cold hit” generated by the CODIS, was arrested and charged with two rapes that took place in 2000 and 2003.

The man was required to give a DNA sample as a result of a petit larceny conviction in November of 2009 and his DNA profile “hit” against the rape kit and other evidence collected at the time of the rapes.

The first rape took place in the early morning when the entered a back door and raped an 11-year-old girl while her family was asleep upstairs. The perpetrator threatened to kill the little girl if she told anyone, but she immediately ran upstairs and told her mother after the perpetrator left the premises.

The second rape involved a 19-year-old woman who was sitting in front of her home, when, at knife point, the man pulled her into her driveway and raped her.

The suspect is awaiting trial and faces up to 50 years in prison.

Drug Chemistry

The Drug Chemistry Section analyzes any substance seized under the state’s laws restricting the sale, manufacture, distribution and use of abusive-type drugs.

Case submissions include drug sales, possessions, clandestine drug labs, overdoses, date rapes and drug substitution cases.

Drug evidence submitted to the section is analyzed through a variety of methods, including:

- Color testing
- Microscopic analysis
- Gas chromatograph screening
- Thin layer chromatography
- Gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS)
- Infrared spectrophotometry (FTIR)
- Liquid chromatography/mass spectrometry (LC/MS).

Following analysis, forensic scientists then interpret the instrumental data and prepare reports of their findings.

These reports are used in criminal court proceedings; often the forensic scientist is asked to provide expert testimony in court.

Drug Chemistry 2010 Activity	
4,769	Criminal Case Reports
22,209	Evidence items analyzed

Clandestine Drug Laboratories

Specially trained forensic scientists are accompany the NYS Contaminated Crime Scene Emergency Response Team (CCSERT) when they respond to a suspected clandestine drug laboratory and:

- Provide expert testimony regarding the practical and theoretical aspects associated with the synthesis of methamphetamine.
- Serve as scientific advisors.
- Assist in the securing and processing of evidence.

- Aid in dismantling the laboratory while emphasizing safety and health concerns.

Clandestine Drug Lab 2010 Activity	
31	Clandestine drug labs raided
30	Methamphetamine lab
1	Methcathinone lab (a psychoactive stimulant)

Evidence Receiving

Personnel in the Evidence Receiving are responsible for taking in, processing, securing and maintaining the chain of custody for criminal evidence in cases submitted.

Because evidence may be examined by different sections under the control of the laboratory system, staff involved in the process must conform to strict protocols and policies.

During 2010, evidence receiving units received more than 100,000 items, including:

- Firearms
- Drugs
- Biological DNA and toxicological specimens
- Trace items
- Latent fingerprints
- Fire debris
- Items associated with computer crimes

Firearms/Tool Marks

The Firearms Identification Unit is responsible for identifying, examining and analyzing guns and related expended ammunition components.

Firearms examiners perform all test-firing, microscopic analyses, distance

determinations, serial number restorations and tool mark examinations in criminal cases.

Staff uses specialized microscopes and computers to capture digital images of firing pin impressions and breach-face marks on expended cartridge casings as part of the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN).

NIBIN is a computer network maintained by the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives that enables partner crime laboratories to search ballistic databases nationally for links to other crime scene cartridge casings and test-fired crime weapons.

Firearms/Tool Marks 2010 Activity	
423	Reports issued
3,758	Evidence items analyzed
558	Digital images of cartridge casings entered into NIBIN for comparison
40	"Cold hits" identified linking open cases including robbery, assaults and murder cases
21	Superior Court Testimony by Unit's Firearms Examiners

Since 2002, NYSP Firearms examiners have entered 4,387 images into NIBIN, resulting in 339 "cold hits" that have aided investigations and contributed to prosecutions and convictions.

2010 Interesting case

May 27, 2010 — An armed robbery occurred at the Bank of America, in Utica. Utica Police reported that a man had entered the bank shortly after 9 a.m. armed with a semi-automatic handgun, fired one round inside the bank and made off with an undisclosed

amount of money. No one was injured.

July 29, 2010 — Another armed robbery occurred at NBT Bank in Rome. The robber charged into the bank, pointed a semi-automatic handgun at a teller and demanded money. He fired one shot into the ceiling.

The suspect fled with an undisclosed amount of money in a waiting vehicle.

Police were able to stop the vehicle which contained two men, but, while officers took the driver and a weapon into custody, the passenger jumped into the driver's seat and took off.

The vehicle was stopped by police in Marcy, NY and as the man fled he shot an Oneida County Sheriff's Deputy in the leg.

Although he eluded police for more than 24 hours, the man was arrested in Utica, NY.

A weapon and some of the stolen money was recovered in his possession at the time of arrest. Evidence from the crime scenes and the arrest was submitted to the FIC for analysis.

Sgt. James F. Campbell, Firearms Identification Section, linked the expended .40 caliber cartridge cases from the two bank robberies and the shootout with police to the pistol that was recovered during the arrest.

The driver pleaded guilty to his role in robbing the NBT Bank and leading police on a chase. He was sentenced to 30 years in prison in Oneida County Court.

The charges against the passenger included attempted murder, robbery, aggravated assault and criminal possession.

Forensic Identification

Forensic Identification 2010 Activity	
166	Evidence Cases processed for development of latent fingerprints
308	Latent fingerprint lifts generated
80	Postive fingerprint identifications
425	Fingerprint cases entered into SAFIS and FBI IAFIS
1,721	Latent prints searched against known print database
117	"Cold hit" fingerprint identifications

2010 Interesting case

Fingerprints Left at Scene Convicts Defendant

April 20, 2010 — The Washington County Sheriff's Department submitted items of evidence from an Attempted Murder/Kidnapping case they were investigating.

Among evidence submitted for latent print development were numerous photographs of a graphic nature.

Inv. Marietta A. Ziemendorf processed the evidence and saw what appeared to be fingerprints in blood on one of the photographs. After further examination of the "blood prints and comparing them to the suspect in the case, two positive fingerprint identifications were.

Inv. Ziemendorf's testimony at trial proved instrumental in the conviction of the defendant.

Combined Ballistic Identification System

CoBIS captures digital images of sample,

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expended cartridge casings submitted for every new handgun sold in New York State.

By the end of 2010, the ballistics database included 179,682 images ready to be searched against crime scene evidence.

Since its inception, the system has been queried 7,630 times with two “hits”.

Quality Assurance

The Quality Assurance Office monitors laboratory system policies and procedures to verify compliance with NYS Executive Law 49-B, which established the NYS Commission on Forensic Science.

The Commission requires the State Police Crime Laboratory System to maintain accreditation.

The office also manages the laboratory system’s internal auditing program, the proficiency testing and safety programs, and the Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS).

Toxicology

Scientists in this section use a variety of instruments and techniques, including gas chromatography, mass spectrometry, enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay and solid phase extraction.

Much of the section’s caseload supports highway safety enforcement, involving charges such as Vehicular Homicide/ Manslaughter, Criminally Negligent Homicide, Vehicular Assault, DWI, and DWAI-Drugs.

The section also provides assistance in death investigations and sexual assaults.

The scientists serve as a resource for the criminal justice community on toxicology matters involving impairment, cause of death, and drug facilitated sexual assault.

During 2010, staff provided training through the New York Prosecutors Training Institute (NYPTI), the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) and the annual NYSP Sexual Offense Seminar.

Toxicology 2010 Activity		
3,088	Cases analyzed	
	3,015	Highway safety enforcements
	42	Drug-facilitated sexual assaults
	31	Other toxicology investigations

Breath Testing

This section supports Division’s Traffic Services Breath Testing Program.

Staff perform the maintenance, repairs and certification of all Drager 7110 breath testing equipment.

Also, the section certifies the simulator solution used by law enforcement agencies statewide, and provides expert testimony on alcohol-related driving issues.

During 2010, staff tested and deployed the Drager 9510 and inspected/calibrated the 250 new instruments for use in the field.

Trace Evidence

The Trace Evidence staff examine evidence including fire debris, footwear and tire impressions, paint, glass and unknown substances.

Examiners employ an arsenal of high-tech instruments including

- Scanning electron microscope
- Polarizing microscopes
- Comparison Microscopes
- Microspectrophotometer
- Glass Refractive Index Measuring System
- Fourier Transform infrared microspectrometer
- Gas chromatograph/mass spectrometer/ mass selective detector
- Pyrolysis gas chromatograph.

The section also has one of the few gas-phase laser ablation inductively coupled plasma labs in the world, with Deep Ultraviolet Excimer Laser Ablation Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry (ICP-MS).

Trace Evidence 2010 Activity	
62	Cases Examined: homicide, rape, narcotics, property crimes and fatal motor vehicle “hit-and-run”
204	Suspected arson cases from which fire debris evidence was processed

Communications

The NYSP Communications and Technology Support section is responsible for the management and support of the Division's statewide network of telephones, radio systems and related technologies and services used to support the activities of Division personnel.

The unit manages all communications infrastructure and provides technical assistance, workstation support, call center services and user training for a wide array of communications systems throughout the state.

The section also provides communication capabilities at temporary emergency command post locations.

Radio Services

The Radio Services Unit manages the Division's radio system and supporting infrastructure.

It also operates and maintains mobile emergency command communications vehicles for response as needed for critical incidents and special details.

The vehicles, operated by trained technical support staff, provide incident commanders with portable telephone, radio, video and satellite connectivity in a mobile office environment.

In 2010:

- ▶ A major project was initiated to ensure the Division meets narrowband compliance standards established by the FCC which will become effective on January 1, 2013.

Work to include:

Technology/Communications

Communications

Radio Services

Telephone Services

GIS Information System

Information Systems

Applications Development

Project Management

Technical Architecture

Technology Call Center

Technology Training Unit

Workstation Support

- The replacement of all end-user equipment (mobile and portable radios)
- Reprogramming of all hilltop base station equipment.
- Installation of new vehicular repeaters in patrol vehicles to improve portable radio coverage.

In support of the State's "system of system's" interoperability approach, NYSP is actively working with a number of Counties and consortiums to develop shared microwave radio networks.

Shared microwave systems in Essex, Otsego, Madison, Onondaga, Oswego, Cayuga, Sullivan, and Suffolk Counties are currently in various stages of development.

- ▶ NYSP continued discussions with the MTA, in NYC, regarding a proposal to develop a shared 700/800 MHz public safety radio network.

Telephone Services

The Telephone Services Unit manages the Division's voice telecommunications networks, serving hundreds of State Police facilities and special operations statewide.

It also provides technical support to various

special details, including Homeland Security and Counter Terrorism Units.

911 Call answering

The Division continues to answer 911 calls with the latest available technology at the Albany and Hudson Valley Traffic Management Centers.

As more counties take over primary responsibility for answering 911, the Division is supporting them as secondary and backup answering points.

Geographic Information System (GIS) Unit

The GIS Unit:

- Provides geospatial support and solutions statewide, including map requests and Geographic Positioning Satellite (GPS) support services.
- Maintains GIS data and provides end-user technical support for GPS and GIS mapping.
- Supports a team of GIS coordinators assigned to various sections and Troops throughout the state.
- Provides maps for a variety of uses throughout the year including search and rescue operations, special details, crime

scenes and criminal trials.

- Provide detailed geographic analysis of accident histories, helping supervisors identify where incidents were occurring to better evaluate resource allocation.
- Manages the use of GPS equipment to map critical infrastructure and assist with crime scene mapping.

In 2010, the GIS Unit substantially completed the deployment of statewide Automated Vehicle Locator (AVL) technology using Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) software.

CAD/AVL technology enables:

- Dispatch centers and other NYSP units to identify the location of patrol vehicles at all times.
- Patrol vehicles to perform NYSPIN checks from their in-vehicle computer.
- Dispatch personnel to manage resources more effectively and improve response times while greatly enhancing officer safety.

Information Services

Information Services (IS) provides and maintains high-quality computer hardware and software resources to support State Police and NYS law enforcement in working efficiently and effectively.

Virtually every core policing process both in the office and out in the field has become dependent to varying extents on technology, including calls for service, incident response and reporting, arrest and investigation, evidence tracking, public safety data sharing, criminal analysis and policing administration.

IS provides a unified point of contact for accessing technology based resources,

services and support.

Application Development

This section has three units:

- **Software Development/Maintenance** for 100+ applications including the design, construction, implementation and continuous upkeep of information and technology systems for patrol operations, investigation of criminal activities and administrative functions. Major applications include the NYSPIN, TraCS, SJS, LIMS, CIAS and AVL.
- **Enterprise Architecture/Web** designs and devises standards for application platforms, programming languages and the user interface for NYSP applications. Standards facilitate the sharing of information between applications and agencies, promote the latest advances in technology and improve support. Also, the EA team develops and maintains the NYSP Intranet and Internet sites.
- **Application Statewide Support** triages support calls, monitors agreed upon service level agreements and works to improve the resolution of technological problems and customer support.

The Applications Development staff works with all the sections of the State Police to analyze requirements for new systems or requested changes, and determine how to solve business problems using technology.

Project Management Office (PMO)

PMO staff are responsible for tracking and managing all technology projects for the agency.

Project managers develop and maintain project schedules, manage project team resources and lead teams from project inception through implementation while working to keep within budget, on schedule and consistent with the customer's needs and expectations.

Established in 2005 to develop a project management methodology to better manage the increasing volume of technology projects required by the State Police, the PMO coordinates and oversees development and implementation of most of the agency's technology projects.

It also provides mentoring and training on project management techniques, coordinates the preparation of the Annual Technology Plan and manages the technology Project Portfolio.

In 2010, working closely with Division's operational sections and under the guidance of the Executive Technology Committee and newly established Technology Working Group, IS completed seven technology projects and delivered four major milestones on three of our multi-year projects.

The technology Project Portfolio currently contains 16 active projects, 10 projects under review and 43 projects on hold pending resource availability.

Technical Architecture Services

This section has three units:

- **Server Management** staff set up, maintain and improve back-end hardware that supports and runs NYSP applications and data storage, including servers for GroupWise e-mail, Intranet servers, Citrix servers for application delivery, AVL

servers and an immense storage network.

- **Data Management** staff design, create and maintain essential data for mission critical applications and manage quality assurance and control.
- **Network Management** staff design and build the physical NYSP network and maintain connections to each NYSP site, outside law enforcement agencies and other state and federal criminal justice agencies.

In 2010:

- ▶ The Server Management Team continued refresh and improve our server systems, moving critical SJS, TraCS and other applications from legacy servers to newer hardware, implementing a significant amount of virtual servers and starting an initiative to migrate systems to a newer Windows operating system.

These upgrades have increased reliability and performance enabling IS to better support NYSP customers.

- ▶ The Data Management team provided database support for every major project and was critical component in the successful migration SJS and TraCS to new hardware, and the implementation and upgrade of other critical law enforcement applications.

- ▶ The Network Management team performed significant network enhancements to the Division Data Center and Forensic Investigation Center infrastructure.

These enhancement coupled with planned upgrades in the active network refresh project will significantly improve the

performance of key division applications.

Technology Call Center

The Center operates 24/7 and provides first tier technological support to over 30,000 law enforcement personnel including all State Police personnel and NYSPIN and Portal users.

Supported technology includes computers, blackberry/cell phone, networks, applications, user accounts and Portal access.

In 2010

- The following were added to the staff's list of responsibilities:
 - Printer Management
 - AVL Password reset
 - New Citrix Apps
 - Taser (ECD)
 - Okidata Printer replacement
 - E-mail Quarantine
 - Vacation Schedule system
 - FL25 NYSPIN disconnects
 - Metros questions
 - New Draeger
 - NYSPIN Operator updates
 - Increased Portal Applications
 - SP Vehicle Collision Application
- Staff received 30,542 Requests for Service or Support and the first-line support function resolved 23,518 requests for a 77% closure rate.

Although this is a 7% decrease in call volume and 1% decrease in closure rate from 2009, this responsive level of service was delivered with five less Call Center personnel.
- Continuing to serve as the backup Portal Help Desk and the point-of-contact for

the eJusticeNY Integrated Justice Portal, Center staff processed 1,155 IJ Portal Help Desk calls.

As the move from legacy NYSPIN to the web-based delivery of NYSPIN services progresses, the Call Center will assist NYSPIN users as they transition to the Integrated Justice Portal for faster access to updated NYSPIN functionality.

Technology Training Unit

The Unit is responsible for the training and certification of 160 Communications Specialists throughout the state and ensuring compliance with State 911 Board standards.

In 2010

- Staff was tasked with implementing statewide training projects for Communications and Technology and the research and development of new training programs, with the Integrated Justice Portal as the main focus.

Training for the Portal was completed in the Capital Region area and Long Island and continues to be deployed across the state, encompassing approximately 100,000 users statewide.
- The Unit has completed the Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) application training for Communication Specialists and officers in the field, including the deployment of training and materials for DMV inquiry-type functions over the AVL system.
- Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) certification and State 911 Board training continued and the Unit expects to assist with the upcoming deployment of portable radios in the field along with other

technology driven applications for NYSP users and customers.

Workstation Support

This Unit is responsible for planning, procurement, implementation and support of client hardware and software, including printers and multifunction devices and supports all smart phone and cellular communication devices.

Assigned to Troop Headquarters locations, Field IT Specialists function as an essential extension of the Unit and work closely with field personnel to provide on-site technical assistance and coordinate the deployment of IT related initiatives.

In 2010

- Staff has been working on several major internal initiatives that have improved the reliability and security of our network to higher levels than ever before.
- The McAfee ePolicy Orchestrator server, which is used to control and administrate the anti-virus and personal firewall products, was upgraded to current levels providing a significantly enhanced level of control and protection not previously possible.
- The LANDesk infrastructure underwent a change and the LANDesk processes were refined, resulting in a more dependable and robust environment to manage NYSP assets.
In addition, a LANDesk Management Gateway appliance was installed in order to facilitate the management of computers that are not always connected to our network.
- Active Directory Group Policy was initiated

giving IS a set of controls that have been leveraged to maintain control and a consistent platform for our computers statewide.

This has allowed the removal of Administrative rights on over 97% of deployed computers and provided additional security controls.

IS's 2010 Highlights

The highlights of the applications and systems implemented and/or supported by IS personnel include:

Automated Vehicle Location (AVL)

A statewide AVL system:

- Provides dispatch points with a mapped display of the current location of marked patrol vehicles:
- Improves officer safety, operational awareness and the management of available resources.
- Allows troopers to easily activate an emergency notification when urgent critical assistance is required and the trooper is unable to speak.
- Provides crucial text-based communication and support group broadcasts, drastically reducing radio traffic congestion.

In 2010

NYSP continued to deploy the AVL system and, in June, began a phased rollout to integrate NYSPIN functionality within the vehicles.

The AVL/NYSPIN implementation:

- Allow troopers to perform NYSPIN queries directly from the patrol vehicle.

- Improves the query response time.
- Increases the number of checks.
- Provides more detailed information to the requesting trooper.

Because automatic NYSPIN Hit notification messages safety and dispatch awareness is enhanced, multiple I/Dispatcher terminals were installed at each Troop headquarters.

Since June 2010, over 189,000 NYSPIN inquiries were sent from patrol vehicles and about 1,300 users were trained and are using the AVL/NYSPIN system.

By the end of 2010, the majority of marked cars were on the AVL system, and regional DOT Help Trucks were added and are being tracked in real time.

Forensic Systems

In support of the NYSP Crime Laboratory, IS continues to expand the Casework Laboratory Management System (CLIMS) System.

- The implementation of Identifiler, YFiler and Quant Duo improves the DNA Casework section's sample throughput, laboratory efficiency, document control maintenance and information flow.
- The ability to enter the data after all Serology kits were modified, to coincide with the latest kit versions released by DCJS, improved procedural efficiency and accuracy with little or no changes to the process.
- Software enhancements gave the Toxicology section the ability to perform retests of certain case samples, upon request, (a periodic requirement of the laboratory accrediting board) and improves the efficiency of tracking and reporting these requests.

The Databank Laboratory Management System (DLIMS) continues to use the direct “real time” interface with the DCJS DNA Management system that was implemented in 2009.

The Databank section continues to further enhance their laboratory software by upgrading to the most up-to-date vendor supported version of the product and, with likelihood of the Databank expanding, the priority remains to build on to the current system and bring all automated and manual processes on-line.

Internet

Staff continue to support the NYSP Internet website which is an external information resource for anyone inside or outside the agency.

Staff developed an application for the State Fair for Wanted/Missing information.

Intranet

The NYSP Intranet website is website is a resource for all employees.

In 2010, updates were made to content and applications, including:

- Division Vehicle Collision reporting application
- Breathalyzer Certifications application
- Vacation Schedule system
- Pistol Permits application

Additionally, IS staff

- Provided better tools for building applications and integrating the code.
- Implemented a technology “wiki” and instant messaging system to aid collaboration between administrative

teams.

NYSIC Systems

IS assisted the New York State Intelligence Center (NYSIC) with the expansion of the Criminal Intelligence and Analysis System (CIAS) that incorporates federated search technology, data analysis and strict security protection.

