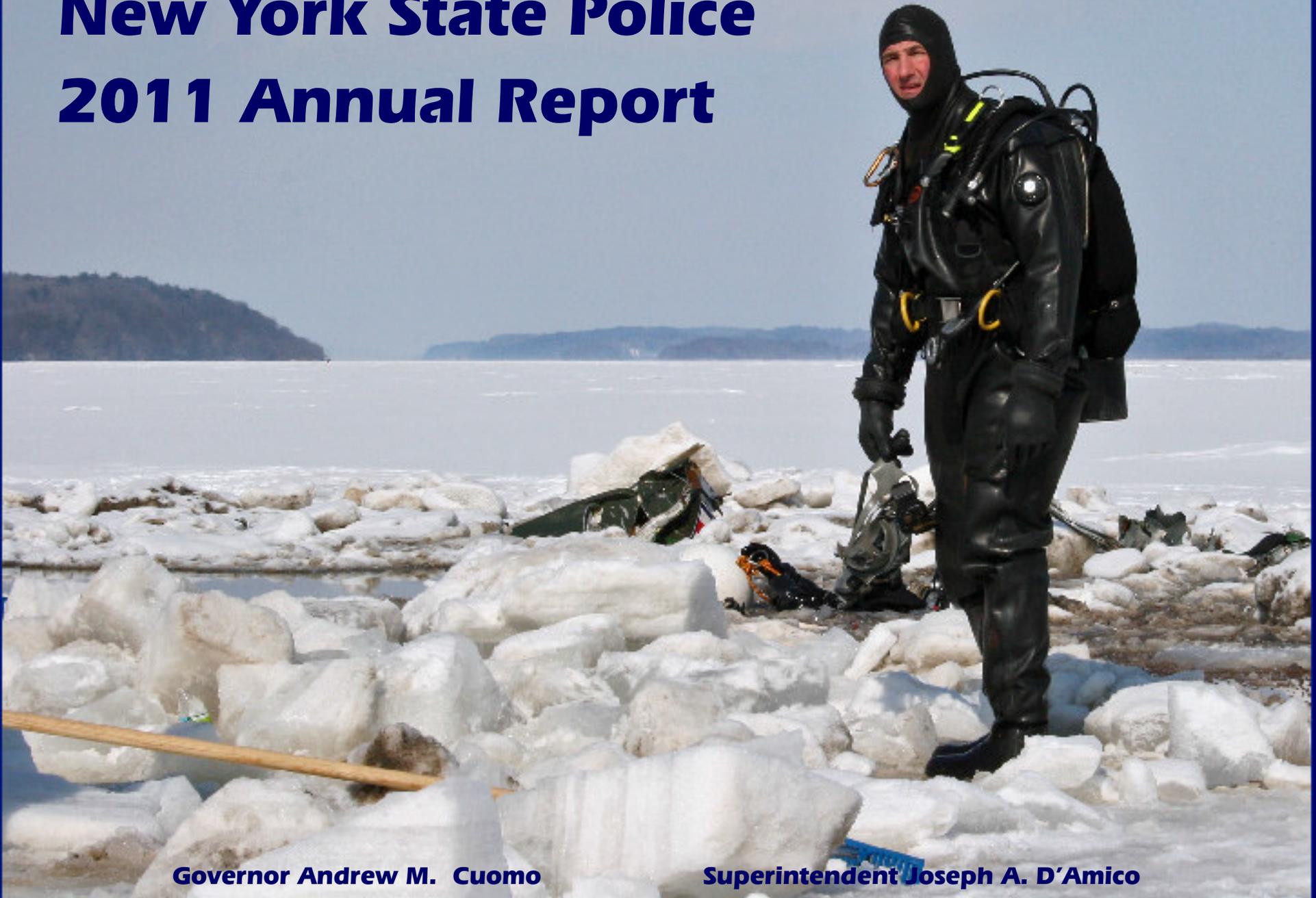


New York State Police 2011 Annual Report



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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.

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

UNIFORM FORCE

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.

BUREAU OF 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

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crime.

Office of Counter Terrorism

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 Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES), 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 Latham (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 five 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,
- 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, Electronics and Gun Units,
- Narcotics enforcement (including the regionally operated Community Narcotics Enforcement Teams),
- Violent Felony Warrant Squad and

- Medico-legal Investigations Unit

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
- 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

AVIATION

The New York State Police Aviation Unit provides full-service flight capabilities to the citizens of New York through their associated law enforcement agencies and public safety organizations.

AVIATION 2011 Activity	
1,000+	Flights conducted
800+	Assists to law enforcement
300+	Emergency Medical Evacuations
44	Hoist Rescues during Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee

2011 Highlights

- ▶ April 2011—Aviation—Albany conducted a night search for a suicidal man in the Cobleskill area.