In 2010, IS and NYSIC staff collaborated to lead and participate in several data-sharing initiatives with federal, state and local criminal justice agencies.

Multi-agency partnerships rely heavily upon the use of state of the art analytical tools and portal technology to bring intelligence data together for criminal justice agencies across the nation.

NYSPIN

The New York Statewide Police Information Network (NYSPIN) process almost 1.5 million transactions are daily.

NYSPIN is a suite of services that provide secure interagency communication for about 50,000 in-state law enforcement and criminal justice users and 92,000 agencies nationwide access to information on:

- Wanted, Missing, Unidentified Persons
- Stolen Property
- Department of Motor Vehicles
- Orders of Protection
- Gang or Terrorist members

The system interfaces with the:

- NYS Department of Motor Vehicles
- Office of Court Administration
- National Crime Information Center (NCIC) managed by the FBI

- International Justice and Public Safety Network

A major upgrade was completed to transition NYSPIN services from mainframe computing architecture to the open systems eJusticeNY—New York State Integrated Justice Portal.

In 2010, a phased transition began to move users from legacy Enforcer workstations to the browser based Portal, enabling users to obtain NY Criminal Justice data through the Internet or NY Statewide Network instead of relying upon a dedicated standalone workstation.

This transition includes improvements through the re-use of data and the automation of a data validation process which used to be completed by mailing paper reports to participating agencies.

The phased portal user rollout is expected to be completed in 2011.

Additionally, NYSPIN provides services to 110 computer systems (metros) managed by local, city and county agencies to provide NYSPIN information to patrol cars, computer aided dispatch centers and records and case management systems.

In 2010, a replacement metro interface was developed and released that utilizes open data standards and web services to allow agencies easier access to Portal data within their own systems.

Over 20 agencies began the process to transition from proprietary communications to the upgraded metro interface.

Spectrum Justice System (SJS)

The Spectrum Justice System (SJS) is a

statewide repository for police records.

Since its implementation in 2001, SJS weekly averaged has been 9,900 incidents and 1,100 arrests entries.

Integration processes were implemented to make this person, incident and arrest information accessible by NYSIC and regional Crime Analysis Centers (CAC) for intelligence gathering.

In 2010, the warrant module was rolled out to automate the tracking and execution of warrants in New York State.

Traffic and Criminal Software (TraCS)

TraCS is deployed in more than 1,400 vehicles statewide and records traffic tickets, accidents and inspections and is used for intelligence gathering and arrest processing.

In 2010

- TraCS handled 1.1 million tickets, 73,000 accidents and 85,000 commercial vehicle inspections.
- TraCS personnel implemented an interface with the latest breathalyzer instruments from Draeger with a direct communications link over the NYSP network allowing for remote diagnostics and troubleshooting.
- Staff began the implementation of a new Statewide Police Integrated Data Exchange Router (SPIDER) for movement of law enforcement data between state agencies.

Office of Employee Relations

The Office of Employee Relations oversees:

- Office of Human Resources
- Employee Assistance Program
- NYSP Academy

At the agency level it administers the collective bargaining agreements between the State of New York and Division employees represented by the:

- Police Benevolent Association of the New York State Troopers (PBA),
- New York State Police Investigators Association (NYSPIA),
- Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA),
- Public Employees Federation (PEF), and
- New York State Correctional Officers and Police Benevolent Association (NYSCOPBA).

Employee Relations also represents the Division in grievance hearings and improper practice proceedings before the Public Employment Relations Board (PERB), and represents the Division in contract negotiations and interest arbitration proceedings between the State and the various employee organizations.

► **PBA contract status**

On Aug. 16, the state and the PBA agreed to terms on a new four-year collective bargaining agreement for the Troopers' and Supervisors' units for 2007-2011.

This Agreement expired on March

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Employment Assistance Program

NYSP Academy

31, 2011, and it is anticipated that negotiations for a successor collective bargaining agreement between the parties will begin in 2011.

► **NYSPIA contract status**

On Nov. 6, the state and NYSPIA agreed to terms on a new four-year collective bargaining agreement for the unit representing Investigators and Senior Investigators for the period 2007-2011.

This Agreement expired on March 31, 2011, and it is anticipated that negotiations for a successor collective bargaining agreement between the parties will begin in 2011.

► **CSEA and PEF contract status**

Employees of the Division represented by CSEA and PEF are operating under collective bargaining agreements covering the period 2007-2011. These agreements expired on April 1, 2011.

► **NYSCOPBA contract status**

Currently, employees of the Division represented by NYSCOPBA are operating under a collective bargaining agreement covering the period 2003-2007.

Office of Human Resources

The Office of Human Resources has three main areas of responsibility:

- Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity Management
- Promotional System and Career Board Process Administration
- Benefits Administration

Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity Management

Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity Management has four units:

- Equal Employment Opportunity
- Recruitment
- Sworn Member Hiring
- Civilian Hiring.

Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO)

The EEO Unit is responsible for enforcing the State Police sexual harassment and EEO policies.

Members of this unit train supervisors in sexual harassment and discrimination-related issues, administer the informal/formal dispute/complaint resolution process and serve on interview panels as objective representatives

of the Office of Human Resources and assist the Internal Affairs Bureau with formal EEO complaint investigations.

EEO senior investigators maintain an open communication with employees in their regions and respond to concerns and issues and provided direct support services by conducting mediation sessions or referring employees through appropriate channels or available resources.

In addition to the members assigned full-time to the EEO Unit, there are about 86 sworn and non-sworn employees who are designated as Human Resources (HR) counselors and five sworn members designated as EEO specialists.

HR counselors and EEO specialists serve in these roles as a collateral duty only when needed to informally resolve an issue or assist in the investigation of a formal complaint, respectively. When acting in the capacity of an HR counselor or EEO specialist, the employee assigned reports to the EEO technical lieutenant and/or one of the regional EEO senior investigators.

In 2010, HR counselors handled 37 separate concerns, most of which were resolved through the informal dispute resolution process.

Matters which cannot be resolved informally are presented before an oversight committee, which determines whether the issue should be handled formally. If that is the case, the issued is referred to the Internal Affairs Bureau and a joint formal investigation is conducted with the EEO Unit.

In 2010, there were three formal investigations that were related to EEO issues.

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Also during 2010, planning began for an HR Counselor school to be conducted in January of 2011, in order to train new counselors for troops or sections where employees serving in that capacity have transferred or retired from state service.

Recruitment

Prior to 2010, there were two technical lieutenants assigned to oversee the program:

- One stationed in NYC to supervise recruiters assigned to Troops F, K, L, and NYC, and
- One assigned to Division Headquarters to perform Division-level administrative functions such as managing the recruitment budget, developing the statewide mission, administering the NYS Trooper Exam, coordinating the State Police SEFA campaign, and supervising the regional efforts of recruiters assigned to Troops A, B, C, D, E, and G.

During 2010, the NYC lieutenant retired and was not replaced and the lieutenant at Headquarters was transferred to a field position due to the current hiring freeze.

Although the 10 Recruiters/troopers stationed statewide continued to attend college career fairs, community job fairs, county fairs, community events and high profile parades including NY State Fair in Syracuse, they could no longer serve the recruitment mission full-time and took on additional duties to help meet the personnel and operational needs of their Troops.

Continuing to maximize the opportunity for military applicants, a supplemental Military entrance examination was held in March of 2010. This concluded the 2008 Entrance

Examination process.

Including the 2010 supplemental military candidates, 19,095 applicants took the 2008 Entrance Examination and, to date, over 28,000 individuals have requested to be notified of our next exam.

A noteworthy effort for 2010 is the new larger Junior Police Academy in Syracuse, hosted by Troop D. Thirty-seven out of 42 junior recruits successfully completed the program, providing our officers with an opportunity to make a positive influence within the communities we serve.

Member Hiring Unit

The Member Hiring Unit is responsible for managing the selection process and the appointment of recruits to the New York State Police Academy. The selection process is comprised of the following main components: candidate processing weekend; the background investigation, and medical processing.

The Candidate Processing weekend includes physical ability testing, vision testing, college credit verification, document submission, fingerprinting, and psychological testing. The most recent Candidate Processing resulted in the initiation of 270 background investigations.

Due to unprecedented budgetary restrictions, in 2010, there were no appointments to the Basic School or Candidate Processing events. Despite the hiring freeze, the unit continued to track the completion of the above background investigations, manage their review, and respond to numerous inquiries from candidates on the Trooper Exam Eligibility List.

Civilian Hiring Unit

Due to a statewide hiring freeze, the Civilian Hiring Unit continued the temporary suspension of both promotional and open-competitive examinations, were able to only hire six hourly employees—five station cleaners and one legal aide.

When, in the fall of 2010, Governor David Patterson ordered the layoffs of 898 state employees, 93 non-sworn State Police positions were effected with the close of business December 31.

Based on the consolidation of many State Police dispatch locations and the employees' right to bump and retreat, many affected employees, who were more senior accepted reassignment in available locations throughout the State. This involved numerous statewide reassignments including seven permanent employees moving to an hourly-basis.

Unit staff worked closely with the Office of Employee Relations and the affected bargaining units for numerous weeks to ensure the rights of all employees and were steadfast in the preservation those rights.

The Unit is currently contacting each laid off employee to follow-up with the necessary information concerning benefits and to discuss preferred lists and re-employment roster options.

It is anticipated that this process will be completed in mid-January 2011. Additionally, the Civilian Hiring Unit is offering assistance with résumé preparation for those laid off employees who so desire.

Training and Educational Initiatives

HR provided training attended by 174

employees on the topics of Managing and Valuing Cultural Diversity, Cultural Sensitivity: The Issue of Racial Profiling and the Prevention of Discrimination/Sexual Harassment for both sworn and non-sworn.

Staff has updated the curriculum for Human Resource Counselor School, which includes an expanded section on Interview Panel Training. This curriculum is scheduled to be administered in early 2011.

In conjunction with the Civilian Hiring Unit, a Traditions Handbook is being developed for non-sworn employees to assist with the assimilation of non-sworn employees into our organization.

Unit personnel played an integral role in the planning, organizing and hosting the Annual Inaugural Training Conference for the New York Women in Law Enforcement in Cooperstown, NY, November 3 – 5, 2010 which is attended by women in law enforcement at the local, state and federal levels.

Promotional System and Career Board Process Administration

Sworn Member Competitive Promotional Examinations

The written portions of the promotional examinations for the positions of Uniformed Lieutenant and Sergeant were administered in February and March of 2009.

Due to budgetary restrictions, some vacant Sergeant and Lieutenant positions were not filled by August 16, 2009, the date on which the eligibility lists from the 2009 exam process were to be effective. Therefore, the official promotional lists for Lieutenant and Sergeant

were not established until August 19 and September 16, 2010 respectively.

Make-up exams for returning military members were administered to one Lieutenant and five Sergeant candidates.

Research into leadership and test design in preparation for the next series of promotional exams continues.

Non-Competitive Interview Panel

The OHR continues to manage the State Police non-competitive interview process, which includes determinations on the applicability of interview panels; the approval process required to post a position; parameters for construction of questions and rating instruments; requirements for screening applicants; instructions for conducting the interview panel; and the recommendation and appointment process.

During 2010, there were 20 different interview panels that were managed for either promotional positions or consultant positions.

Benefits Administration

The Benefits Administration Unit continued to provide services in the areas of:

- Health and Insurance benefits
- Retirement support
- Survivor death benefits
- Attendance and leave programs
- Tuition reimbursement
- Medical monitoring programs

The Health and Insurance Unit

- Coordinated with employees in reference to health and insurance benefits including the Income Protection Program (IPP) and Management Confidential (M/C) Life

- Insurance.
- Coordinated the annual open enrollment / option transfer period for health insurance options.
- Assisted with Productivity Enhancement and Flex Spending information processing and enrollment.
- Assisted employees with the implementation of new health care laws such as the Young Adult Enrollment Project that took effect January of 2011.

The Leave Unit:

- Oversees attendance and leave programs for all sworn and non-sworn employees. This includes a variety of benefit programs, including:
 - Compressed workweek scheduling
 - The Family and Medical Leave Act
 - The Leave Donation Program
 - Voluntary Reduction in Work Schedule Program
- The Productivity Enhancement Program.
- Provides guidance and assistance to employees on maternity leave, extended military leave, and those who have filed for retirement.

The Medical Monitoring Unit:

The Medical Monitoring Unit continued to implement and supervise the Heightened Risk and Modified Duty Program that was negotiated for all members..

- Responsible for the administration of Workers' Compensation benefits including:
 - Filing claims through the Accident Reporting System.
 - Assisting employees with obtaining

approval for medical treatment through the New York State Insurance Fund.

- Responsible for the preparation of annual statistical reports required by the Department of Labor pertaining to all on-the-job injuries.
- Continued to research and respond to issues and inquiries regarding The World Trade Center Medical Monitoring Program.
- Assisted all employees with the filing of proper documentation concerning The World Trade Center Site –Rescue, Recovery or Cleanup Operation due to final deadlines having to be met in 2010.
- Continually provides guidance and assistance to all employees that have filed for disability retirement.

Employee Assistance Program

The Employee Assistance Program is a confidential early intervention system designed to help sworn and non-sworn members and their families.

The EAP is staffed with full-time, specially trained regional coordinators who provide assistance around-the-clock and serve to identify and motivate employees for treatment whose job performance is impaired by emotional, personal, workplace, critical stress or addiction and/or other problems that may affect the employee in his or her work.

The EAP helps employees and families select appropriate community resources for treatment and rehabilitation and follows up to ensure quality care is provided.

Additionally, EAP has a Peer Counseling Unit, staffed by member and civilian employees trained in peer counseling skills, and a newly formed Military Peer Counseling Unit staffed by current and retired military personnel specifically trained to assist State Police/ military employees and their families during military deployments.

Over the years, the EAP has experienced growth and a steady increase in the number of cases. It handled 600 cases in 2010.

In addition to handling all cases referred to the EAP, unit staff lectures at the Academy for State Police Basic School, the new NCO, Senior Investigator, Investigator School and Member-Citizen Interaction Schools.

The regional coordinators have been requested to do regional trainings for dispatchers, SORT, returning military personnel and other local police academies and chiefs of police meetings.

NYSP Academy

The Academy provides:

- Training resources to about 14,000 people each year. Personnel receiving training include: State Police, other law enforcement agencies, criminal justice community, and general public (for law enforcement related education).
- Instruction and classroom space and dining and lodging facilities to police departments and outside agencies who come to the State Police for assistance in training their personnel.

In 2010, the Academy hosted numerous meetings, seminars and trainings related to Homeland Security and Counter Terrorism,

and seminars for DCJS and the NYS Prosecutors Training Institute.

With the current fiscal status of NYS, there was an increase in requests to use the Academy for meeting and training space by outside agencies, such as, NYS Department of Health, NYS Internal Control Association, State Emergency Management Office, Governor's Office of Employee Relations and the Division of Criminal Justice Services.

Training

In-Service & specialized training

- The Winter In-Service Program consisting of a Defensive Tactics Refresher, AED and CPR Re-Certifications, and Blood Borne Pathogens training delivered by Defensive Tactics Program (DTP) personnel and EMS Program Instructors.
- In a four week school, the Emergency Medical Services Unit trained 30 members of the Executive Services Detail, SORT, SCUBA and CCSERT to become Emergency Medical Technicians.
- Two sessions of the two-week Instructor Development School certified participants as Instructors for General Topics, Special Operations Response Team, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit and K9 Unit.
- An updated, two-week Basic Leadership course for new Uniform and BCI Supervisors was developed and two sessions were held training a total of 61 supervisors.
- Civilian Supervisor Training Series was developed and three courses were presented. The topics were:
 - Transition to the Supervisory Role
 - Internal Affairs and Human Resources

Issues

- Equal Employment Opportunities
- Prevention of Sexual Harassment
- All BCI personnel were trained in the use of the Monadnock 18 inch Expandable Batons.
- The BCI Back-Room Familiarization Program to give investigators the experience of working in a back-room, criminal squad unit, was completed by 380 investigators. The program involved a 16-hour course at the Academy and a 30 day assignment in a Troop back-room.
- A two-week Firearms Instructor Course trained new NYSP Firearms Instructors, and City of Syracuse PD officers (thus responding to the request for the NYSP to train instructors for other agencies).
- Firearms Instructors received training in the usage of pepper ball guns.
- Firearms Instructors and SORT Members received training in the deployment and use of Less Lethal Munitions.
- SORT members were certified as NYS First Responders.
- SORT members and Defensive Tactics Program instructors attended a 32-hour Protestor Devices Course. The material from this course, that taught the proper way to defeat devices commonly used by protestors, was incorporated into the Mobile Field Unit training.
- DTP personnel received 40 hours of In-Service instruction designed to update the 47 officers on curriculum changes and a review of current defensive tactics material taught in the Basic School and in-service programs.

- Defensive Tactics Program (DTP) personnel lead the development and implementation a training to establish a NYSP Mobile Field Unit.
Working with the Massachusetts State Police Mobile Field Unit, DTP instructors trained Troop A, B, D, and G Mobile Field Unit personnel.
In two weeks, 125 NYSP officers were training and are now members of the NYSP Mobile Field Unit.
- The DTP Instructors lead the development of the NYSP's Taser Program.
 - 15 were trained as Taser Instructors
 - 575 officers are being trained to carry the Taser.
 - Over 300 field supervisors are being trained in supervisory requirements related to the use of the Taser.
- The DTP instructors, in 16-hour sessions, trained 304 officers in Officer Safety, proper Defensive Tactics to use during the interdiction process, and, in two days of field exercises, the examination of commercial vehicles.
- DTP personnel, working with the State Police Video Unit, produced a CD showing Defensive Tactics techniques which will be distributed as reference material for SP officers.
- DTP instructors trained members of the U.S. Army's 1st Brigade Combat Team, Stability and Support Transition Team in Defensive Tactics in preparation for overseas deployment.
- All Division Defensive Driving Course Instructors received updated training to remain current and valid with the National

Safety Council.

- Three Defensive Driving Courses were completed for Division Civilians and Sworn Members with a total of 104 people receiving this training.
- A Dignitary Protection Driving Course for new members of the Protective Services Unit was completed.
- New field training procedures for the statewide switch from the Alcotest 7110 to the Alcotest 9510 were developed and implemented for 2,588 Members statewide.
- Two online training courses— an updated NYSPIN applications and Automated Vehicle Locator—were given. All NYSP personnel training records were transferred into the GEO-Learning System from the outdated MIN system.

Multi-agency Training

- A Crisis Negotiation School was attended by NYSP personnel and guest agencies. Attendees were trained to be crisis negotiators and how to integrate the functions of the negotiator with the functions of the tactical team and the responsibilities of the on-scene commander.

The seminar objectives and topics follow accepted FBI protocols relative to the best practices for negotiation and interfacing with the commanders at a crisis incident.

- In April, the 10th Annual Capital District Gangs Regional Information Sharing Conference, hosted in cooperation with the NYSIC, allowed police agencies to share current trends and observations made related to gangs - 130 law enforcement professionals were in

attendance.

- In conjunction with instructors from the Zone 5 Municipal Police Academy, a Crime Scene Evidence Technician and Photography School was held. Eight NYSP and 16 other police officers were trained in how to properly photograph a crime scene and lifting fingerprints. A mock courtroom testimony was included in the training.
- The Criminal Interdiction through Highway Enforcement Program was updated and delivered three times to State Police officers and guest municipal agencies. Topics included officer safety, racial profiling, and current trends in criminal behavior and legally sound methods to employ in the interdiction of criminal behavior encountered on the highway.

Outside agency training

The Marist College Masters Degree in Public Administration Program continued for its 14th year with 39 students enrolled.

Seminars and meetings

In 2010, the Academy hosted 202 seminars and meetings:

- Annual Henry Williams Homicide Seminar
- Annual Gang Seminar
- Annual Sex Offense Seminar
- Child Abuse and Neglect Seminar
- Project North Star Meetings
- Executive Committee on Counter-Terrorism Meetings
- Quarterly Trooper Foundation Board Meetings
- GOER Meetings

- Labor Management Meetings
- Troop & Detail Commander Meetings.

Tours

The Academy remains a point of interest for criminal justice students from area schools and law enforcement visitors from all over the world.

In 2010, Academy personnel conducted 43 tours for 717 students, many of whom are considering careers in law enforcement.

Bureau of Criminal Investigation

Cases requiring extensive investigation or involving felonies are referred to the Division's primary investigative arm, the Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

In addition to conducting investigations initiated by the State Police, BCI Investigators regularly assist county and municipal law enforcement agencies that lack the personnel, expertise or materiel needed for major crime investigations.

Specialists within the BCI deal with cases related to narcotics, violent and serial crimes, child abuse and sexual exploitation, computer and technology-related crimes, bias-related crimes, auto theft, illegal gun trafficking, consumer product tampering and organized crime.

CNET/GIU

Community Narcotics Enforcement Teams (CNET)

The NYSP has have five regional CNETs deployed across the state to help local police deal with areas blighted by drug trafficking and related street crimes.

Through CNET, specially trained State Police undercover narcotics enforcement personnel are available upon request to assist any police agency north of New York City.

CNET personnel fill a critical void for many rural, suburban and small city police departments, which typically lack the personnel or resources to maintain their own trained undercover narcotics units.

BCI Details, Units, Services

Gaming Detail
Narcotics Enforcement

Computer Crime Unit
Violent Felony Warrant Squad

Central Narcotics Enforcement Teams / Gun Investigative Unit

Forensic Investigation Support Services

CNET 2010 Activity		
1,227	Undercover purchases	
841	Arrested for narcotics and firearm offenses	
\$8,843,876	Value of illegal drugs seized	
\$719,235	Value of items seized	
	70	Weapons
	40	Vehicles

Gun Investigative Unit (GIU)

To help stem the trade in illegal firearms, the Division operates a statewide Gun Investigative Unit (GIU) through five CNET regional offices.

GUI 2010 Activity		
150	Weapons seized	
25	Weapons purchased	
449	Persons arrested for narcotics and firearms offenses	
515	Narcotic Purchsases	
3	Vehicles seized (\$56,000)	
\$732,439	Cash seized	
CNET/GUI 2010 Activity		
100	Wiretap Investigations	
196	Search Warrants Executed	

CNET/GIU-Western

CNET/GUI Western is responsible for investigating narcotics-related crimes and assisting local police agencies in a 13-county area encompassing all of Troop A and five counties in the northeastern part of Troop E.

CNET/GUI Western staff:

- Work with Troops A and E and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to develop information regarding drug trafficking and initiate investigations of mid-to-upper level narcotics organizations.
- Provide expertise and undercover personnel to local and county agencies that do not have the resources to fully pursue street level narcotics enforcement.
- Work with the DEA to coordinate narcotics enforcement efforts within the region.

2010 Cases

- ▶ January 2010 -- While conducting parallel investigations into the resurgence of heroin on the west side of Buffalo, CNET-Western and the OCTF of the NYS Attorney General's Office combined forces.

Following controlled purchases and electronic eavesdropping, a suspect was identified as a multi-kilogram

source for heroin in the cities of Buffalo and Rochester. A search warrant was executed, which resulted in the recovery of 2 kilograms of heroin, 23 grams of crack cocaine and a defaced handgun.

Once in custody, the suspect agreed to cooperate and identified a person from New York City as his source of supply and, as part of the continuing investigation, made a controlled purchase of 2 kilograms of heroin from the NYC target. The target and two of his co-conspirators were taken into custody.

Subsequent search warrants led to the recovery of three more kilograms of heroin, thus a total of seven kilograms of heroin, valued at \$1,750,000, were recovered.

- ▶ June 2010,— The DEA requested assistance with an investigation into the cross border smuggling of cocaine from Florida into Ontario, Canada.

A narcotics trafficking organization, based in Toronto, Ontario, wired \$350,000.00 to a DEA informant in Fort Lauderdale as down payment for 50 kilograms of cocaine.

CNET-Western was asked to provide undercover investigators to pose as buyers who were capable of supplying and transporting over one and a quarter million dollars worth of cocaine into Canada.

Two members of CNET-Western negotiated with two Canadian citizens, relative to their request that the cocaine be delivered to Toronto.

Ultimately, the Canadians were convinced

to accept delivery in Western New York, where they were arrested for Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine.

CNET/GIU-Central

CNET/GIU-Central covers a 10-county region encompassing the seven counties of Troop D, Cayuga and Seneca counties in Troop E and St. Lawrence County in Troop B.

- ▶ May 2010 — CNET/GIU-Central, assisted by Cayuga County SO and ATF, began a five-month investigation into the illegal trafficking of firearms in Cayuga County, NY.

The investigation ended with a Locke resident being arrested for the illegal sale of 22 handguns to an undercover investigator and, after the execution of a search warrant, the seizure of 32 more firearms at defendant's residence.

The defendant was charged, as a result of a sealed indictment, for Criminal Sale of a Firearm, 1st Degree, which could lead to a 25 year prison sentence.

- ▶ May 25, 2010 — CNET-Central, assisted by Troop D, SPs Herkimer and Sullivan, and Troop C, SP Richfield Springs, culminated a month-long investigation into cocaine trafficking in Herkimer and Otsego counties.

The subject was arrested after being found in possession of more than 10 ounces of cocaine secreted in the bottom of a cereal box and an illegally loaded .380 semi-auto handgun secreted between the drivers seat and center console of the vehicle he was driving.

Investigators seized the cocaine, the weapon, over \$1,500 and the 2005 Dodge Ram 4x4 pick-up truck.

After the arrest, a search warrant was executed at the man's residence in Fly Creek, NY that resulted in the discovery of an 1.5 ounces of cocaine, nearly an ounce of crack cocaine, more than two pounds of marihuana, four illegally possessed semi-auto handguns, an AK-47 Assault Rifle, three long guns, a large quantity of ammunition, scales and packaging materials.

A storage shed on the property, used exclusively for re-pressing cocaine, contained a large cocaine press and steel molds.

The drugs seized during the investigation were estimated to be worth in excess of \$30,000.

The defendant was charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1st Degree (A-1 Felony) and committed to the Herkimer County Jail with no bail.

CNET/GIU-Capital

CNET/GIU-Capital is responsible for investigating narcotics-related crimes and assisting local police agencies within a 15-county region encompassing all of Troop G and portions of Troops B, F and K.

It also provides personnel to the Capital District Drug Enforcement Task Force (DETF) located at the DEA, Albany Office.

- ▶ In 2010 — CNET-Capital and Capital-DETF initiated an investigation into a person believed to be distributing large amounts of marihuana in the Saratoga County area.

During the investigation, the information was corroborated and two more people were identified as using two residences as

sophisticated indoor grow operations.

The evidence gathered resulted in a federal search warrant being executed on the two residents:

- The first residence, which had been purchased recently by one of the men, revealed a very sophisticated indoor grow operation taking up the entire basement of the residence. The remainder of the 2,400 square foot home was being used to process the marijuana for distribution.
- The second residence, which was being rented by the other man, was using a majority of the second floor as a sophisticated indoor grow operation.

Both search warrants resulted in the dismantling of two large indoor grow operations, seizure of over 400 marijuana plants, two vehicles, seven firearms and over \$250,000.

The two men have been charged with Federal Conspiracy to Distribute Marijuana. The investigation is ongoing to identify any additional assets.

- ▶ October 11, 2010 — After a CNET-Capital received information from Troop G, SP Saratoga, about a recent burglary in Malta, a confidential informant (CI), who previously resided in the area of the burglary, was contacted and information sought on possible suspects.

The CI provided names of several people known to him to be involved in numerous burglaries in the Saratoga County area. All of the suspects identified were known heroin abusers.

Working with the Saratoga County DA's

Office, a plan was constructed to have the CI wear a wire and record conversations with the female burglary suspect, who was considered to be the weakest link.

The CI met with the woman on October 23rd and, during the recorded conversation, she identified three men responsible for the burglaries.

On November 3rd the Ballston Spa PD received a burglary complaint and, subsequently, arrested one of the men suspected to be part of the burglary ring. The man provided critical information to Troop G investigators.

A meeting with another suspect was arranged and surveillance was set up. When the suspect arrived, he was arrested after a brief foot chase and struggle.

CNET-Capital picked up the woman, who met originally with the CI, and she provided a full confession and outlined the string of burglaries in the Capital Region that the group committed over several months.

To date four suspects have been arrested and over 60 burglaries have been closed. More arrests are pending.

CNET/GIU-Hudson Valley/ Campbell Hall

The CNET-Hudson Valley Office and CNET-Campbell Hall investigates narcotics-related crimes and assists local police agencies in a seven-county area that includes Troop K and three counties in Troop F.

- ▶ March 2010 — CNET-Hudson Valley/
Hudson/Campbell Hall saw the end of a

year-long investigation.

CNET Hudson Valley/Campbell Hall, Middletown PD and the DEA, began a joint narcotics trafficking investigation in Orange County, using a confidential informant (CI) in May 2009.

The CI provided information relative to a suspect from the Middletown who was trafficking cocaine and crack cocaine in the Orange County area.

Based on investigation and the CI's information, the supplier was identified. During the next four months, several crack cocaine purchases were made from the supplier.

A Title III wire investigation into the supplier was initiated on October 6th resulting in 404 calls, 97 of which were pertinent before the supplier dropped the phone number and got a new one.

Using the CI another purchase of crack cocaine was made on December 12th and the supplier's new phone number was obtained and monitored from January 7 to February 5, 2010, with more than 3,000 calls.

Based on this number of calls, it was estimated that the supplier was trafficking more than a kilogram of cocaine and crack cocaine per week along with other types of illegal narcotics.

Information was obtained that the supplier received deliveries of 10 kilograms on both February 11th and 12th.

On February 12th, the DEA conducted surveillance on one of the supplier's carriers when he was on his way to meet two other carriers. The three carriers

were arrested and two kilograms of cocaine recovered.

One of the carriers cooperated and supplied information on how the organization conducted business, specifically that the cocaine is sent, via UPS, from Puerto Rico to New Jersey in computer printer boxes. Then, two workers from UPS intercept the packages before they are delivered and make the deliveries themselves.

Payment for the drugs is transported to Puerto Rico in luggage or sewed into clothing.

As a result of the ongoing Title III wire investigation, the Southern District of New York indicted 25 defendants for Conspiracy to Distribute Narcotics on March 11th.

As a result of a takedown 22 arrests were made on March 24th.

Search warrants were executed at five locations located throughout Orange and Sullivan counties and Bergen County, New Jersey.

Over the course of the investigation, in excess of 8.5 kilograms of cocaine, two pounds of marijuana, \$21,000, a loaded, High Point 9mm rifle and 11 vehicles were seized.

The arrestees were all charged with Federal Conspiracy, which carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in Federal Prison, with the organization's leaders receiving an additional 10–15 years in prison.

- ▶ July 29, 2010 — CNET/GIU-Hudson Valley, SP Montgomery BCI and the

Blooming Grove PD executed a search warrant in Blooming Grove, NY.

A tip from the DEA that a residence was being used as a high grade marijuana grow house began a three-month investigation.

Surveillance units observed men moving numerous large crates and green garbage bags from a residence into a van and there was an unusual ventilation system coming from the basement.

As search warrant was executed and investigators seized 10 pounds of processed marijuana, three pounds of unprocessed marijuana valued at \$31,000 and several high voltage lamps.

Four subjects were arrested and charged with Criminal Possession of Marijuana, 2nd and Growing Cannabis.

CNET/GIU-Southern Tier

CNET-Southern Tier handles undercover narcotics investigations in a 10-county area along the northern border of Pennsylvania.

- ▶ January 2010 —CNET-Southern Tier arrested three Broome County and Tioga County residents for the manufacturing and possessing methamphetamine.

SORT executed search warrants at the three residence and found inactive methamphetamine labs at two of the residences and called upon CCSERT to remediate the lab sites.

Seized at the search sites was processed methamphetamine; numerous components necessary for methamphetamine manufacture; unknown liquids and other hazardous substances;

a .45 caliber semi-automatic handgun stolen from Georgia and a .357 magnum handgun.

One person was charged federally with crimes related to the unlawful manufacture of methamphetamine, and the others were charged with state charges of Criminal Possession of a Weapon and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property while federal charges were pending.

- ▶ In December 2010 — CNET-Southern Tier assisted by the Vestal PD, Broome County DA's Office and NYS National Guard Counter-Drug Program searched seven residences in Johnson City, Union and Binghamton, NY, arresting eight people in connection with a six-month investigation into marijuana sales in Broome County.

Although the investigation began with a low-level marijuana arrest in Broome County and a seizure of four pounds of marijuana, investigators continued to move up the distribution chain ultimately leading to an organized marijuana distribution network operating in Broome County.

Because the distribution network people were very surveillance conscious, investigators had to employ numerous investigative techniques and, ultimately, apply for Court Ordered Wiretaps on several key network personnel.

Throughout the investigation, seizures tallied about 85 pounds of marijuana, having an estimated street value of up to \$500,000; \$120,000 cash, and six vehicles used to transport and distribute

the marihuana.

Although investigation revealed that the larger portion of marihuana seized originated in New Jersey, the group has multiple marihuana sources throughout NYS and the northeast and the marihuana they distribute is of varying quality and price.

Computer Crime Unit

The Computer Crime Unit (CCU), founded in 1992 and headquartered at the Forensic Investigation Center, was expanded in 2006 into a statewide detail ready to respond to crimes facilitated by technology.

Criminal investigation and police technology must change continually to meet the relentless demands imposed by today's technically sophisticated criminals.

Today, law enforcement officers conducting investigations must be aware that computers, the Internet and mobile computing devices are valuable sources of information and have access to resources that have the capability to identify and capture this information for investigative purposes. The CCU addressed this need.

CCU personnel are continually trained, supported by advanced equipment and dedicated to providing investigative support on criminal investigations involving technology. Computer Forensic Analysts have the extensive expertise in computers, operating systems and networks.

Equipped with a state-of-the-art mobile laboratory, the CCU can send highly trained forensic examiners across the state to support any law enforcement agency.

The CCU also has investigative personnel dedicated to:

- The Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC) who coordinate statewide investigations involving the online exploitation of children.
- Targeting the increasingly sophisticated cyber criminals who are perpetrating crimes such as online fraud and ID theft,
- Responding to and investigating cyber attacks on the state's critical infrastructure..

CCU 2010 Activity	
207	Arrested for felonies involving the online sexual exploitation of children.
235	Computer Evidence Cases completed
350	Mobile Device Examinations
800	Computer Evidence Previews
60	Cyber Crime Specialists trained and equipped
166	ICAC presentations to 34,000 students, parents and teachers

Protecting our children

New York State has one of the most successful Internet Crimes Against Children Task Forces in the country, ranked in the top three nationally with more than 1,000 referrals from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

ICAC investigative staff conducts pro-active investigative activities on the Internet, locating and identifying criminals who are becoming increasingly sophisticated about hiding their activities.

There are an increasing number of national investigative initiatives that continue to

develop a significant number of new targets for investigation. The Computer Crime Unit has the capacity to effectively respond to this growing problem.

ICAC members also deliver education and training activities to students, teachers, and parents. These activities build a rapport with the schools that lead to earlier detection of child predators in support of ICAC investigations and provide faster response to threats of violent activities in our schools.

Forensics and digital evidence

Digital Evidence has been used successfully in criminal prosecutions involving child pornography, sexual assault and homicide.

The Computer Forensic Laboratory is developing the capacity for increased casework involving drug trafficking, illegal firearms, identity theft and Internet fraud.

With the increasing use of mobile devices such as cell phones and personal digital devices, specialized personnel are available to respond with the necessary training and expertise. They will provide expedient forensic support during investigations of major crimes such as sexual offenses and homicides, and give expert testimony in criminal proceedings.

Cybercrime and infrastructure response

Identity theft and fraud affect the financial security and privacy of citizens and businesses. Proactive investigative activity on the Internet targets organized criminals involved in these activities.

CCU investigators are partnering with federal agencies in initiatives like the Internet Crime Complaint Center, which work to identify and

arrest high-tech criminals.

Another high-priority area of CCU involvement is investigation of and response to incidents where foreign nationals, organized criminals or terrorists seek to disrupt our computer systems and networks, steal intellectual property or compromise the private information of our government and citizens.

In cases involving threats to domestic security, CCU investigators work closely with OCT, CTIU, NYSIC, the NYS Office of Cyber Security and federal law enforcement partners to provide an effective statewide response.

CCU investigators also are in demand for training and outreach activities, lectures and interviews within the State Police, to other law enforcement agencies, and to the news media.

2010 Cases

Computer Forensic Laboratory

- ▶ During 2010 — Computer Forensic Laboratory Examiners, examined nine items of digital media related to a Troop C homicide investigation into the murder of a 28-year-old post doctoral researcher by her 24-year-old husband, a computer science doctoral student. The couple were students at Cornell University.

The CCU analyst was able to crack the password to the encrypted Apple computers and gained access to the iPhone.

The deleted Internet History revealed that husband had a fetish for sadomasochistic behavior towards women. The man had visited websites and viewed images of sadomasochism the day before, and

the day of the homicide and conducted Google searches for the phrases, “how to kill jugular vein” and “jugular vein”, which was the method used to kill his wife.

After NYSP personnel testified, the defendant was found guilty of murdering his wife and received sentence of 25 years to life.

ICAC Task Force

- ▶ November 2010 – The ICAC Task Force, CCU-Southern and Troop K BCI executed a search warrant in Wappingers Falls, NY, regarding the trading of child pornography images on the Internet and secured several types of computer storage media.

The initial examination of the computer evidence found numerous images of child pornography including images of young children engaged in sexual acts and placed in lewd positions.

Examiners noticed that bedding and the room where the images were taken was similar to locations within the residence searched. Further examination of the digital evidence revealed that images and videos were of at least seven neighborhood child victims engaged in sexual acts.

Critical infrastructure response

- ▶ CCU-Cybercrime and Infrastructure Response Unit, working with the FBI-Albany and the NYS Office of Cyber Security (OCS), investigated numerous cases of online banking thefts and attempted thefts from businesses and municipalities.

One of the cases involved a local school

district reporting that user credentials for the district’s bank account were compromised and about \$3 million dollars was withdrawn from the account and wired overseas.

Additional cases included attempted transfers of \$18,700 from a local township’s account and \$44,000 from a local business’s account to multiple domestic bank accounts throughout the U.S.

The investigation, as a part of a global FBI investigation, determined an international criminal organization was responsible for the thefts and that the victim computers had been infected by a Zeus Trojan malware.

This malware is designed to capture banking credentials and transmit them to locations in Eastern Europe. Once the credentials were obtained by the criminal organization, the accounts were fraudulently accessed and wire transfers of funds were ordered.

Initially the funds were being wired directly overseas, then, modified to use money mules located within the U.S. who would receive the funds at a domestic bank and transfer the funds to their employers overseas.

In October 2010, the FBI arrested several U.S. money mules and other members of the organized crime ring in Europe.

Further, a public awareness campaign was conducted by the NYSP CCU, FBI-Albany and NYS OCS to educate the banking industry and their business customers regarding cyber security.

CCU-Central

- ▶ August 18, 2010 -- Assisted Inv. Paul Olson, D-Lysander , CCU–Central/D Inv. Todd Grant conducted a “Knock and Talk” in Van Buren. While interviewing a 21-year-old man at the house, he noticed a very strong odor of marihuana.

After a short interview by Inv. Grant, the man admitted possession of child pornography and showed the investigators a marihuana growing operation in one of the house’s interior bedrooms and an exterior building on the property.

The 21-year-old man implicated his father in both the marihuana grow operation and child pornography possession.

Both men were arraigned and committed to Onondaga County Jail in lieu of \$150,000 cash and \$200,000 bond

CCU-Western

- ▶ Inv. John Lombardi (CCU- Western/A) assisted Troop A-Batavia with a child abuse/injury investigation.

Inv. Lombardi previewed a micro SD card and exported images that were taken by a mother in an attempt to document her child’s injuries after the child returned from visitation with the father.

A week later, BCI-Batavia requested that the SD card be reviewed further because they had information that the child may have been injured after being returned to the mother.

The Metadata on the images that did not show any injuries corresponded with dates and times occurring after the child

was returned to the mother. This case is still pending further investigation.

CCU-Southern

- ▶ Inv. Christopher Jones, CCU – Southern/F assisted the Newburgh PD and F-Major Crimes Unit regarding an investigation into the double homicide where a Liberty, NY resident possibly employed “hitmen for hire.”

As a result of the investigation, A Garmin GPS unit was secured from the suspect as a result of a search warrant.

When Inv. Jones and Sr. Inv. Fearon, CCU-Southern, examined a Garmin GPS unit seized during the execution of a search warrant, they obtain positional GPS data from the unit that showed tracking information regarding the suspect on the date of the crime.

CCU- Northern

- ▶ NYSIC CCU–Northern/G to determine the origin of a school violence threat that was posted on “Yahoo! Answers.” Although the posting was taken down shortly after it appeared, NYSIC had taken a screen shot.

Inv. Jeff Scholz requested subpoenas for the user account that made the posting and the user information came back to a New Jersey address. He forwarded the information to Inv. Joseph Scali, NYSIC, who contacted the appropriate agencies in New Jersey. They obtained a search warrant for the address and arrested a 16-year-old and charged him with the NJ equivalent of Making a Terroristic Threat. When the local authorities located written

and computerized plans drawings and diagrams of attacking and killing people at his school additional charges were added.

Forensic Investigation Support Services

The State Police has developed an array of specialized investigative services to meet the challenges posed by today’s highly mobile and technically sophisticated criminals.

Forensic Investigative Support Services, provide the state’s entire law enforcement community with a multifaceted resource for criminal evidence examination, analysis and cold case review, and have facilitated the resolution of some crimes which have gone unsolved for many years.