Wearing Night Vision Goggles, the pilots were able to spot the man's cell phone light, when he attempted to make a call and directed troopers on the ground to the man's location. They took him into custody without incident.

- ▶ August 2011—Aviation—Batavia Aircrews performed marijuana eradication in several counties leading to 5 arrests and the seizure of 439 plants.
- ▶ September 2011—Aviation—Albany assisted Aircom (Aviation Albany MEDEVAC dispatch) with a rescue in the State of Vermont.

Aviation was informed by the Vermont State Police that three men were stranded on a small island in the Cold River, near

Rutland. The water level was rising rapidly from a flash flood and the men's lives were in immediate danger.

Flying a helicopter, two pilots and members of the SORT arrived on the scene and determined the safest way to rescue the men was a hoist-rescue.

As two SORT members, who were hoisted

down to the island, loaded each man, in turn, into a hoist-rescue net, the men were safely hoisted back into the helicopter.

When all were aboard, the helicopter returned to base.

- ▶ September 2011—Aviation—Albany, —Batavia and —Stewart aircrews flying four helicopters, conducted numerous



Multi-tasked Aviation Division

ERADICATION: Left, T/Sgt. Phil Napolitano (left) and Tpr. Michael Galcik, SP-Schylerville (right) prepare to haul out marijuana plants from a field in Schylerville where aircrews spotted the plants during a marijuana eradication mission in August 2011. The mission resulted in five arrests and the eradication of 439 plants.



RESCUE: Above, NYSP Aviation aircrews hoisted victims to safety when the Mohawk River (Lock #8 in photograph) flooded during Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee.

SURVEY: Left, T/Sgt. David Bowden (Aviation-Albany) participated in the 2011 Adirondack Lake Survey.

missions in the Binghamton area due to the severe flooding caused by Tropical Storm Lee.

One of their main missions was to hoist people, who were cut off from any other assistance, from the fast-rising flood waters.

All the roads were flooded and, because people had no access to medical attention, food or water, they had to be evacuated to hospitals for treatment.

During the ordeal, Aviation worked with the Army and Air Force aviation teams to conduct the many search and rescue missions.

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.

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.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES UNIT

The PSU is divided into two separate zones; PSU Albany and PSU New York City.

The Unit, consisting of uniform and BCI personnel:

- Provides for the personal security of the Governor, his immediate family, Lieutenant Governor and others, as directed, ensuring a maximum degree of personal security in a manner that will allow the greatest degree of privacy and freedom of movement for those being protected.
- Provide for the physical security of the Executive Mansion, the Governors New York City Office and private residence.
- Maintain a Visiting Dignitary Squad that assists with the security of Governor's, First Spouses and other dignitaries from out of state while they are visiting New York.
- Maintain an Intelligence Squad that investigates threats to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and other dignitaries. as directed.

IN 2011:

- ▶ The Unit was assigned to its first large scale event—the inaguration of the Governor—and the Governors State of the State and Budget addresses.
- ▶ Members of the Unit traveled with the Governor both in and out of state and provided security for him at events ranging from parades and formal presentations to responding to areas damaged by Hurricane Irene.



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.

- **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.

ADMINISTRATION

CENTRAL RECORDS

FISCAL MANAGEMENT

FLEET MANAGEMENT

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

SEIZED ASSETS

- **Pistol Permit Bureau**

The bureau is the repository for all records concerning various classes of firearms and licenses in New York State.

Fiscal Management

The Fiscal Management Section is responsible for all Division activities involving cash, payroll, procurement and vendor payment.

It ensures the agency's financial resources are used efficiently and effectively in support 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

CENTRAL RECORDS 2011 ACTIVITY

51,348	Investigative, arrest and case reports processed and filed
11,780	Supplemental Criminal reports processed and filed
10,657	Administrative documents and items of correspondence received and filed
494	Requests for written verification of claims from crime victims who suffered financial losses processed
642	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
2,605	Freedom of Information Law requests received (a 142% increase in the last five years)
6,605	Sealing orders for records compiled in criminal cases in which the arrestee was acquitted or convicted of a non-criminal offense received and processed
17,325	Pistol licenses issued and added to the file containing the 1,281,662 pistol licenses issued in NYS since 1936 that is maintained by the unit.
84,285	Firearms licenses amended
4,857	Firearms licenses canceled or revoked
125	New firearm dealers
76	Gunsmith licenses received and filed
626	Gunsmith licenses renewed
203,537	Transactions reported by retail firearms dealers
15,355	Nuisance firearms destroyed as mandated by NYS law
493	Nuisance firearms destroyed by NYSP as mandated by NYS law

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 which to perform their job duties each day.

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
- Prepares news releases
- Serves as liaison with other governmental agencies on public relations matters
- 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.