Medico-Legal Investigations Unit

The Medico-Legal Investigations Unit (MIU) supports field investigations by supplying forensic expertise to all law enforcement agencies investigating homicides, suspicious deaths, skeletal remains and assaults.

MIU staff assist with interviews of living victims, such as battered children and sexual assault victims and render testimony in court trials and administrative hearings.

MIU directors and consultants also review equivocal or unusual death cases and work closely with the Cold Case Unit to interpret old autopsy reports and other hospital/ medical records. These reviews have led to a number of old cases being resolved.

HFW Homicide Seminar

The unit hosts Annual Colonel Henry F. Williams Homicide Seminar that serves as

an instrument for training the national and international law enforcement community in forensic sciences technology.

Presenters include unit members and their professional colleagues worldwide who share expertise and significant case studies.

In 2010, the 23rd HFW Seminar participants came from United States, Bermuda, Lithuania, Estonia, Russia, Canada, Latvia, Germany, Ireland, South Africa and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

This year, the elite group of homicide investigators, known as Williams Associates, increased its membership to 3,754.

2010 Interesting Cases

► April 11, 2010 — Human remains, that

were discovered in a wooded area in Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, were recovered with the assistance of Troop F FIU and submitted to the Forensic Investigation Center (FIC).

Dr. Michael Baden and Dr. Lowell Levine, DDS, conducted an autopsy and dental exam of the remains with members from Orange County DA's Office, Troop F BCI and FIU and Lackawanna County and Albany County Coroners in attendance.

The remains were identified as belonging to woman who was reported missing from a NYC nightclub under suspicious circumstances.

The remains were sent for further analysis by NYS P Consultant Dr. Tom Holland at

the Joint POW Accounting Command Civil Identification Laboratory at Hickham Air Force Base in Hawaii.

Recently a suspect was indicted by an Orange County Grand Jury.

► November 2010 — Dr. Lowell Levine, DDS was contacted by the Manhattan County DA's Office regarding the "cold" case of the 1971 rape and murder of a 23-year-old, TWA stewardess who was found inside her Manhattan apartment.

At that time Dr. Levine was a forensic consultant to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in NYC and, at that time, he had identified a pattern injury on the deceased.

The case remained "cold" until detectives



from NYC met with Dr. Levine and MIU members to discuss examining exemplars from a “serial killer” that was incarcerated for several murders in California.

NYSP Consultant Dr. Ira Titunik assisted Dr. Levine in the analysis of the items presented by the NYPD. Dr. Levine conduct a comparison and testified at Grand Jury in Manhattan.

An indictment was handed down accusing the “serial killer” on two counts of murder.

Special Victims Unit (SVU)

The SVU provides investigative support, training and resources to State Police personnel and other law enforcement/ social service agencies seeking to prevent, investigate and prosecute crimes against children and all victims of sexual or domestic violence.

SVU staff continued its work in the area of elder abuse and increased efforts to address issues involving victims with disabilities.

Investigative support provided by the SVU includes referrals to medical experts and reviewing cases, at times, in conjunction with the Medico-Legal Investigation Unit.

Seminars

SVU personnel planned, administered and hosted two annual seminars:

- The 40-hour, Sex Offense Seminar attended by 185 people from 85 agencies. The seminar featured instruction in victimology, forensics, technology, interview techniques, offender typology, legal issues and other topics in the investigation of sexual offenses, the very popular Stress Management module, and

a new session featuring a child abuse case which emphasized the necessity for a MDT approach.

- The 25-hour, Child Physical Abuse and Neglect Seminar attended by 170 representatives from 75 agencies statewide.

The seminar features nationally renowned speakers presenting instruction in the investigation and prosecution of child physical abuse, infant homicides, and cultural considerations in abuse cases.

This year’s focus was multidisciplinary teams presented by a former prosecutor.

AMBER Alert Program

NYSP serves as statewide coordinator for the NYS AMBER Alert Program and Unit members are involved in all aspects of development, training and implementation of this program.

The program provides every law enforcement agency in the state access to radio and television airwaves, transportation signs, NYS Lottery machine screens and website information to publicize details of child abductions.

In 2010, there were two AMBER Alert activations issued, bringing the total to 29 children that were recovered safely since the program’s inception in 2002.

SVU continues to work with other AMBER partners to advance the program and seek out new resources:

- Unit personnel, working with NYSP Information Services, DCJS, SEMO and other AMBER partners, began developing procedures and protocols to utilize SEMO’s NY-Alert system to disseminate

AMBER Alert activation notification.

Once implemented, this will increase efficiency and maintain consistency with other alert notifications the public can receive.

- SVU collaborated with DCJS in creating and recording a training pod cast which was added to the AMBER resources available for law enforcement.

Law Enforcement Referral Database

The Unit maintains and coordinates the Law Enforcement Referral Database containing about 40,572 Child Abuse Hotline reports of alleged child abuse.

The database can be used to determine if a person has ever been previously reported as a victim or perpetrator of child abuse, exploitation or domestic violence.

Daily checks are made of suspect and victim names against the entire database to provide investigative personnel with potential leads in the event of a positive match.

In 2010, there were 434 such matches generating lead information that was provided to various agencies.

Training

- Staff provides training on Child Abuse and Neglect, Sex Crimes, Elder Abuse, and the NYS AMBER Alert Program to:
 - State Police in-service personnel
 - School Resource Officers
 - Basic School BCI
 - Basic School recruits
 - Bureau of Municipal Police Zone 5 Academy.
- Unit members presented a module on “Law Enforcement and Elder Abuse

Investigations” at the Elder Abuse Conference which was attended by 300 social service workers and law enforcement.

- For the first time, SVU provided a two-hour block of instruction as part of the BCI Field Familiarization Program.

Forensic Interviewing Best Practices

Between 2003-05, working with NYS Children’s Justice Task Force and child abuse investigation professionals, SVU staff developed a guide, training materials and a training video to assist with the forensic interview of child abuse victims.

The training, made available to law enforcement, prosecutors and child protective service agencies statewide, consists of two days of classroom instruction and one day of 50-minute taped mock interviews using actors and attendees.

In 2010, SVU participated in four training sessions.

Support Activities

Staff continues to participate in multi-disciplinary child abuse and sexual offense efforts, including the NYS Children’s Justice Task Force and NYS Child Fatality Protocol Review Committee.

In 2010, as members of the NYS Coalition on Elder Abuse Advisory Board, SVU assisted agencies working in the field of elder abuse with several cases involving financial exploitation and physical abuse. The mission of the coalition is to raise awareness and create solutions for the prevention and intervention of elder abuse.

Violent Crime Analysis Program

Annual Report 2010

(NYS ViCAP)

In 2010, NYS ViCAP provided substantive leads to numerous agencies including eight NYSP Troops, NYPD and Ontario Provincial Police.

The NYS ViCAP, launched in 1987 in support of the FBI’s Violent Criminal Apprehension Program, the program maintains a confidential database of homicides, unidentified human remains cases, missing persons cases and sexual assaults.

NYS ViCAP:

- Assists law enforcement agencies identify, track and apprehend serial offenders and is available to any criminal justice agency wishing to participate.
- Brings agencies together that are investigating violent crimes that might be related and puts the managing agencies or investigators in touch with each other so they can exchange information and, if desired, coordinate their investigations
- Provides information management assistance and case-specific analysis to law enforcement personnel specializing in investigations relating to homicides, missing persons where foul play is suspected, unidentified persons, living and dead, and sexual assaults.
- Maintains the File 11a-Abduction/ Attempted Abduction/Sexual Molestation Database, which tracks and identifies similarities in child abductions and attempted abductions, as well as such public nuisance crimes as public lewdness and voyeurism.

This information is made available to investigating agencies in other

jurisdictions.

In 2010, NYS ViCAP became associated the National Missing and Unidentified Person System (NAMUS), and entered and verified missing person cases from across NYS.

Gaming Detail

The NYSP Gaming Detail, established in 1993 with the advent of casino gaming in NYS, consists of discrete units at Native American-owned and operated gambling casinos around the state:

- Turning Stone Resort & Casino operated by the Oneida Indian Nation in Verona (Oneida County).
- Akwesasne Mohawk Casino operated by the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe in Hogansburg (Franklin County).
- Seneca Niagara Hotel & Resort operated by the Seneca Nation of Indians in Niagara Falls (Niagara County)
- Seneca Allegany Hotel & Resort operated by the Seneca Nation in Salamanca (Cattaraugus County).
- Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino operated by the Seneca Nation of Indians in Buffalo (Erie County).

At present, the State Police Gaming Detail is providing a presence here while negotiations between NYS and Seneca Nation are ongoing.

Each Gaming Detail unit maintains on-site presence during all operating hours at its respective casino. Investigators:

- Perform law enforcement and public safety services on the casino gaming floor areas.
- Conduct criminal and non-criminal

investigations.

- Conduct background investigations, required by the Nation-State compacts for all employees and vendors conducting business at the gaming facilities, at the request of the NYS Racing and Wagering Board—the designated regulatory authority.

2010 Interesting Cases

- ▶ May 13, 2010 — Oneida Casino Gaming Unit received a complaint from the Turning Stone Resort & Casino regarding an \$885 check that was cashed at the casino cage several days earlier and returned by the bank.

It was determined that the check was fraudulent and had been drawn on a closed account for a Capital District business.

When the investigator contacted officials at the business and the bank, she learned that numerous fraudulent payroll checks, identical to the one in her investigation, were being circulated.

The investigator identified a person from Catskill, NY as a potential suspect and, working with the Guilderland PD, determined there was another person passing the checks in the Capital Region.

Further, the investigator found out that a Troop G - SP Schodack investigator was investigating a similar case.

The Catskill-person was found in jail in New York City and agreed to cooperate with state police.

The information provided led to the execution of a search warrant at the

residence of an officer in the 'Bloods' gang and a seizure of numerous fraudulent checks and electronic equipment used for their manufacture.

The Catskill-person was charged with Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument 2, for the incident at the Turning Stone Casino, and has six more pending felony charges in six other NYS counties for similar crimes.

- ▶ July 23, 2010 — The Seneca Niagara Gaming Unit was contacted by the Seneca Niagara Hotel & Resort Cage Manager who found a pack of money with dye on it located in the count room at the Seneca Niagara Casino.

The investigator examined the money, and although it appeared that there was an attempt to reduce the presence of the dye, he saw that it had heavy red/pink stains throughout the notes that is consistent with a dye-pack explosive.

After reading a teletype relative to a bank robbery in Kenmore, NY, which occurred around the time the dye-packed money appeared in the casino cage, it was concluded that the money located in the cage was the proceeds of the bank robbery.

The Gaming Unit, working with the FBI, the Kenmore PD and Casino Surveillance, identified two men as possible suspects.

Further investigation revealed that the men may have been involved in numerous bank robberies in the Western New York area. Evidence is being processed and DNA testing is being conducted which may lead to the conviction of the suspects..

Narcotics Enforcement

The Division BCI and DETF members are dedicated to narcotics enforcement statewide and are assigned to:

- The five regional Community Narcotics Enforcement Teams (CNET)
- Troop Narcotics Enforcement Units (NEU) in Troops B and L,
- Five Drug Enforcement Task Forces (DETF) and specialized details statewide.

Their efforts annually result in the identification of money-laundering operations at home and abroad, confiscation of thousands of pounds of illegal drugs, numerous arrests and the seizure of millions of dollars of drug-tainted property and cash.

Narcotics Enforcement 2010 Seizures	
6,953	Lbs. Powder Cocaine
11,051	Lbs. Marijuana
481	Lbs. Heroin
16	Lbs. Crack Cocaine
146	Vehicles
562	Handguns
731	Long Guns
\$6,387,100	Forfeited Funds
\$217,155,388	Value of Property

Violent Felony Warrant Squad

Since 2003, the VFW has been associated with the U.S. Marshals Service NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force. The two agencies share the common goal of seeking out fugitives, removing them from society and returning them to the judicial system.

The VFW Squad has direct, worldwide access to technological and investigative resources used to locate and apprehend wanted persons.

The expertise and experience of its members is made available to local agencies, many of which do not have the manpower or resources to conduct their own warrant investigations.

The VFW is responsible for the transportation of felons who have been arrested on violent felony warrants anywhere in the state.

VFW personnel from that particular area coordinate the transportation from place of arrest and return the felon directly to the demanding agency by relaying the felon from one VFW squad to another.

This procedure prevents the interruption of the daily operations of other Troop personnel.

The VFW receives federal financial support for such items as overtime, equipment and the purchase of new vehicles.

2010 Cases

VFW-Buffalo

- ▶ June 10, 2010 — James Bargnesi, chief of the Homicide office of the Erie County District Attorney's Office, requested the assistance of the VFW at Buffalo in locating and arresting a 21-year-old Buffalo resident.

Chief Bargnesi stated that an indictment warrant for Murder 2nd was just issued for the man. The victim, who was shot to death in broad daylight on April 6, 2010, was found lying in Davidson Ave. suffering from gunshot wounds to the chest.

Additionally, ballistics tests showed that the .9mm handgun used in this homicide was forensically connected to five other shootings in Buffalo. After conducting several interviews, it was determined that the man was possibly staying with a girlfriend in Amherst, N.Y.

At about 7:30 a.m. the following morning, Sr. Inv. Kevin Kendall and Inv. Donald Rieger, VFW-Buffalo, with members of the NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force searched the residence. The man was located hiding in a bathtub. He was taken into custody without incident and turned over to the Erie County D.A.'s Office for arraignment.

A consent search was conducted, resulting in the recovery of a quantity of crack/cocaine and a scale.

- ▶ July 20, 2010 -- Det. Sgt. John Walton, Buffalo PD homicide squad, requested the assistance of the VFW-Buffalo, in locating a parole absconder who, on May 30, 2010, was responsible for shooting a 28-year-old Buffalo man five times in the legs and buttocks.

Then on June 9, 2010, the 24-year-old man was identified as the triggerman in the fatal shooting of a man in the courtyard of the Schaefer Village Housing Projects in Buffalo.

After conducting numerous interviews, a lead was developed on a location where he was possibly hiding out.

On August 3, 2010, Sr. Inv. Kevin Kendall, Invs. Lethonia Miller and Jesus DeJesus, VFW-Buffalo, Dpty. U.S. Marshal Dan Larish and NYS Parole officers took the man into custody without

incident.

He was turned over to Buffalo PD homicide squad detectives where he was interviewed regarding the two shootings. He was held at the Erie County Holding Center on the parole warrant pending grand jury action.

VFW- Binghamton

- ▶ Week of September 6, 2010 — A man broke into his ex girlfriend's apartment and slashed her several times with a pair of scissors, then fled before the Binghamton PD arrived.

The Binghamton PD and VFW squad searched for the 36-year-old man throughout the greater Binghamton area with negative results.

On September 17, 2010, the man broke into the apartment again and said he would surrender if the victim allowed him to see their common child. She agreed and he departed without further incident.

A controlled visit was set up under the direct supervision of the NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force, at a downtown Binghamton store. Surveillance and arrest teams were placed within, next to and across from the location. Roving foot and vehicle teams were on the street as well. The man failed to appear, instead he was at the social services office attempting to get new living arraignments.

Members received a frantic telephone call from the victim advising that the man was at the social services office looking for her and that she and her case worker had locked themselves in a lobby restroom.

Members responded to the location and took the man into custody without incident. He was put Broome County Jail on multiple felony charges.

VFW-Syracuse

- ▶ December 15, 2010 -- The VFW-Syracuse along with the NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force were attempting to locate and arrest a 30-year-old Onondaga Nation resident, who was wanted in connection with numerous armed robberies and shooting on and off the nation's property.

On December 14, 2010, the man, without any provocation, shot a 56-year-old Syracuse man, resulting in the amputation of the victims arm. Later that evening, using an assault type rifle, he forcibly car jacked a vehicle from an innocent women and fled.

At about 12:10 p.m., the next day, the man, still driving the stolen vehicle, was seen arriving at the Firekeeper's Diner on the nation's property.

He was taken into custody without incident. He was charged with 19 additional crimes including 16 felonies.

VFW-Rochester

- ▶ July 29, 2010 — The Rochester PD requested the assistance of the NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force with locating and arresting a suspect in a murder investigation.

The 18-year-old man was wanted for shooting into a group of people he had been feuding with on June 3, 2010, resulting in the death of a 41-year-old Rochester man. Investigation indicated the

man had been frequenting a residence on Rosemary St., in Rochester.

A detail consisting of Rochester PD, Monroe County Sheriff's Office, U.S. Marshals Service and the VFW-Buffalo, divided into surveillance and takedown/arrest teams, conducted surveillance.

A male matching the description of the man was observed leaving the location. A positive identification was made by Invs. Paul Decillis and Lawrence Jackson, VFW-Rochester. The man was then taken into custody without incident.

VFW-New Hampton

- ▶ July 12, 2010 — The VFW-New Hampton and Montrose and the U.S. Marshals Service Regional Fugitive Task Force arrested a man wanted as a fugitive from justice.

The 23-year-old man was wanted by the Atlanta, GA, PD for a home invasion robbery/homicide which occurred in their jurisdiction.

Information had been developed that the man was staying at a residence on Renwick Street in Newburgh.

Surveillance was established and the man was seen exiting the location and entering a vehicle. Upon attempting to conduct a felony vehicle stop, the man bolted from the vehicle and fled on foot.

The man was taken into custody on a nearby rooftop without further incident.

VFW-Loudonville

- ▶ October 27, 2010 — Detectives from the Troy PD requested assistance from the

NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force in locating and arresting a man who was wanted for six counts of attempted Murder 2nd.

On November 8, 2010, VFW-Loudonville, working in conjunction with the NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force, did not locate the man at a residence in North Troy. Information was developed that he may be in a room at the Ramada Inn in Latham, N.Y.

The arrest team relocated to the Ramada Inn and set up a perimeter. The man was seen leaving a room with luggage and loading it into a vehicle. After a brief foot chase, the man was taken into custody without further incident.

VFW-Brentwood

- ▶ November 4, 2010 – VFW-Brentwood, working with the NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force, were requested by the Suffolk County PD to locate and arrest a 21-year-old Islip, N.Y. resident, wanted for Burglary 1st, in addition to being wanted by NYS Parole for parole violation.

The man committed a Burglary with two accomplices, where a shotgun was displayed and the victim was beaten with the weapon resulting in a fractured skull.

VFW were advised that the man could be traveling with his girlfriend, who was also wanted in connection with the burglary, in her blue Honda Civic with NY registration plates.

Members set up surveillance at a Herbert St. location. At about 4:05 p.m. the blue Honda, being operated by the girlfriend, pulled into the driveway. She exited

the vehicle and entered the basement apartment. Members also entered the apartment and she was taken into custody without incident. Members conducted a search and found the man hiding in a closet. After a brief struggle he was taken into custody.

The man was turned over to Suffolk County PD detectives at scene. A shotgun, possibly used in the commission of the burglary, was located near the bed occupied by the man and taken into evidence by Suffolk County PD.

VFW-Headquarters

- ▶ March 22, 2010 — The NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force and the Poughkeepsie PD arrested an 18-year-old city resident at his mother's residence.

The man, who was also wanted for parole violation, was wanted for a murder that occurred in the city on February 21, 2010, where the victim was shot in the head five times.

After securing the perimeter, contact was made with the mother who admitted members into the residence.

A search of the residence was conducted by Sr. Inv. Robert McLean and Invs. Jules Renna, Michael Colern, Louis Del Toro and Jose Mendez, VFW-Headquarters. A rear door was found, which led to a stairwell not visible from the exterior. A search of the stairwell led to the discovery of the man, who was lying on the top floor landing.

He was taken into custody without incident.

The man revealed the location of a .9mm Taurus pistol he had attempted to hide prior to member's making entry.

- ▶ September 8, 2010 -- VFW-New Hampton and Montrose, NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force, Pennsylvania SP and the Shenandoah, Pa. PD arrested a 73-year-old Shenandoah Pa. resident, as a fugitive from justice. The man was wanted on a 1970 Sullivan County, N.Y. warrant for Rape 1st.

He was originally arrested in 1970 in his home state of New Jersey, jumped bail while awaiting extradition proceedings and has been a fugitive ever since.

The man was indicted by a Sullivan County grand jury in December of 1970, after he was identified by the Fallsburg, PD as the man, who offered a ride to a woman walking along a road. When she accepted his offer, he drove her to a secluded area and sexually assaulted her over a period of three hours.

At the time of the New Jersey arrest, he was a suspect in two other New Jersey rapes and another in Connecticut.

In 2005, a new police chief was appointed to the Fallsburg PD and requested VFW's assistance with their pending warrant cases. In the five years since, the VFW pursued numerous leads, several of which indicated the man may be residing in eastern Pennsylvania.

Eventually, through the technological resources available to the VFW from the U.S. Marshals Service, VFW were able to ascertain a region in Pennsylvania where the man appeared to be residing.

On September 8, 2010, through extensive interviews conducted in the Schuylkill County, PA, area, a possible address and alias was developed for the fugitive. This information led to his arrest.

New York State Intelligence Center

All NYS counter-terrorism prevention and intelligence activities are concentrated at the state's fusion center—New York State Intelligence Center (NYSIC).

The NYSIC coordinates statewide intelligence activities with:

- Its federal intelligence counterparts
- Field Intelligence Officers
- Partner agencies co-located at the Center
- Four DCJS-sponsored Crime Analysis Centers

NYSIC Agencies include:

- Albany Police Department (New York)
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Metropolitan Transportation Authority
- New York State Police
- NY City Dept. of Environmental Protection
- NY Air National Guard
- NY Army National Guard
- NY Metropolitan Transportation Authority PD
- NYS Banking Department
- NYS Department of Correctional Services
- NYS Department of Motor Vehicles
- NYS Division of Parole
- NYS Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Services
- Schenectady County Probation Department
- Social Security Administration
- U.S. Attorney's Office - Northern District of NY
- U.S. Border Patrol
- US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives
- US Customs and Border Protection
- US Department of Homeland Security
- US Drug Enforcement Administration
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Office of Counter-Terrorism

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- Other fusion centers across the country.
- The NYSIC provides investigative and analytic resources, subject matter expertise and information to support investigations focusing on the detection, prevention and response to both criminal and terrorist activity.

NYSIC staff rely upon information submitted from the state's law enforcement agencies for an accurate picture of crime and terrorism trends.

NYSIC liaisons work with the:

- New York/New Jersey High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Regional Intelligence Center (NY/NJ HIDTA-RIC)
- NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services - Office of Counter Terrorism (DHSES-OCT)

Technological Support

e-Justice Portal

The e-Justice secure law enforcement web portal enables NYSIC and the Office of Homeland Security (OHS) to provide law enforcement personnel access to valuable information, intelligence and links to related websites.

It also facilitates the submission of terrorism tips and requests for information (RFI) to the NYSIC.

CrossFIRE

CrossFire is a new intelligence product to support the Fire and EMS communities, developed by NYSIC, that communicates important, timely, "need to know" information to NYS's first responders via county Fire and EMS Coordinators.

This focused NYS perspective, supported by analysis and application of relevant information from other first responder resources, educates New York's Fire, EMS and health communities with information to confront emerging threats.

Case Management System

NYSIC is in the process of developing a new case management system via ACISS Systems Inc.

The case management system will serve as the Center's repository for all information related to terrorism and criminal intelligence.

The essential functions of the system support the:

- National Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative data entry and tracking
- Case and task management related to the SAR
- Storage of secure, compartmentalized intelligence information that complies with

federal auditing, security, and 28 CFR Part 23 requirements.

Internship Program

NYSIC continued to partner with the State University of New York at Albany for its internship program.

In the 18 months since its inception, the NYSIC has provided 19 highly qualified college and graduate students with the opportunity to spend time learning about the NYSP, collaboration with other agencies, fusion centers, and the information-sharing environment.

The principal focus of the internship is to learn the basics of developing and producing intelligence.

Initially, the intern shadows an analyst, then, they are given specific duties pertaining to intelligence development that provides the intern with the necessary exposure to the depth and breadth of an intelligence analyst's work and variety of tasks facing an analyst in a fusion center.

Intelligence Summit

NYSP, NYSIC, DHSES-OCT, US Attorney's Office-NDNY, and FBI-Albany co-hosted the NYS Intelligence Summit in Saratoga Springs, NY, in October.

The summit provided attendees with high-profile case briefings, intelligence initiative overviews, and presentations by the FBI and US Department of Homeland Security.

The event was attended by 190 law enforcement executives.

In 2010

NYSIC personnel coordinated and

participated in initiatives significant to reducing crime and preventing terrorism, such as:

- **Terrorism Initiatives:**
 - Staffing SAFENYS Terrorism Hotline
 - Field Intelligence Officer Program
 - Operation SAFEGUARD
 - National Suspicious Activity Reporting Initiative
 - Cyber Threat Intelligence Coordination Group
 - Homeland Security Strategy Working Group
 - Secure the Cities Initiative
 - Violent Gang and Terrorist Organization File (VGTOF) initiative.
- **Border Security Initiatives**
 - Project North Sta
 - Operation SPIDER
 - Northern Border Executive Committee
 - CAN-AM
 - Canadian American Law Enforcement Organization (CALEO)
 - Integrated Border Enforcement Teams
- **Law Enforcement Initiatives**
 - Operation Rolling Thunder
 - Give Tip (narcotics, guns, and sex offender) Hotline
 - Financial Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) review and investigations
 - License Plate Reader initiative
- **National Task Forces**

Participation on national task forces and working groups that govern fusion center and law enforcement intelligence operations.
- **Intelligence Publications**

Publication of intelligence reports, threat

assessments, officer safety bulletins, and wanted and missing person posters.

For example, in May, a NYSIC intelligence analyst, after seeing a "Be on the Lookout" (BOLO) advisory from Greensboro PD, NC, obtained additional information from Greensboro PD and issued an intelligence bulletin to its law enforcement contacts.

The BOLO was for an armed suspect wanted for Kidnapping, Burglary 1st, Assault Inflicting Serious Injury and Weapons Possession and believed to be headed toward a residence in Syracuse, NY.

In response to the potential threat both public and officer safety, NYSP personnel were assigned to tactical positions on highways believed to be possible routes of travel.

For the next two hours, SP Binghamton Communications and Troop C Headquarters Communications staff updated patrols with information from NYSIC.

Just after 2:00 p.m., a SP Binghamton trooper saw a dark blue Honda Accord matching the description of one of the suspect's possible vehicles.

The Trooper notified SP Binghamton and requested assistance. All available patrols responded to his location as he followed the vehicle through Binghamton.

Then, the troopers conducted a felony stop, identified and arrested the suspect without incident.

Border Intelligence Unit

The NYSIC Border Intelligence Unit (BIU) works hand-in-hand with field personnel in Troops A, B and D to identify and combat cross-border criminal activity.

This is accomplished by maintaining strong professional relationships with federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies here and in Canada.

The BIU maintains several databases on criminal activity with a cross-border nexus to Canada. The data are compiled from contributing field agencies and personnel.

This information is constantly checked and vetted, and has identified several criminal connections which otherwise might have gone undetected.

Staff develop intelligence packets to support major smuggling investigations and the interdiction of contraband destined for our inland communities and distribute them to law enforcement agencies.

In 2010

The BIU developed and distributed:

- 9 Target Intelligence Packets
- 540 Intelligence Support Packets

CALEA Unit

The CALEA Unit provides law enforcement agencies with:

- Equipment and technical assistance to conduct lawfully authorized electronic communication intercepts, using the CALEA Intercept Network that consists of nine fixed “wire rooms” strategically placed statewide.
- The ability to deploy remote wire room

access that satisfies jurisdictional court order requirements when traveling to a fixed wire room is geographically impractical.

- The proper equipment to implement court-ordered intercepts for various types of communications including land line, Cellular (Wireless) and Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) telephone communications.

In 2010

The unit conducted 186 intercepts using its expanded capability, including full content Internet Intercepts/Packet Data.

Counter Terrorism Center

The Counter Terrorism Center (CTC) is comprised of representatives from the

- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- US Dept. of Homeland Security Office of Intelligence and Analysis (DHS I&A)
- NYS Dept. of Homeland Security & Emergency Services - Office of Counter Terrorism (DHSES-OCT)
- New York State Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA)
- New York State Police

NYS Terrorism Tip Line

CTC provides law enforcement agencies throughout New York State timely intelligence to detect, prevent and deter terrorist acts.

It is a centralized contact point for citizens and law enforcement personnel to report suspicious activity and/or persons that may have a connection to terrorism through the 24/7 toll-free NYS Terrorism Tip Line (1-866-SAFE NYS).

All leads from these calls are investigated by either the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force or state and local law enforcement agencies.

Additionally, staff works with law enforcement agencies statewide to promote and further Operation Safeguard outreach efforts.

Operation Safeguard reaches out to private industry and sectors and provides descriptions of potential terrorist indicators and suspicious activities and informs them on the use of the 24/7/365 toll-free NYS Terrorism Tips Hotline (1-866-SAFE NYS).

In 2010, CTC

- Handled 485 Terrorism Tips Hotline calls.
- Posted Homeland Security Advisories and Emerging Incident Alerts on the secure eJustice web portal and/or disseminated via E-mail to law enforcement and homeland security personnel in NYS.
- Provided assistance and support to the NY FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force with several terrorism investigations, including the May 2010 attempted vehicle-borne improvised explosive device (VBIED) attack on Times Square in New York City.
- Continued to play an integral role in the development and expansion of the National Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) initiative.

This national information exchange model ultimately will provide law enforcement agencies across the nation the ability to view each other’s suspicious activity reports and enable participants to identify potential connections and trends.

This year, CTC personnel delivered SAR Initiative training to its Field Intelligence Officers.

Criminal Gun Clearinghouse

The Criminal Gun Clearinghouse (CGCH) is a statewide investigative resource for federal, state and local law enforcement agencies working to reduce gun-related violence.

To exchange information and stay abreast of current firearms related issues, unit members maintain regular liaison with the:

- NYSP Pistol Permit Section,
- NYSP Firearms Identification Section
- NYSP Gun Investigation Unit,
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms
- Explosives-Regional Crime Gun Center

In 2010

- The Unit processed information received from 3,866 crime gun recoveries
- Two Firearms Crime Analysts from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) were assigned to work with the CGCH staff as a result of a meeting/tour of NYSIC by representatives from the ATF NY Field Division and the Office of Strategic Intelligence and Information.

Criminal Intelligence Unit

Criminal Intelligence Unit (CIU) analysts and investigators perform a variety of services to aid law enforcement agencies. They handle local, state, national and international requests for information, review and respond to “Crime Watch” tips submitted via the NYSP website.

The Unit produces and disseminates publications on various law enforcement cases and officer safety topics, such as:

- **The Wire**—Weekly Information Report and Exchange—that provides law enforcement officers with timely and relevant case leads and information that impacts their jurisdiction.
- **Cold Case IGNITE** (Initiative to Gather New Information, Tips, and Evidence), a periodic brief providing law enforcement personnel a mechanism to share case information, request investigative and analytical support, and develop new leads for cold case investigations.

CIU provides liaisons to a variety of national and international law enforcement resources, including the:

- Mid-Atlantic Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network (MAGLOCLN)
- New England State Police Administrators Conference (NESPAC)
- Northeast Regional Intelligence Group (NRIG)
- US National Central Bureau-INTERPOL.

CIU personnel are a source of information and a point of contact for other law enforcement concerns, such as, burglary trends and patterns, gangs, money laundering, organized crime and schemes to defraud.

They also maintain contact with experts throughout the country on topics of current interest. Law enforcement agencies from within and outside NYS can submit requests for information to the CIU to enhance information they gather in their own criminal investigations.

Upon request, personnel can provide link analyses, commodity and flow charting,

timelines and telephone toll analyses to support an agency’s criminal investigation.

In 2010

CIU received 9,300 requests from law enforcement agencies.

Electronic Surveillance Unit

The Electronic Surveillance Unit (ESU) provides technical assistance with the installation and maintenance of video surveillance, vehicle tracking and covert transmitting, and recording equipment.

Its inventory makes available a wide range of technical surveillance options to assist law enforcement agencies statewide.

In 2010

The ESU received 397 requests for service that included technical assistance or provision of equipment to NYSP Troops and specialized units, and outside agencies across the state.

Financial Crimes Unit

The Financial Crimes Unit (FCU) coordinates investigations into money-laundering and other financial crimes throughout the state.

FCU staff:

- Assist field personnel and other agencies with financial investigations associated with criminal cases— larcenies and embezzlements, mortgage and securities frauds, and money laundering and homicides—to identify assets for criminal forfeiture.
- Actively searches for people or businesses involved in laundering illicit funds.

- Train NYSP personnel and personnel from law enforcement and regulatory agencies, prosecuting attorneys, and the private sector in financial crimes investigation.

FIU 2010 Activity	
266	Financial investigations associated with criminal cases
149	NYSP
117	Outside Agencies
14,065	Suspicious Activity Reports reviewed to identify possible money-laundering and other criminal activities

2010 Highlights

- ▶ FCU worked with the NYSP-SIU, US Immigration and Customs Enforcement - Homeland Security Investigations, and the United States Attorney to bring about successful resolution to a five-year investigation into a company that used illegal alien workers in its plants nationwide.

As a result NYSP received its first installment of a \$6.6 million forfeiture from the federal government asset forfeiture account

- ▶ Staff assisted with a \$3.2 million bank fraud case that had been identified through research of Bank Secrecy Act data. The trial issued a verdict of guilty.
- ▶ FCU assisted the Gloversville PD and the Fulton County DA with an indictment of an person who is accused of stealing more than \$200,000 from three veterans' organizations—VFW, DAV and American Legion.

The alleged perpetrator gained control

of the three organizations' finances and embezzled funds over several years.

- ▶ Staff supported an investigation into a \$6 million mortgage fraud scheme that involved 23 properties in Albany County.

Gang Intelligence Unit.

The Gang Intelligence Unit (GIU):

- Collects, records, analyzes information received from the public and law enforcement officers nationwide related to street, prison and outlaw motorcycle gangs and extremist/hate/transient criminal groups.
- Disseminates the information through the Gang Intelligence Newsletter (GIN), Threat Assessments, Gang Intelligence Bulletins and Officer Safety Bulletins.
- Upload gang member records into:
 - GRIP - a Statewide Gang Reporting Intelligence Program that categorizes gang members identified by law enforcement and enters them into the NYSIC's GRIP database
 - VGTOF - NCIC's Violent Gang and Terrorist Organization File provides a mechanism for further gang-related intelligence collection and dissemination.

Gang Conference

GIU organize and host the Annual Capital District Gang Conference which is attended by law enforcement agencies from throughout the northeast United States and Canada.

Agencies share information on identifying gang members, new trends in gang violence and street gang criminality. The 14th Annual Conference was held at the Academy in April.

GIU 2010 Activity	
1,000	Gang member records uploaded into GRIP and VGTOF
2,200	Post-submission "hits" with gang members documented

Narcotics Intelligence Unit

The NYSIC Narcotics Intelligence Unit (NIU) was formed to assist field personnel from local, state and federal law enforcement agencies within and outside New York.

NIU staff regularly provide assistance to these agencies through the collection, analysis and dissemination of information involving narcotics and their distribution throughout the state.

Related intelligence is made available through briefs, bulletins and the completion of law enforcement information requests.

NIU 2010 Activity	
160	Narcotics-related leads received, prepared and distributed statewide
16	Leads received and completed for out-of-state agencies
50	Persons suspected of participating in narcotics trafficking identified
8	Bulletins concerning immediate officer safety issues, concealment methods and emerging narcotics information disseminated
10	Intelligence briefs regarding narcotics trafficking trends and patterns published
12	Monthly target packages alerting police officers to their activities and possible involvement in criminal enterprises published

NY/NJ HIDTA Liaison

NYSP personnel assigned to New York/New Jersey High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Regional Intelligence Center (NY/NJ HIDTA-RIC)::

- Collect, analyze and share tactical and strategic intelligence received from a variety of sources.
- Are the first contact between the NYSP and the New York City PD's Intelligence and Counter Terrorism Division .
- Are a point of contact and source of information for federal, state and local department personnel assigned to the Intelligence Center who need to access information or make contact with the NYSP and/or other state agencies.
- Participate in intelligence-sharing programs involving gangs, financial crimes, port security, events and demonstrations, and prisons.
- Interact daily with liaison officers from foreign countries assigned to the Intelligence Center who look to share intelligence regarding criminal activity that may begin or end in their countries and have a connection to NYS.

In 2010

NYSP personnel assigned to the NY/NJ HIDTA have assisted members of more than 25 different agencies with investigations.

Special Investigations Unit

The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) is the investigative arm of the OCT and, as such,

- Gives case selection priority to activity

that has historically been supportive of terrorism and terror financing (i.e., money laundering, identity theft, smuggling and document fraud).

- Specializes in the use of covert investigative techniques to pro-actively identify and dismantle ongoing criminal enterprise including traditional and non-traditional organized crime, money laundering, narcotics trafficking, frauds, public corruption, racketeering and human trafficking.

SIU's proactive approach and investigative techniques are distinctly different from conventional investigative methods and cases tend to be complex, multi-jurisdictional and require a long-term commitment of experienced personnel and specialized equipment that are beyond the capabilities of most local law enforcement agencies.

Therefore, personnel have special expertise in the areas of physical and electronic surveillance techniques, working with confidential informants, participating in undercover operations and court-ordered eavesdropping.

This expertise and equipment, when used in conjunction with the SIU fleet of diverse surveillance and undercover vehicles, allows the unit to successfully identify and dismantle criminal enterprises that have insulated themselves from conventional law enforcement tactics.

Joint Terrorism Task Force

In active full-time partnership with the FBI and under the command of the SIU, the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) staff work with federal and local law enforcement to develop and investigate terrorism related cases and

national security concerns on a local, national and worldwide basis.

NYSP's 26 investigators are assigned on a full- time basis to the six JTTF offices—Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Albany, Binghamton and New York City—and:

- Have been granted top secret clearance by the FBI,
- Fill intelligence gaps on cases that transcend different parts of the state.
- Work closely with:
 - CTIU
 - Investigators from the local troops
 - NYSIC

Auto Theft Unit

The Auto Theft Unit (ATU) is a component of SIU with specially trained investigators who target and dismantle auto theft rings, exporters of stolen vehicles, "chop shop" operations and organized auto insurance frauds.

This statewide Auto Theft and insurance fraud initiative's mission is to provide investigative expertise and resources to auto theft and auto insurance fraud investigations in partnership with the hundreds of local law enforcement agencies that can not maintain their own dedicated anti-auto theft component.

Members receive extensive training in investigative techniques and hands-on examination of cars, motorcycles and heavy equipment to identify stolen vehicles and parts by locating various hidden identifiers and serial numbers.

ATU investigators spearhead large investigations of theft networks, assist investigations led by local police departments

and provide vehicle examination/identification and other investigative support to local police agencies.

SIU 2010 Activity	
16,563	Hours of technical surveillance
212	Electronic Surveillance installations operated
92	Pen Registers (Trap & Trace)
62	Wires (Eavesdropping)
32	GPS
21	Video
2	Internet/Computer Account interceptions
62	Search Warrants executed
845	Felony Arrests
150	Misdemeanor arrests
25	Vehicles seized
44	Firearms seized
\$3,320,101	Value of stolen property recovered
81	Vehicles ATU recoveries
57,410	Vehicle plates read by ATU using License Plate Readers
227	Suspended/revoked registrations
3	Stolen vehicles

2010 Cases

SIU - JTTF

May 1, 2010 — At about 6:30 p.m. an man drove an SUV from Connecticut to Times Square in NYC, lit the fuse on a bomb in the vehicle and fled the area on foot. Fortunately, the bomb did not explode and no one was

injured.

SP JTTF participated in an intense 53-hour investigation involving the rest of the task force. Members of about 50 law enforcement agencies working around the clock pursued every lead and brought the investigation to the successful arrest.

As he was attempting to flee the country, the man was taken off the airplane and, eventually, convicted.

SIU - ATU - White Plains

SIU ATU Long Island was contacted by a wholesale automobile dealer who stated that he was defrauded by another automobile dealer.

The wholesale dealer produced records to support his claim that the Keystone Equity Group had schemed to steal in excess of \$250,000 from him. The records showed that Keystone purchased vehicles from the wholesale dealer with checks that were not honored by the banks on which they were drawn.

Further investigation revealed that Keystone purchased used vehicles from several other dealers in the same fraudulent manner and defrauded six dealers in Nassau and Suffolk Counties out of over \$1,100,000.

SIU-Albany

April 2010 — SIU Albany, saw a known violent sex offender in the area of an apartment complex in Guilderland. Knowing that the offender historically targeted victims in apartment complexes, the investigator alerted the Guilderland PD about the sighting and began looking for the offender.

A Guilderland patrolman saw the sex offender

in a vehicle secreted in a dark parking spot at a complex and found the man dressed all in black clothing. Although the offender appeared nervous and had no reasonable explanation for his presence at the apartment complex when the officer spoke to him, he was released.

SIU initiated an investigation based on the offender coming to SIU's attention in June 2009, when, within days of his release from Parole supervision - having maxed out his 20-year sentence for several violent sexual assaults, the man was arrested for Criminal Trespass and sentenced to 90 days jail time.

The seven-week investigation involving physical and electronic surveillance found the offender within a prohibited distance of a woman who had an active Order of Protection against him. After a brief foot pursuit, the offender was apprehended and arrested for Criminal Contempt, 2nd Degree.

As the offender was being arraigned and committed to Albany County Jail, SIU continued to investigate and work closely with the Albany County DA's office.

This effort resulted in the sexual offender being indicted for Criminal Contempt, 1st Degree and Stalking, 1st Degree for stalking, striking, and threatening a female acquaintance, in violation of an existing Order of Protection.

He was ultimately sentenced to 2 to 4 years in prison.

SIU-Binghamton

November 2010 — After nearly a two-year investigation, 18 "Blood" street gang members and/or associates in the Binghamton area were charged with various state and federal

charges including felony narcotics trafficking, weapons possession, and gang assault charges.

January 2009 — SIU Binghamton, working with the Broome County Drug Task Force, began investigating a person with a known history of violence, gun possession and witness intimidation and reported to hold a high level within the “Bloods” street gang organization.

The investigation continued throughout 2009 and began to outline the structure of two different “Blood” street gangs operating in the Binghamton area.

June 2010 — An associate of the person being investigated became the victim of a Binghamton homicide. This resulted in federal and local agencies committing additional resources, making numerous undercover narcotic buys, conducting physical surveillances and executing five electronic eavesdropping warrants all of which provided greater insight into the two competing local “Blood” street gangs and their rank structure.

During the next five months, quantities of heroin, cocaine and marijuana; several handguns and U.S. currency were seized.

In November the 18 gang members were arrested and charged.

SIU Binghamton & Utica

December 2010 — A two-year, ongoing investigation into an illegal sports betting network resulted in arrests and the seizure of \$540,000.

January 2009 — SIU Binghamton initiated an investigation into an illegal sports betting network operating in Tompkins County.

Extensive background information leading up to the 2009 football season laid the groundwork for initiating a Pen Register on a local bookmaker and an Eavesdropping Warrant that identified higher level people and exposed a larger network of local bookmakers and bettors.

Intercepted conversations identified an Ithaca bookmaker running a million dollar sports betting operation that handled over 100 bettor accounts which were managed through an illegal sports betting website.

February 2009 — SIU Binghamton found that their investigation had ties with an ongoing sports betting investigation being conducted by SIU Utica wherein it was indicated that two Utica residents were conducting illegal sports betting and bookmaking activities over the internet.

October 2009 — SIU Utica initiated an Eavesdropping Warrant upon the phones and computers used by the Utica residents and learned that they regulated about 50 bettors and accepted wagers in excess of one million dollars annually.

Further, the two SIUs—Binghamton and Utica—learned that the people they identified in their gambling networks were involved in a larger network that had ties to Syracuse.

As a result, the scope of the investigations expanded to include investigators from SIU Syracuse, Albany and Rochester; Troops C and D, and the Oneida County District Attorney’s Office.

January 2010 — Search warrants, executed throughout Utica, resulted in the seizure of over \$220,000 USD - the largest gambling seizure in Oneida County history.

February 2010 — Search warrants, executed at multiple locations in Tompkins and Tioga Counties, led to the seizure of over \$320,000 USD - the largest gambling seizure in central New York in recent history.

November 2010 — Four people are awaiting prosecution of various felony gambling charges in the Tompkins and Tioga County cases.

November and December 2010 — Nine people from the Utica area were arrested for numerous counts of gambling related crimes. The charges are pending.

An additional outcome

During the illegal sports betting investigation, it was learned that one of the gamblers identified in the Utica area was involved in the sale of counterfeit trademarked goods, such as clothing, footwear, hand bags, etc.

The Eavesdropping Warrant for his phone was amended to include counterfeit trademark crimes and his primary supplier was identified in Rochester, NY.

April 2010 — As a result, SIU Rochester initiated an investigation. See SIU-Rochester below.

November 2010 — Continuing the investigation in their area, SIU Utica executed search warrants at six locations and seized over \$7,300 US currency, three vehicles, and counterfeit goods valued at over \$179,450.

SIU-Rochester

April 2010 — SIU Rochester received information from SIU Utica on a primary supplier of counterfeit merchandise living in Rochester, NY.

SIU Rochester identified a group from Monroe

County who were trafficking counterfeit goods on a large scale in the Western and Central New York and initiated a Racketeering and Trademark Counterfeiting investigation.

Through multiple intercepts of telephone calls, it was determined that the supplier was a major retailer and wholesaler of various counterfeit merchandise to include boots, purses, wallets, scarves, jewelry, back packs, shoes, sneakers, and sunglasses.

June of 2010 — After conducting undercover purchases of counterfeit merchandise, SIU Rochester, with the assistance of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Agents, initiated a Federal wire intercept on the supplier's cellular telephone.

The Federal Intercept Order was extended an additional 30 days, during which SIU Rochester, with assistance from SIU White Plains, continued with telephone intercepts and surveillance of the supplier traveling from Rochester to NYC to purchase counterfeit items.

Investigators identified four NYC businesses and two warehouses that were involved in the importation and distribution of counterfeit merchandise in the U.S.

September 29, 2010 — SIU Rochester, ICE agents and SIU White Plains:

- Arrested nine people who were charged with Conspiracy to Traffic in Counterfeit Goods and
- Executed 11 Federal Search Warrants in Western New York, New York City and Secaucus, New Jersey resulting in the seizure of 341,342 pieces of counterfeit merchandise, real property, and \$135,255 in U.S. currency and monetary

instruments.

Further investigation by SIU Rochester and ICE has identified nine Chinese companies who are allegedly responsible for the importation of the Counterfeit Items.

Collateral requests have been sent to the ICE Attaché in Beijing and Hong Kong for follow-up investigation.

SIU-Buffalo

March 2010 — A six-month investigation lead to 175 members of area law enforcement agencies, including SIU Buffalo and SIU Rochester, along with FBI personnel executing eight federal search warrants and 27 arrest warrants.

October 2009 — SIU Buffalo and the FBI Safe Streets Task Force, initiated an investigation into a Buffalo heroin distribution network that was responsible for distributing heroin under the stamp "Fear This."

In a 2005 investigation, this same drug network was found to be responsible for distributing heroin which resulted in the death of two people, one of whom was a local college student.

During the six-month investigation, the use of a multitude of covert investigative techniques and tools led to a court authorized electronic monitoring of cellular phones used by the drug network.

Physical surveillance coupled with the electronic monitoring revealed that a man made frequent visits to two suburban adult entertainment clubs, had VIP status at both clubs and sold narcotics, inside the clubs, to the female dancers and club managers and the disc jockey at one of the clubs.

Within the six months, search warrants of vehicles and storage facilities were executed resulting in the recovery of a number of weapons, including a sawed off shotgun.

Those arrested in the multi-agency effort were charged with various federal charges including Distribution of Controlled Substance, Possession with Intent to Distribute, Use of Communication Facility in Furtherance of Controlled Substance Conspiracy, Continuing Criminal Enterprise, and Distribution of Controlled Substance near a school.

The two adult entertainment clubs lost their New York State liquor licenses due to drug trafficking and prostitution involving dancers and patrons at the clubs.

SIU-New York City/Long Island

December 2009 — SIU New York City / Long Island began a gambling case involving policy based out of a well-known Yonkers restaurant.

SIU, teamed with the Westchester County DAs Office, employed physical and electronic surveillance as well as undercover SP personnel to infiltrate the gambling organization.

The investigation included identifying the people who "banked" the various policy and sports betting operations that had been uncovered.

Employing wiretaps, pen registers, a video pole camera and a GPS tracking device a team—SIU NYC / Long Island and White Plains, Westchester County DA's Office, CNET Hudson Valley, Troops F and K, and Division's Electronics Unit—successfully dismantled the gambling organization having dismantled the gambling organization having satellites in Bronx, Manhattan, Queens and

Yonkers.

Executing 24 search warrants, the team seized \$17,000, nine vehicles, eight weapons, 5.5 oz. cocaine and numerous gambling records.

Twenty-seven men and women were arrested for various gambling related offenses totaling 38 felonies and 4 lesser offenses.

SIU-Syracuse

February 2010 — SIU Syracuse responded to a request from SP Marcy with a “murder for hire” investigation within the Mohawk Correctional Facility, Rome, NY.

An inmate—an alleged Latin King Gang member incarcerated in the Mohawk Correctional Facility for Assault 2nd—had requested, through another prison inmate, to have two people killed.

SIU Syracuse investigator, acting in an undercover capacity, visited the inmate and recorded a conversation where the inmate requested to have his victim and a witness to his assault killed prior to further court action.

The fee of \$15,000 was discussed and a Post Office Box was set up to receive payment.

A \$3,500 cashier’s check was mailed to the Post Office Box, however, it had been mailed by the mother of a second inmate at the Mohawk Correctional Facility.

This second inmate, who was incarcerated for Rape 1st, had heard via the inmate-grapevine about this “hit-man” who could arrange to have the victim in his criminal case killed and had his mother send a down payment prior to meeting with the “hit-man.”

With the cooperation of the Department of Correctional Services (DCS), the undercover

investigator visited the second inmate and recorded the conversation with him. The inmate requested to have the victim of his rape charge write a letter recanting her testimony on the rape charge and, then, killed so as to appear it was a suicide prior to his release from prison on April 5, 2010.

Again, the fee of \$15,000 was discussed and the inmate said he would have his mother send another check for \$5,000. A \$5,000 cashier’s check arrived in the Post Office Box.

This case was presented to an Oneida County Grand Jury and an Indictment Warrant was issued.

April 5, 2010 — As the second inmate thought he was being released from prison, he was arrested and charged with Conspiracy 2nd, arraigned in Oneida County Court and remanded to the Oneida County Jail with no bail pending trial. The jury found this inmate guilty of the Conspiracy 2nd charge and he was sentenced to 12½ to 25 years in state prison.

July 2010 — The evidence against the alleged Latin King inmate was presented to an Oneida County Grand Jury and an Indictment Warrant was issued charging him with Conspiracy 2nd.

He was arrested and charged with Conspiracy 2nd and, after learning the results of the jury trial for the second inmate, decided to accept a guilty plea to Attempted Criminal Solicitation 2nd and was sentenced to 1½ to 3 years in state prison.

SIU-White Plains

October 2010 — SIU White Plains conducting an investigation into a Colombian money laundering group operating out of the

Woodside Section of Queens had surveillance units set up outside the residence of one of the targets.

The surveillance noted the target dressed in a tee shirt, leave his residence accompanied by a second unknown person and get into a vehicle.

Investigators followed the car to the Whitestone Section of Queens where a third person was picked up after which they returned to the target’s residence.

Back at the residence, the target exited his vehicle and went into his apartment while the two unknown passengers remained in the car. Within a few minutes the target returned to the vehicle wearing a jacket with both hands placed in the front pockets cradling an object.

Again, the investigators followed the vehicle back to the Whitestone Section where the third person was picked up earlier that morning.

This time SIU personnel approached the vehicle and saw bundles of U.S. currency wrapped in plastic on the front seat between the operator and passenger along side a large clear plastic zip-lock bag containing what appeared to be numerous strips of moist black vinyl or fiberglass sheets.

The money amounted to \$40,000 and the strips, analyzed by the State Police Lab, contained 428 grams of heroin.

During a through search of the vehicle, and investigator found a rental receipt for another location in Queens in the name of the target.

The three occupants of the vehicle were placed under arrest for money laundering and taken to the NYC PD for processing and SIU personnel were dispatched to investigate the

new location. When they arrived, the building superintendent was able to identify the target from the arrest photos taken by the NYC PD.

As the SIU team approached the apartment door they heard music and voices coming from the residence. After knocking on the door the music grew louder and the sound of the voices could be heard in an excited state. It was clear that the occupants were aware of the law enforcement presence and it was suspected were likely trying to dispose of evidence.

Entry was gained through a fortified door and two people were found by the bathroom trying to clear the toilet that had backed up with hundreds of small plastic packages of heroin. After clearing the toilet and trap in the bathroom, investigators were able to recover almost a kilo and a half of heroin.

Both individuals were arrested for CPCS, 1st Degree and Conspiracy.

The pursuit of a lead, resulted in the discovery of a “stash house” and a connection was established between the seized currency and narcotics trafficking.

Traffic Services

The NYSP employs a multi-faceted and interdisciplinary approach to traffic safety.

This approach involves:

- General and targeted Vehicle and Traffic Law enforcement
- Crash investigation and collision reconstruction
- Commercial vehicle enforcement
- Traffic incident management
- Public awareness and education

These efforts are directed to mitigate the myriad of traffic safety threats, including speeding, impaired driving, non-use of safety restraints, and commercial vehicle equipment deficiencies.

Troops are tasked with analyzing traffic safety at a local level and developing zone and troop-level plans which are reviewed at Division Headquarters and form the basis of the Division Traffic Safety Plan.

Traffic Services provides support to the field by:

- Analyzing safety trends
- Identifying emerging threats
- Securing grant funding for innovative programs, supplemental levels of traffic enforcement, and traffic enforcement equipment enhancements.

Speeding, impaired driving and failure to wear safety restraints have been persistent contributors to traffic deaths statewide, and in response, Traffic Services has secured additional funding and developed programs to mitigate their impact.

Traffic Services

Highway Safety and Traffic Enforcement

Collision Reconstruction Unit

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit

Impaired Driving Enforcement

Speed Enforcement

Safety Restraint Enforcement

Traffic incident Management

Collision Reconstruction Unit

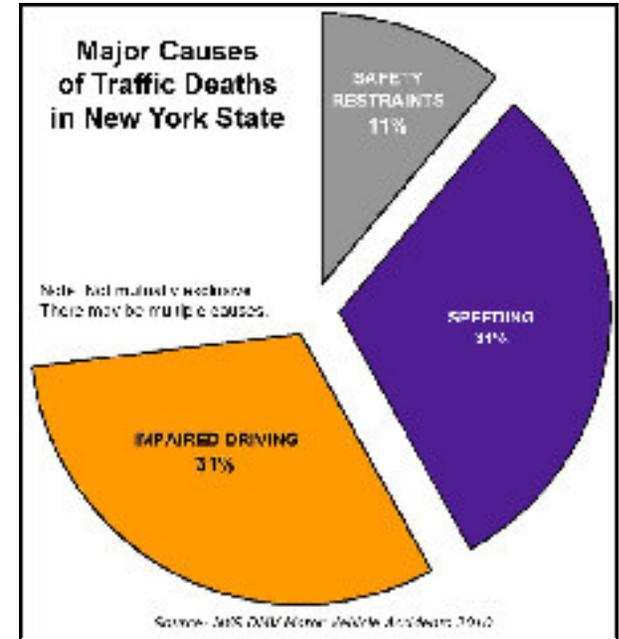
The statewide Collision Reconstruction Unit (CRU) employs full-time and part-time uniform and BCI members who are supervised by the Troop FIUs and the Traffic Services CRU Supervisor.

The CRU investigates potential crime scenes on and off the roadways working in parallel with the FIU by forensically mapping collisions and non-motor vehicle crime scenes.

The contemporary field of collision reconstruction is extremely technical and CRU investigators, who are highly trained and richly experienced, share their expertise extensively with the broader law enforcement community in the investigations of traffic fatalities, vehicular homicides and major crimes.

CRU 2010 Activity	
361	Serious incident responses
30%	Percent of caseload assisting other agency investigations
10,000+	Hours of additional training received by CRU members

The CRU continually evaluates and acquires the latest technology to improve accuracy and efficiency, and ensure the capability of Unit



members to respond.

To meet demands, the CRU began a programmed upgrade of all Total Electronic Workstations—the functional heart of the scene surveying efforts—in the field. The upgrade is expected to be completed by October 2011.

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit

In the past five years, NYS fatal collisions

Involving large trucks have decreased by nearly 41%, and much of this success can be attributed to the comprehensive commercial vehicle enforcement and education component of the NYSP's traffic safety plan.

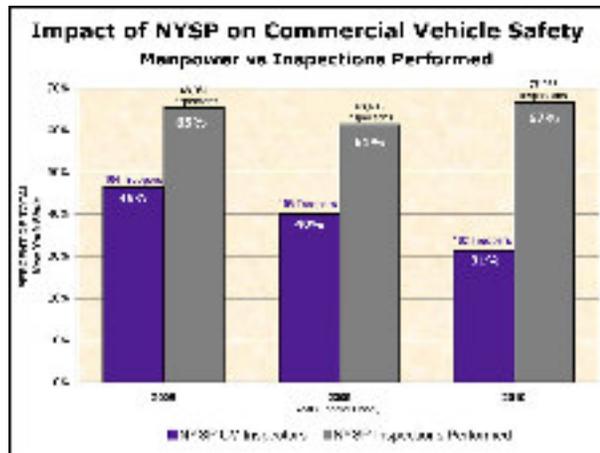
The complexities of the federal, state and local laws and regulations governing commercial motor vehicles, necessitate specialized enforcement efforts that are met by the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit (CVEU).

Highly trained and dedicated Unit members specialize in motor carrier safety, hazardous materials transport and size and weight enforcement.

The roadside inspection program, the foundation of Traffic Services' commercial vehicle safety plan, uses a combination of various fixed inspection sites and roving patrols in their compliance inspections.

Commercial motor vehicles and their drivers are inspected to ensure compliance with federal, state and local safety regulations and laws governing their operation.

Although the CVEU concentrates its efforts



during the daytime when the trucking industry predominantly operates, off-hour enforcement is conducted to interdict carriers who may attempt to evade inspection and to minimize the predictability of the enforcement efforts.

Public outreach and education are important components of the Division's commercial vehicle safety plan.

CVEU 2010 Activity		
78,000	Commercial Vehicles Inspected	
125,000+	Safety Violations detected	
	20,000	Serious violations*
31%	Percentage of all NYS certified commercial vehicle inspectors	
	67%	Percentage of NYS inspections conducted
85%	Percentage of NYS hazardous material safety inspections	
132,000	Vehicles weighed	
	94%	Percentage of NYS vehicles weighed

* Serious violations are ones that result in the driver and/or the vehicle being placed out of service immediately.

Clearly, NYSP CVEU is the primary agency for size and weight enforcement in the state.

Throughout the year, members of the CVEU across the state were regularly tasked with addressing various groups regarding safety and other compliance concerns related to the highly regulated motor carrier industry.

CVEU members also provided training to other uniform troopers and police officers to improve their competency in dealing with commercial vehicles and their operators.

Criminal Interdiction/Homeland Security

While the primary focus of the CVEU is traffic safety, they also play a vital role in the State Police's criminal interdiction and homeland security missions.

CVEU members, trained to detect illegal activity ranging from drug trafficking to acts of terrorism, are an integral part of the state's radiological monitoring program that safeguards major cities and the roads that service them from radiological contamination or attack.

CVEU Criminal Interdiction/Homeland Security 2010 Activity		
8,000	Safety inspections conducted at or in close proximity to international border crossings as part of a specialized border enforcement effort	
20,000	Safety violations detected	
	3,093	Serious violations

Impaired Driving Enforcement

Impaired driving continues to be another persistent threat to traffic safety, and therefore, impaired driving enforcement continues to be a cornerstone of Division's traffic safety efforts.

Traffic Services continues to employ fixed sobriety checkpoints and roving saturation patrols, both of which have proven effective at saving lives for different reasons.

- Sobriety checkpoints serve as a high profile deterrent in numbers of arrests and, on-going research indicates, as a prevention of the activity itself.

- Saturation patrols are covert and are effective at apprehending those who drink and drive regardless of its dangers or the threat of enforcement.

Employed in tandem, the strategies are optimally effective.

Underage Drinker Identification (UDI)

Because driver inexperience and alcohol is a particularly lethal combination, the Division's UDI Program was designed to apprehend underage drinkers and those who provide alcohol to minors.

UDI 2010 Activity	
120	Details conducted
1,397	Establishments checked for Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) law compliance
	291 Bars
	1,106 Retail establishments
168	ABC law arrests
191	Penal Law arrests
7	House parties investigated resulting from public tips received via the Underage Drinking Hotline

Working with SP personnel, underage operatives attempt to purchase alcoholic beverages and information is gathered to target bars and on-site consumption establishments that serve underage drinkers.

Speed Enforcement

Unsafe speed was a contributing factor in nearly one-third of all fatal crashes in NYS in 2009, the last year of complete statistics. Therefore, Traffic Services continues to make speed enforcement a priority of every trooper on patrol.

To supplement patrol's daily efforts, grant funding that allocated 19,000 hours of overtime for speed enforcement was secured.

Also through traffic safety grant funding, 77 Direction Sensing Radar (DSR) units and 52 laser units were added to the speed enforcement arsenal to further improve Division's speed enforcement capabilities.

Safety Restraint Enforcement

Failure to wear safety restraints is one of the primary challenges to transportation safety, and for more than a decade has been a primary emphasis of the Division's traffic safety plan. This emphasis has led to a precipitous decline in unbelted fatalities.

Prior to the focus on safety restraint use, nearly 500 lives were being lost on New York's roads and highways annually. These deaths represented more than one-third of traffic fatalities.

Through zero tolerance enforcement of New York's mandatory seat belt laws—Buckle Up New York and Click It Or Ticket—campaign periods and added enforcement emphasis year-round, safety belt use has increased substantially and these unnecessary deaths have been dramatically reduced.

Child Passenger Safety Program

Traffic Service's robust public education and Child Passenger Safety Program provides parents and caregivers the resources and knowledge to ensure that the most vulnerable travelers are properly protected.

Statewide, 150 troopers have been trained as Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians, and are able to teach parents:

- Which child restraint is appropriate for the age, size and weight of their child,
- How to overcome the any potential incompatibilities between the child, the child seat selected, and the motor vehicle in which the seat will be used.

Monthly fitting station details are operated in each troop and at other community venues throughout the year and, if due to financial hardship or to overcome severe incompatibilities which place a child passenger at risk, child restraints were provided to the public at no cost. The cost of these seats is underwritten by grant funding specifically for this purpose.

CPS Program 2010 Activity	
2,500	Child seats inspected
658	Child restraints provided at no cost

Motorcycle Enforcement and Education Program

In response to rising fatalities in recent years attributed to an increased popularity of motorcycling, a Motorcycle Safety and Education Program was developed that included distributing public information about motorcycle safety and legal compliance and heightening enforcement of motorcycle laws.

Statewide mandatory motorcycle safety checkpoints are conducted, typically coinciding with a major motorcycle rally or planned motorcycle event, wherein:

- Motorcycles are inspected for equipment infractions
- Motorcyclists are inspected for proper licensure and regulation helmets
- Safety information is provided

Troopers proactively engage the motorcycling

community in order to raise awareness of safe motorcycling practices, common misconceptions regarding motorcycle equipment and the importance of DOT approved helmets.

Proactive activities included:

- Riding demonstrations and courtesy motorcycle inspections at the Americade in Lake George
- Use of a “legally challenged motorcycle” at the International Motorcycle Show in New York City.

The legally challenged motorcycle was purposely created with a multitude of illegal parts to graphically demonstrate violations to enthusiasts, in order to deter their use.

Motorcycle Program 2010 Activity		
45	Educational Details	
44	Safety enforcement checkpoints	
	1,017	Tickets for illegal helmet
	204	Tickets for illegal exhaust

Traffic Incident Management Detail

• Work Zone Safety

An outgrowth of the Work Zone Safety Act of 2005, which among other things, mandated police presence in major road construction work zones, the TIM Detail:

- Enforce Work Zone safety
- Provide targeted enforcement in response to known traffic safety issues
Supplemental commercial vehicle regulatory compliance year round.

• Crash Scene Support

An effective traffic safety countermeasure, TIM Detail members:

- Efficiently speed the clearance of major traffic crashes
- Reduce congestion and secondary collisions,
- Provide targeted enforcement in crash-prone areas.

• Commercial Vehicle Inspections

Each member of the TIM Detail is certified as a North American Standard Truck Inspection (NASTI) Level III commercial vehicle inspector, and therefore is trained to ensure safety compliance of commercial operators, documentation of their load and hours of service.

TIM Detail 2010 Activity		
48,561	Traffic Tickets	
	27,321	Speeding offenses
3,693	Commercial Vehicle inspections	
	2,160	Safety violations detected
Grant Supported Activity October-December		
27	'Work Zone/Unsafe Driver Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Initiative' details	
	768	Tickets issued to passenger and CMVs
	347	# of Moving violations
621	NASTI Level III CMV inspections	
	233	Violations
	13	Serious safety violations

• TIM Detail Supported by Grant

NYSP was awarded a United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Federal Motor Carrier Safety

Administration (FMCSA) Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) high-priority grant to use the TIM Detail for supplemental commercial vehicle inspections in areas identified as having elevated commercial traffic risks.

Emergency Management

The Emergency Management section includes:

- Bomb Disposal Unit (BDU)
- Canine Unit
- Contaminated Crime Scene Emergency Response Team (CCSERT)
- SCUBA Unit
- Special Operations Response Team (SORT)

Planning, Preparedness, Response

The Emergency Management section oversees the Division's planning, preparedness and response to natural disasters and serious emergencies, including criminal acts involving chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) hazards.

In 2010

Tasks and activities included:

- Participating in the development of state emergency response plans.
- Coordinating the activities of the Emergency Management NCOs.
- Serving as the Division liaison to the:
 - Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) program
 - State's WMD task force
 - CBRN task force
 - Disaster Preparedness Commission (DPC)
 - State Radiological Workgroup
 - State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)
- Liaison and training with specialized response entities, such as the National

Uniform Special Services

Emergency Management

Bomb Disposal Unit

Contaminated Crime Scene

SCUBA

Canine Unit

Emergency Response Team

Special Operations Response Team

Recreational Vehicle Enforcement

School and Community Outreach Unit

- Guard Civil Support Team (CST), Office of Fire Prevention and Control (OFPC) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).
- Reviewing statewide threat and vulnerability assessments.
- Providing guidance to public and private entities on emergency planning and security procedures.
- Participating in nuclear response and natural disaster drills sponsored by the State Office of Emergency Management (OEM).
- Arranging, tracking and updating presentations provided to the emergency response community and other special groups on clandestine drug laboratory awareness.
- Participating in the Homeland Security Strategy Working Group (HSSWG).
- Serving on the State Preparedness Training Center (SPTC) Working Group.

EMNCO activities included design, implementation and participation in:

- Presidential visit to Buffalo
- Annual Baseball Hall of Fame induction weekend
- Watkins Glen – NASCAR event perimeter security and traffic control
- Lake Placid Ironman Triathlon

- New York State Fair
- Fort Drum Air Show
- Strategic Police Intelligence Driven Enforcement Response (SPIDER) Border Enforcement Details
- Buffer Zone Protection Plan (BZPP) surveys and distribution of equipment
- Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) tabletop exercises and security assessments
- Incident Command System (ICS) training of county and local first response agencies and the State Police Academy recruit and supervisors schools
- FEMA observed Reception Center Exercise
- County "Operation Safe-guard" training at Local Emergency Planning Committee's (LEPC's)
- ICS for Schools presentations

NYSP Emergency Management and Traffic Services staffed emergency operations centers (EOCs) for the following:

- Jan. 13 - Haiti Earthquake
- Feb. 10/- Snowstorm - Downstate & Long Island
- Feb. 24 - Snowstorm New York State
- Feb. 26 - I-84 closure – Snow, Troop K
- Mar. 10 - Snowstorm New York State
- May 4 - Exercise - Integrated Empire

- Aug. 12 - Indian Point Exercise - State Evaluated
- Aug. 30 - Hurricane Earl
- Sep. 14 - Indian Point Exercise - FEMA Evaluated
- Dec. 27 - Nor'easter – Snowstorm NYS

Homeland Security Exercises

The Section plans, develops and carries out homeland security exercises designed to test the Division's ability to prevent and respond to acts of terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, and large-scale natural disasters.

Additionally, the unit serves as the Division representative in the planning of State-level, multi-agency exercises.

In 2010, the unit was involved in the design and execution of "Operation Urgent Action IV" held in Sidney, NY on October 20-21, 2010.

This was a full-scale exercise designed to test the ability of law enforcement to detect and interdict illicit radioactive materials which were hidden by a would-be "terrorist" in one of ten private, self-storage facilities in the Sidney area.

There were 28 participants from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security – Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the New York State Police, and the Endicott Police Department.

Ultimately all objectives were achieved with the illicit radiological materials being successfully detected in a self-storage unit and recovered before they could be used to assemble a weapon of mass destruction.

Grant Administration

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The Section administers grant funds provided through the Office of Homeland Security to support anti-terrorism programs and equipment.

In many cases, purchased items have significantly improved Division operations, such as:

- Track driven tactical robots with two-way communications and Daylight/IR video capability - SORT
- Night Vision PVS-22's Night Sights - SORT
- Image stabilized marine binoculars - SCUBA
- Deep water sonar tow-fish unit for side scan sonar systems - SCUBA
- Hydration Equipment - MFU
- Level 4 Ballistic Protection and GPS/2-way radio units for new K-9 operators - K9

Radiation Interdiction and Detection Program

The Radiation Interdiction and Detection Program features highly sensitive radiation detection equipment, consisting of pagers, survey meters, backpacks and mobile systems, used to detect illicit radioactive material.

Initial rollout in 2007 consisted of equipment and training provided to the:

- NYS Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit (CVEU) and Bomb Disposal Unit (BDU)
- Department of Environmental Conservation
- Division of Military and

Naval Affairs

- Civil Support Team
- Department of Health

Since then:

- All K-9 teams and select members of the Contaminated Crime Scene Emergency Response Team (CCSERT) have been equipped with radiation detection pagers.
- NYSP has deployed over 150 radiation detection pagers to the field and more than 35 radioactive isotopic identification detectors.

In 2010, more than 85 pager hits were recorded, one of which was radioactive materials being transported illegally.

Program members have been actively involved in a pilot program titled "Secure the Cities", in which the United States Department of Homeland Security has invested over \$90 million to secure New York City against a terrorist attack involving radiological material.

Aviation Unit



Robot Reduces Risk: Operated by remote control, a bomb disposal robot removes an explosive device from a vehicle driven by a suspect.

Uniform Specialized Services

The New York State Police Aviation Unit, headquartered in Albany, NY, has evolved into a diverse, multi-purpose unit capable of providing essential aerial support to law enforcement and emergency service agencies throughout the state.

The unit conducts operations from five locations throughout the state: Albany, Newburgh, Saranac Lake, Syracuse and Batavia.

From these bases command staff supported by 13 helicopters, six airplanes, 34 pilots, nine mechanics and six dispatch/support staff respond to requests for its four core missions.

- **Law enforcement** missions support police agencies across New York and contiguous states.
NYS aircrews:
 - Conduct aerial surveillance for criminal and environmental conservation law enforcement
 - Search for wanted subjects
 - Extradite prisoners
 - Transport key State Police personnel and SORT members to critical events
 - Respond to prison escapes and disasters
 - Conduct drug detection flights
- **In 2010**, Aviation assisted in the seizure of over 3,800 marijuana plants from various grow operations statewide, resulting in 35 arrests.
- **The MEDEVAC** program, called Lifeguard, established in the early 1970s, combines State Police aircraft and pilots with volunteer and private sector paramedics.
 - The Albany-based program combines

State Police air crews with the town of Colonie EMS paramedics.

- At Stewart International Airport in Newburgh, the State Police works in association with Mobile Life Support, a private ambulance company, and services the Lower Hudson Valley.
- In Central New York, flight medics from the North Area Volunteer Ambulance Corps (NAVAC) help staff the helicopter based at Hancock International Airport in Syracuse.
- In the North Country, State Police aircraft based in Saranac Lake operate a joint venture with North Country Life Flight.
- In Western New York, Aviation-Batavia is teamed with Mercy Flight Buffalo.
- **Environmental conservation support** duties include a variety of missions:
 - Wildlife surveys
 - Photographic documentation of environmental issues
 - Aerial fish stocking
 - Aerial firefighting
 - Sling-load operations into remote locationsSpecialized equipment employed includes aircraft-mounted, gyro-stabilized cameras, cargo hooks, wildlife tracking antennae and digital mapping systems.
- **Transport missions convey:**
 - Personnel from the state's Executive Branch and State Police
 - Organ transplant recipients or medical teams that need to reach a medical facility under emergency conditions.

Night Vision Goggle Program

Introduced in 2007, Night Vision Goggles (NVG) have greatly enhance a flight crew's ability to see in nearly total darkness, thereby significantly enhancing safety at night.

All utility helicopter interiors have been modified to facilitate compatibility with NVGs and all aircrews are fully mission-qualified.

In addition to improving safety, since their introduction, NVGs have made searching for lost or disoriented subjects at night far more efficient at night, and many lost or disoriented hunters and hikers have been located within minutes of the arrival of a NVG- equipped helicopter.

2010 Cases

- ▶ May 24, 2010 — Sgt Michael Eberl assisted Troop E - Wolcott's search for a 21-year-old camper missing from the Fair Haven State Park Campgrounds in Sterling.
Sgt Eberl located the camper at the base of an 80-foot bluff on the shoreline of Lake Ontario. The young man had fallen off the cliff onto the rocks below.
After the camper was transported from the scene by a Cayuga County Sheriffs Dept. boat, Aviation airlifted him to University Hospital, Syracuse NY.
- ▶ June 30 2010 — At the request of NYS DEC Forest Rangers, T/Sgt John Heverly flew to Cascade Mountain in the Adirondacks to assist an injured hiker who had fallen and broken his leg.
The remote location and hazardous terrain necessitated a hoist rescue. T/Sgt Heverly positioned his helicopter over the injured man and lowered a stretcher to the

waiting rangers.

The rangers loaded the hiker into the stretcher and, after hoisting him out of the mountainous area, the pilot transported him to Adirondack Medical Center, in Lake Placid.

- ▶ July 28, 2010 — Maj. Robert U Kreppin, Sgt John Cuneo and Tpr. John Dolezal responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in Plattekill and saw one of the men hiding in the dry creek bed.

After Tpr. Dolezal landed the helicopter in an adjacent field, Maj. Kreppin and Sgt Cuneo exited the helicopter and, after a brief foot pursuit, apprehended the man and turned him over to the ground units for processing.

- ▶ August 9, 2010 — Pilot Scott Kotronis assisted the NYS Forest Rangers with the rescue of a hiker who had fallen and sustained a severe head injury.

Pilot Kotronis flew to the Boquet River in North Hudson and located the subject in a remote area. While the he hovered over the scene, he lowered the stretcher, successfully hoisted the man and transported him to Adirondack Medical Center.

- ▶ September 8 and 23, 2010 — CNET requested T/Sgt William Accuosti and T/Sgts. Phillip Napolitano and David Bowden to search for suspected marijuana grows at locations in:
 - Washington and Saratoga Counties where the crew located 121 plants on three separate plots.
 - Chester Town where the crew located 253 plants in 10 separate plots.

The plants were turned over to CNET Investigators.

Bomb Disposal Unit

The Bomb Disposal Unit (BDU) responds to service calls involving improvised explosive devices, recovered military ordnance, commercial explosives and fireworks throughout most of upstate New York.

It also is responsible for the controlled destruction/neutralization of explosives, such as old dynamite, detonators and illegal fireworks.

The Unit's 10 members are HAZMAT trained and provide service to areas of the state lacking hazardous materials teams.

BDU 2010 Activity		
253	Incidents handled	
	22	Commercial explosive and destructions
	26	Military ordnance destructions
	66	Illegal fireworks destruction
15	Homemade/Improvised Explosive Device calls	
	155	Actual bomb recovered

All bomb squad technicians maintain certification through the FBI Hazardous Devices School in Huntsville, Alabama, and are required to attend recertification every three years.

The Bomb Disposal Unit maintains four facilities located in Albany, Newburgh, Watertown and Batavia. Each is equipped with disposal trailers, robots and hazardous materials suits.

All bomb technicians carry critical first responder equipment, including X-ray machines and bomb suits.

2010 Cases

- ▶ March 27, 2010 – Troop A Bomb Disposal Technicians responded to assist with a person, claiming to be a suicide bomber, who locked himself inside the trunk of his vehicle.

BDU used the robot to open the vehicle and engage the trunk release allowing SWAT members to dispense pepper spray into the trunk forcing the person to surrender.

- ▶ May 12, 2010 – Troop K Bomb Disposal Technicians recovered a pickup truck load of fireworks following a controlled delivery of drugs that were sent via FedEx.

The drugs were discovered after a NYSP narcotic canine alerted on the package at the FedEx warehouse.

- ▶ August 21, 2010 – Troop F Trooper investigating an “explosion with injuries” complaint developed information that a person was attempting to construct bombs.

BDU members responded and discovered that the person possessed all of the ingredients and a recipe to make TATP, but became fearful of the sensitivity of the explosive.

- ▶ September 15, 2010 — Troop B BDU responded to assist the ATF with an investigation of a person that was illegally storing commercial fireworks.

The investigation resulted in the seizure of a tractor trailer load of fireworks that were

being stored improperly less than 30 feet from a state highway.

- ▶ October 12, 2010 – Troop G BDU responded to a complaint where a person was injured by an explosion outside of his residence.

Investigation revealed that an unknown person had placed a small bomb on a window sill outside the residence and when it detonated, shrapnel consisting of glass and parts of the window frame struck the intended victim.

An unexploded chemical reaction bomb was also discovered at the side of the residence.

Canine Unit

Entering its 35th year of service, the Canine Unit responds to requests from NYSP and other agencies for canine/handler services.

The K-9 teams are assigned to stations throughout the state and perform patrol duties when not involved in or assigned to a canine-related incident or detail.

They detect explosives and drugs, track and search for lost or missing persons, find bodies, search buildings, provide site/venue security and help protect dignitaries.

The NYSP presently has 72 canines:

- 30 explosive detection canines with 10 handlers assigned to BDU
- 39 narcotics detection teams
- 21 canines cross-trained for cadaver detection
- 3 bloodhounds utilized solely for tracking persons who have been lost or missing for an extended period of time

2010 Cases

- ▶ March 24, 2010 — Canine Unit, SP Binghamton assisted the Newburgh PD with an organized search for a 4 year- old missing child.

While conducting a canine cadaver search a handler received a positive alert from his canine on a large pile of cut, stacked brush. A search of the brush pile lead to the discovery of a bag containing human remains.

- ▶ June 14, 2010 — Canine Unit, SP Cortland, assisted the Peekskill PD with a person who was barricaded on the second floor of a residence. The person was wanted in conjunction with a homicide that had occurred in Peekskill.

The canine and handler were at the entrance to a room on the second floor of the residence when the suspect opened the door, did not obey verbal commands and attempted to retreat into the room.

The handler prevented the door from closing and used his canine to apprehend to the person.

- ▶ July 30, 2010 — Canine Unit, SP Pulaski, responded to call concerning a missing child in the Village of Altmar.

A 7 year old foster child ran

away from home after being punished and numerous attempts to locate the child were unsuccessful.

The handler conducted a canine track and located the child hiding in a densely wooded area about a quarter of a mile from the residence.

- ▶ August 2, 2010 — Canine Unit, SP Liberty

Canine Unit 2010 Activity		
NYSP Training Facility, Cooperstown, NY		
11	New Handlers trained (Basic Handlers School)	
	9	NYSP
	1	Schenectady PD
	1	NYS Department of Corrections
10	Replacement Canines trained	
164	Canine Re-certification Sessions conducted	
Canine Unit responded to 3,387 calls/requests		
468	Explosive Detection calls	
	40	Bomb Threats
	9	Explosive/weapons recovery cases
1,196	Narcotics/cadaver detection calls	
	1,1046	Drug sweeps
	150	Body (cadaver) Searches
	392	Searches located narcotics
	4	Searches recovered bodies.
409	Fugitive/Lost or missing person calls	
	47	Fugitives Tracked
	13	Lost or missing persons found
92	Building Search calls	
	10	People found in building searches
430	Miscellaneous canine-related incidents/calls	
384	Venue Security Detail requests	
408	Community Service Initiatives	



HAZMAT Technicians Attend Training: Suited-up in total protective gear, a HAZMAT technician gathers evidence during a CCSERT training.

assisted the Sullivan County Sheriffs Department with a cadaver search in a wooded area in Rock Hill, NY where a small quantity of human remains had been located by a hiker.

A search of the area by responding agencies failed to locate the majority of the remains.

The handler conducted a canine cadaver search and identified several areas that contained the majority of the remains and clothing.

- ▶ December 23, 2010 — Canine Unit, SP Albany conducted a vehicle and traffic stop on I-87 northbound in Bethlehem, NY. A NYSPIN check of the occupants revealed that the driver was unlicensed

and suspended and the sole passenger was a parole absconder for charge of Murder/Attempted Murder of a police officer in New York City, NY.

The handler arrested the men and conducted a canine narcotics search of the vehicle. The Canine alerted to the truck of the vehicle which was subsequently searched.

The search lead to the discovery of 420 decks of heroin, packaging material, and \$ 4,500 dollars in US Currency in a purse in the truck.

CCSERT

Contaminated Crime Scene Emergency Response Team's (CCSERT) mission is to provide a state-level response to actual, suspected or perceived crime scenes in which chemical, biological, explosive (or incendiary), radiological, or nuclear contamination or components may be present.

Its hazardous materials technicians can provide emergency response capability to support law enforcement agencies when responding to contaminated crime scenes or hazardous conditions.

The majority of CCSERT responses were clandestine drug labs. As predicted in 2009, the occurrence of the "one pot method" of methamphetamine manufacturing has become a major concern in New York, as it has been around the nation in prior years.

2010 Responses and Training

- CCSERT responded to 31 clandestine drug laboratories and one suspected WMD incident and one suicide. The 31 clandestine drug lab responses

more than doubled last year's count of 13.

- To supplement the five regional teams, 16 officers were trained and became CCSERT members.
- CCSERT members teamed with Drug Enforcement Administration personnel to recertify 130 Clandestine Drug Lab Technicians statewide.

SCUBA

The State Police has operated an underwater diving detail since 1934. Today it has SCUBA teams on call 24 hours a day in all troops except L, T and NYC.

These Dive Teams regularly provide their specialized services to communities and law enforcement agencies statewide.

When not assigned to a dive detail, NYSP divers perform regular patrol and administrative duties.

SCUBA 2010 Activity	
195	Details
909	Dives
9	Victims Recovered
1	Rescue
20	Significant pieces of evidence
	12 Weapons
	7 Vehicles
	1 Airplane
\$41,540	Aggregate value of recovered property
53	Outside agencies assisted
20	Community Service Initiatives

2010 Cases

- ▶ February 2, 2010 — The Troop C Dive

Team were assembled for a scheduled training dive when a 911 report of a motor vehicle accident/car into the water (Cansawacta Creek) was dispatched.

Arriving at the scene, Dive Team members saw a vehicle partially submerged through the ice with an elderly male and his dog trapped in the vehicle.

Troop C divers entered the water, and working with Norwich and Plymouth Fire Department personnel, were able to rescue the victim and his dog.

Dive Team members then assisted with the removal of the vehicle from the Creek.

- ▶ May 11, 2010— A man, involved in a vehicle pursuit with the local Police Dept. in Vestal, NY, left his car and jumped off the bridge into the Susquehanna River when he discovered both ends of the bridge were blocked due to construction.

The man was seen floating down stream from the Vestal Endicott Bridge screaming for help.

Troops C, D and F Dive Teams responded to the scene the next day and at about 1 p.m. located the man wedged under a tree near the south bank of the river about 500 feet west of the bridge.

Victim was removed by Dive personnel and turned over to the Vestal PD.

- ▶ September 4, 2010 — At about 5:00 p.m., two people were northbound on Seneca Lake, at an estimated speed of 70-80 mph, when both of them were thrown from the boat.

One victim was located at the surface by passing boaters, removed from the water

and given medical attention. The second victim went below the surface of the water and out of sight.

The following day, the Troop E Dive Team conducted SONAR operations, and located and marked what they believed to be the second victim. This was verified by a Yates County Boating Unit with the use of a Video ray R.O.V.

Two Dive Team members dove 105 feet, recovered the victim and returned him to the surface.

SORT

The Special Operations Response Team (SORT) has 50 members operating in four regional teams—North, South, West and Central—who provided specialized services to communities and law enforcement agencies across the state.

SORT 2010 Activity	
208	Operations Conducted
	34 Barricaded Subjects
	81 Narcotic Raids
	43 Searches
	7 Dignitary Protections
	21 Tactical Surveillances
	2 Rope Rescue/Recoveries
	15 Clandestine Lab Re mediations
75	Outside Agencies assisted
17	Community Service Initiatives

2010 Cases

- ▶ February 12, 2010 — SORT served a narcotics search warrant in Syracuse. After the suspect was taken into custody,

a search of the suspect's residence located more than 600 bags of heroin, illegal steroids and fireworks.

- ▶ March 24, 2010 — SORT assisted the CNET execute several search and arrest warrants in the Middletown area.

The operation was the culmination of a multi-month joint investigation involving the DEA, Middletown PD and CNET into the sale of narcotics.

As a result of the operation, 18 people were arrested and the search warrants yielded about five kilograms of cocaine.

- ▶ May 2010 — SORT assisted the Secret Service:
 - By providing a Counter Assault Team (CAT) to the Presidential Motorcade during a Presidential visit to Buffalo.
 - With a protection detail during the Presidential visit to the West Point Military Academy 2010 graduation ceremonies.

- ▶ August 17, 2010 — SORT conducted a narcotics raids in Lockport working with the DEA-Buffalo and part of "Operation under the Radar".

SORT members executed a warrant, securing the occupant of the residence and a large quantity of crack cocaine that was in his possession.

The suspect was part of a drug ring which was responsible for supplying over 30 Kilos of cocaine a month to the local area.

- ▶ September 17, 2010 — SORT assisted the Utica PD Emergency Response Team execute a no-knock warrant resulting from the police department's

investigation into a reported marijuana grow site in Utica.

The site was secured, the single resident arrested, and a loaded .22 caliber rifle and seven pounds of processed marijuana were located.

- ▶ November 11, 2010 — SORT assisted the SIU - White Plains execute a search and arrest warrant in the Bronx.

The operation resulted in several suspects being arrested and the seizure of about five kilos of heroin and packaging equipment.

- ▶ December 15, 2010 — SORT and NYSP .308 rifleman assisted CNET South with surveillance, in West Corners, in response to an on going narcotics investigation.

During the surveillance, two men were seen placing a large brown bag into the trunk of a vehicle and drive off. Investigators stopped the vehicle and, after finding 37 pounds of marijuana in the trunk and \$27,000 in cash, they placed the occupants in custody.

Following this traffic stop, search warrants were executed on eight residences resulted in the seizure of \$126,000 dollars, 88 pounds of marijuana, cocaine, illegal pills and six vehicles.

- ▶ December 23, 2010 — SORT was called to assist the Albany PD with an ongoing hostage situation in Albany.

While staged outside the apartment where the suspect had a female hostage, SORT operators heard a gunshot from within the residence.

Operators immediately made entry into the heavily fortified room, rescued the hostage and, after a brief exchange of gunfire, took the wounded suspect into custody.

Recreational Vehicle Enforcement

Marine Patrols

The State Police maintains boat patrols in Troops B, D, F, G, K, L and T.

Troopers are assigned to marine duties patrol waterways throughout the state from early spring to late fall, enforcing the Navigation Law, Canal Rules & Regulations and Environmental Conservation Laws.

Marine patrols assist boaters in distress, and provide search and rescue services and water security at regattas, hydroplane races and other water-related events.

During the 2010 boating season,

- Troop B patrolled the St. Lawrence River, Lake Champlain and smaller lakes in the Adirondacks
- Troop D provided patrols on the St. Lawrence River in Alexandria Bay, a heavily used recreational and commercial waterway
- Troops B and D enhanced security on the state's border by providing additional patrols on the St. Lawrence, working closely with the United States Coast Guard, Border Patrol and Customs officials
- Troops F and K covered the Hudson River
- Troop G deployed boats on Lake George

- Troop L patrolled areas of Long Island Sound around Fishers Island
- Troop T deployed three boats along the 525-mile state Canal System that includes the Mohawk, Hudson, Oswego, Seneca, Genesee and Niagara Rivers, as well as Oneida, Onondaga, Cross, Seneca and Cayuga Lakes

Troop T continued to utilize personal watercraft (PWCs), popularly known as jet skis, for specialized and general patrol duties, and for specialized education and enforcement efforts.

Marine Patrol 2010 Activity	
5,200	Patrol Hours
1,170	Arrests
450	Uniform Tickets for Hazardous Violations: BWI, Speed, Reckless Operation and Lighting violations
600	Other arrests: Penal Law, Environmental Conservation and other Selected Laws
400	Warnings for minor violations
845	Vessel Safety Inspections
11	Boating Accidents Investigated, one of which was a fatality
63	Special Events: Fireworks displays, Water-related festivals, hydroplane, canoe and kayak races and specialized security details.

In 2010, Marine patrol members continued the Division's commitment to boating safety education and state law enforcement education by providing:

- The NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation with volunteer boating safety instructors to teach the

mandatory training classes for personal watercraft operators statewide.

- Instructors to the annual Basic Marine Law Enforcement Training Course and the Marine Patrol Vessel Operator's Course, both of which are conducted in Lake George.
- Instructors for the Basic Law Enforcement PWC Patrol Operator's Course in the fall.

Mountain Bicycle Patrol

The Division's Mountain Bicycle patrol program began in 1997. Each year the State Canal Corporation works with municipalities across the state to open additional sections of trail with the ultimate goal of having a trail system connecting the state from Albany to Buffalo.

Currently, Troop T bikes patrol along the New York State Canal Trail System and additional mountain bicycle patrols have been added in Troops A, B, E, F and L.

Snowmobile Patrol

Troop T conducts snowmobile enforcement and education.

Snowmobile Patrol 2010 Activity	
1,600	Patrol hours
2,500	Patrol miles covered
500	Uniform Tickets Issued: Snowmobiling While Intoxicated, Unsafe Speed, Reckless Operation, and other Safety Violations

Members assigned to the detail are certified instructors for the New York State Snowmobile Safety Program, and assist with the instruction of these courses across the state.

Troop T members also provided instructors for the annual NYS Snowmobile Law Enforcement Development Program sponsored by the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, in Old Forge.

All Terrain Vehicle Patrol

Troop T officers logged over 800 patrol hours employing All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) on the NYS Canalway Trail System where they assisted searches for lost persons, evidence retrieval, criminal investigations and for specialized enforcement efforts.

The ATVs are equipped with optional track kits, which allow them to be operated in even the harshest conditions and terrains and, during the severe winter storms in Buffalo and Tarrytown, the ATV Patrol assist stranded motorists along the NYS Thruway and transported fuel and food to people stuck in their vehicles.

Troop T members received national certification to instruct the ATV Safe Rider Program and trained with the Troop A SORT in tactical ATV operations.

School and Community Outreach Unit (SCOU)

Preparations for April 20, 2010—the 11th Anniversary of the Columbine High School attack—illustrated the need for partnerships between schools, law enforcement and communities, and the importance of having effective strategies in place to prevent or respond to a crisis involving our youngest citizens.

April 20 also marked the day of the planned (but thwarted) school attack at a Troop K

high school that was foiled three years ago with the arrest of three teenagers. Based on the teens intent to have an attack take place on the anniversary of Columbine, the school administrations prepared for the anniversary of the two events.

It has become necessary for schools to take steps every year in an attempt to maintain normalcy in a post-Columbine world.

During the weeks leading up to April 20, Troop K SROs established heightened security in anticipation of community anxiety and additional patrols were assigned to allay fears and provide a sense of safety.

Although the date was particularly poignant for the Troop K School, SROs from all Troops elevated awareness through meetings, discussions, and preparations with school administrators.

In 2010, 91 School Resource Officers (SROs) and eight School and Community Outreach Coordinators (SCOCs) statewide disseminated information, reported activity, cooperated with other agencies, and open channels of communication.

Collected data demonstrates successes in the areas of school safety and security, and the value of the programs to our schools and communities.

Redeployed in response to dire financial times, the SROs were reassigned to patrol or other non-school functions at the end of the year and their absence was immediately felt as schools reported a shift in school climate and culture for the worse.

School districts remain hopeful that the program will be reinstated.

The chart on the next page defines the

collective totals for the 91 School Resource Officers in their 116 partner school districts for the school year (Sept.-June) 2009-2010.

In 2010

- ▶ January 2010 — A Troop C SRO's help was sought by Troop Major Crimes in a home invasion investigation. The case involved three armed subjects who entered an occupied residence and held the resident at gunpoint while they removed a safe containing firearms, marijuana and over \$12,000 cash.

With two of the perpetrators in custody, help was sought in locating the third – a 36 year-old career criminal believed to be dating a 15 year-old girl. The girl, whose mother reported her missing, was believed to be in the company of the fugitive.

Seeking out the girl's acquaintances at the high school, the SRO enlisted their help locating her and was able to obtain a cell phone number heretofore unknown by the girl's mother or investigators working the case. This information was provided to investigators who in turn sought subpoenas for cell phone records.

The missing girl's text messages and phone calls led to the apprehension of the fugitive, who was secured by Members of SORT in the basement of an acquaintance who was harboring him.

Numerous arrests were made related to

School and Community Outreach Unit Activity - School year 2009-2010			
Criminal Calls	1,985	Total Firearms Confiscation	3
Non-Criminal Calls	5,612	Total Other Weapons Confiscation	39
Sexual Offense Cases	96	Domestic Incident Reports	46
Felony Arrests	82	Student / Faculty / Parent Presentations	4,065
Felony Arrests involving Weapons	4	Student Counseling Sessions	12,436
Felony Arrests involving Drugs	36	Suicide Counseling Sessions	123
Misdemeanor Arrests	476	Parent Counseling Sessions	3,437
Misdemeanor Arrests involving Weapons	27	Faculty/Staff Counseling Sessions	2,948
Misdemeanor Arrests involving Drugs	64	Value of Reported Property Stolen	\$109,544
Violation Arrests	188	Value of Recovered Property Stolen	\$43,752
Violation Arrests involving Drugs	119		

drugs, stolen property, aiding a fugitive, and burglary, as a result.

The 15 year-old girl, who was provided alcohol and drugs during her two-month relationship with the eventual fugitive, was located and designated a Person In Need of Supervision (PINS). She is currently residing in a residential facility for juveniles.

- ▶ March 2010 — A Troop B SRO responded to a request from the high school guidance office pertaining to information relayed to the administration by a male student who, over the course of the last week had been chatting on-line with a girl planning to commit suicide.

The SRO encouraged the student to provide what little information he could about the girl, the website they

communicated on, and the screen name she was using.

Through the school's unfiltered computer, the SRO was able to access the website on which the conversations took place and was able to access the girl's profile page. The page did not provided any hard information on the girl's identity or whereabouts.

But, deciphering her 'blog', the SRO was able to piece together some credible information and uncovered what was potentially her first name, a nickname for her high school of "Kellis", her ethnicity, and possible hometown.

With a clear picture of the girl and his knowledge of youth trends on the internet, the SRO was able to compile the information and develop a possible

identity for a 14-year-old girl attending a High School in Glendale, Arizona.

The SRO with the assistance of school administration called the Arizona school and conveyed their findings to the High School Assistant Principal in Arizona.

About 45 minutes later, they received a call from Arizona saying that they had found the girl and she admitted that she was contemplating suicide.

The Arizona administrator expressed great appreciation and said that their school had already suffered the loss of one student to suicide earlier in the school year.

- ▶ April 2010 — A Troop A SRO was requested by County Agency's SRO to investigate a possible threat that was viewed on a social networking site.

A teacher, keenly aware that the following day—April 20—was the anniversary of the Columbine massacre, told her County Agency SRO that she saw what she believed to be a bomb threat on her 15-year-old nephew's "Facebook" page.

The blog entry read, "...is everybody ready for tomorrow I am boom boom boom haha...".

The Troop A SRO assigned to the student's school began conducting interviews.

Upon interviewing the woman's nephew, it was learned that the reference to 4/20 was specific to National Cannabis Day, not the Columbine High School attack. Additionally, "...boom boom..." was a drug reference made in the movie "8 Mile."

The student revealed to the SRO that he had purchased marijuana in a neighboring city park two days ago from another student who attends the high school.

When the Principal secured the second student, a 16-year-old, and found a pipe containing marijuana residue in his possession, he confessed to selling marijuana to the first student and, per the District Attorney, was arrested for Criminal Sale of Marijuana 4th, Endangering the Welfare of a Child and Unlawful Possession of Marijuana.

The SRO then visited the residence of the younger student to share the details of his investigation with the boy's parents.

To insure the safety of her son and his school, and to determine that no bomb-making materials were present, the mother consented to a search of the residence by the SRO and a NYSP dog handler and canine.

No evidence of bomb-making materials were located, however a knife, found during the search, so concerned the mother that she requested the SRO secure it for destruction.

- ▶ May 2010 — A Troop B SRO was approached by a male student who arrived at school with his mother to discuss threatening text messages he had been receiving on his cell phone.

The messages, which had been received over the weekend and for several nights, threatened him with bodily harm should he come to school. The texts originated from eight boys who had just experienced the death of their good friend and teammate.

The deceased boy, a 13 year-old pitcher for the school's baseball team, was struck in the head by a line-drive during baseball practice, and transported to a Vermont Medical Center nine days prior. The victim of the bullying was overheard on the school bus after the incident expressing resentment over the attention the pitcher was receiving.

He also stated the he had heard that if a student at school dies, the school had to provide students a week off – implying that he hoped the boy succumbed to his injuries. It was upon the pitcher's death four days later that the student started receiving the threatening messages.

During this difficult time, the SRO remained engaged with the school administration and counselors, as well as investigating the aggravated harassment complaint.

Although the bullying victim did not want to pursue criminal charges, a summit meeting between the SRO, School Superintendent, Principal, school counselors and the eight boys was held to address their feelings of anger and loss.

- ▶ May 2010 — A Troop G SRO was requested by school administration when a 14 year-old student became belligerent following an altercation with a peer.

Subsequent to the original fight, the student was brought to the nurse's office where he was eventually met by his mother. While there, the mother tried to calm the boy down to no avail.

He became verbally abusive towards his mother, eventually pushing her out of the way as he stormed out of the school. On

his way out he punched a glass door, shattering it.

The SRO initiated a BOLO to the nearest dispatch point, and the boy was soon observed attempting to gain access to a residential building, by a passing BCI Unit.

The Investigator stopped his vehicle as the boy fled through the home's yard to an adjacent residence. Gaining entry there, he confronted the homeowner and demanded keys for the vehicle located in the garage, stating that the cops were after him.

When the investigator approached this residence, the boy ran across the deck and into the garage, forcefully attempting to gain access to the vehicle within.

Confronted by the investigator, the boy became physically combative but was ultimately restrained. He was subsequently charged with several offenses including Criminal Trespass, Criminal Mischief, Resisting Arrest and Assault 2nd degree.

The student was referred to Family Court for all his infractions and awaits the outcome of a Superintendent's hearing to determine if he is eligible to return to school.

Other Initiatives

If You See Something --- Say Something

The student DVD entitled "If You See Something...Say Something," designed to enlist the help of those most likely to observe and become concerned about behavior among their peers was delivered to about 2,000 middle and high schools statewide.

The DVD was a follow-up to the NYS School Safety guide published in 2007 and is suitable for use in Health Education, Character Education, morning announcements, or general assemblies.

It encourages students observing risky, self-destructive, dangerous, or bullying behavior among their peers to share this information with an adult in hopes of stopping a school tragedy be it a violent attack, student suicide, or consequences of dangerous behavior that impacted and forever altered lives of those involved.

New Legislation Addressed

Coordinators attended a three-day meeting to discuss the restructuring of the SCOU and the enacted anti-bullying / anti-discrimination legislation, Dignity For All Students (DASA, 2010) that had already resulted in a significant increase in requests for training of faculty, staff and students in New York's School in matters related to bullying.

Matters pertaining to instructional program update and development, community outreach strategies, website updates and Unit viability were addressed.

Homeland Security Training

- ▶ Six SCOCs received Office of Homeland Security Training pertaining to Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings (IRTB), and Understanding and Planning for School Bomb Incidents (UPSBI).
- ▶ The SCOU secured Office of Homeland Security training for 18 firearms instructors who took part or were familiar with the series of pilot drills developed by the SCOU— Active Shooter / Educational Setting—and conducted during the spring

of 2009:

- Law Enforcement Active Shooter Emergency Response (LASER),
- Train the Trainer

The LASER training provides firearms instructors a platform on which to build Active Shooter Training based upon the latest trends and techniques and incorporated them into existing NYSP firearms training program.

The success of the pilot drills lead to securing sufficient 2010 funding to purchase drill kits for each Troops' firearms unit to facilitate for continued Troop-wide training and drilling.

The kits, which included red guns (Glocks, Remington shotguns, and M4 variants), portable radios, signage, facilitator vests, control documents, video cameras with tripods and large lockable pelican cases, were delivered to the Senior Firearms Instructors in the spring of 2010.

Internal Affairs Bureau

The Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) has a wide range of responsibilities that further the mission of the Division.

To carry out its mission, IAB is divided into two sections:

- An Investigative Section oversees all investigations into allegations of misconduct by Division employees, and
- An Audit Section that manages the Division's audit and inspection processes.

Four regional IAB offices place IAB staff in close proximity to all troop headquarters within their regions.

IAB staff work to ensure all employees meet and maintain the highest standards of professional conduct and adhere to the law, on and off duty.

IAB investigations protect our employees from unfounded allegations and ensure that outstanding performance of duty and acts of extraordinary courage performed by Division employees are appropriately recognized.

The Internal Affairs Bureau also:

- Conducts internal audits of troops, zones and specialized units.
- Responds to critical incidents involving Division employees.
- Conducts and oversee employee drug and integrity testing.
- Reviews and recommends improvements to Division policies and procedures.
- Conducts citizen satisfaction surveys and quality of service assessments and
- Collects and analyzes data regarding

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employee performance and conduct.

Investigative Section

One of the primary responsibilities of the Internal Affairs Bureau is to ensure the prompt and thorough investigation of allegations of misconduct by NYSF employees.

Internal Affairs Bureau 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.

These incidents usually arise during situations involving the discharge of firearms, Division vehicle accidents or incidents involving aircraft and marine vessels.

Audit Section

The internal audit process is considered an essential tool for government accountability.

The Governmental Accountability, Audit and Internal Control Act of 1987 mandated that all state agencies examine their own weaknesses and establish workable and cost-effective systems of controls.

Our 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 the Division's performance.

To maximize the success of its zero tolerance policy regarding illegal drug use and drug/substance abuse, the Division randomly screens all sworn members using both urinalysis and hair testing methods.

Each recruit is subjected to one test during his or her Academy training. After graduation, and at some point during their probation and field training, they undergo a second screening.

The Division's testing standards have been designed to ensure the members' personal confidentiality and dignity is maintained while simultaneously safeguarding the screening process.

Surveys

The New York State Police also 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, the Internal Affairs Bureau has managed a mail survey program since April 1999.

All of these programs combine to support the Division's organizational values and ensure that everyone receives dedicated and conscientious service.

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