In 2011:

- Typically production companies approach the NYSP each year to produce television documentaries on various topics and interesting cases. PIO provided technical

assistance and guidance in several motion picture productions this year.

Companies producing shows this year include Beyond Productions, LMNO Productions, Kurtis Productions, Sirens Media, Storyhouse, A&E Television, TruTV, Cineflix, Discovery Channel, 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
- Henry Williams Homicide Seminar
- Identity Theft Seminar
- The introduction of traffic initiatives including the Ambrose-Searles "Move Over" Law and motorcycle safety enforcement.

- This year's biggest news topics and events were:

- Hurricane Irene,
- The tenth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks
- Commercial bus accidents
- Enforcement, expansion of the move-over law
- Operation Hang-up
- The expansion of the texting while driving law and a public campaign, lead by the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, to reduce distracted driving.

- PIO also participated in a research project with a criminal justice class from Florida International University where the students worked in teams and were tasked with writing a comprehensive report on the history, structure, jurisdiction, philosophies, successes and challenges facing our agency.

Many hours were spent providing statistics, historical data, and conducting phone interviews.

Online Newsroom

This marked the third year for the New York State Police online newsroom, www.nyspnews.com.

The newsroom has made it easier and more

2011 PIO Activity Highlights	
1,450	Media requestes responded to covering topics such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agency history Superintendent COBIS Pistol permits Cell phone and texting enforcement DWI enforcement Leandra's Law Internet crime Budget issues Aviation Pursuit policy Personnel investigations Patrol strength Arrests Crime prevention
4,200	E-mail inquiries responded to inquiring about <ul style="list-style-type: none"> pistol permits, carry and transport laws, accident reports and FOIL requests, production requests, criminal cases and criminal histories, traffic and criminal laws, State Police history and personnel.
NYSP Online Newsroom - www.nyspnews.com	
13,500	Pages of news clips on the NYSP and stories of professional interest to Division employees were compiled and posted on Division's internal website.
2,100	Users are registered for the NYSP online newsroom (a 31% increase over 2010). Users include reporters, editors, news directors, producers, photographers and other correspondents for newspapers and other print media, radio and television.
671	NYSP Content Administrators draft and post content on the newsroom website.
5,396	Press releases posted
314,717	Hits from users were received.

efficient to draft and publish press releases for the media to access and makes it easier for the media and public to receive and access our agency's:

- Press releases
- Daily Public Information Report
- Daily electronic blotter where calls for service and arrests are listed each day sorted by troop and zone.

With the subscription features built into the website, the registered media users are immediately notified of new information being posted to the newsroom.

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.

CRIME LABORATORY SYSTEM

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.

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-

CASEWORK 2011 ACTIVITY		
57,439	Evidence Items Examined	
2,937	Criminal Case Reports	
	2,059	DNA
	878	Serology
103	Criminal Trials in which expert testimony was provided	

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 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
- Provide training to recruits at the NYSP Academy.
- Conduct 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 2011, 1,103 firearms and 10,842 narcotics-related pieces of evidence from closed State Police cases were destroyed.

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

The Biosciences Section maintains and operates a full spectrum of modern forensic DNA identification technologies.

CASEWORK

The Casework Section uses DNA technology to analyze biological material to help

CRIME LABORATORY SYSTEM

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BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

DRUG CHEMISTRY

EVIDENCE RECEIVING

FIREARMS/TOOL MARKS

FORENSIC IDENTIFICATION

QUALITY ASSURANCE

TOXICOLOGY

TRACE EVIDENCE

investigators identify perpetrators of violent crimes and exonerate and/or exclude innocent persons.

DNA DATABANK

Since its inception in 1996, the NYS DNA Databank has worked with the State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) to process and analyze DNA samples from convicted offenders

The DNA Databank:

- Analyzes qualifying-convicted offender samples that are submitted to the laboratory under the direction of the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services.
- Uploads the samples to the a nationwide database.
- Conducts searches against DNA profiles

from forensic evidence in the local, state and national databases.

Combined DNA Index System (CODIS)

CODIS is comprised of eight local DNA databases statewide: Erie County, Monroe County, Nassau County OCME, NYCOCME, Onondaga County, Suffolk County, Westchester County and NYSP Crime labs and the State DNA Database resides at the FIC.

DNA profiles from the local and state databases are sent to the National DNA Database in Quantico, VA, for comparison of DNA profiles throughout the country.

DNA Databank 2011 Activity		
32,436	DNA Convicted Offender Profiles entered into CODIS in 2011	
	27,436	Designated
	4,709	Subject
2,138	Investigative leads generated in 2011	
1,502	State DNA Index System	
	1,359	Convicted offender
	56	Subject offender
	87	Offender Hits between NYS offender profiles and evidentiary profiles elsewhere in the country
CODIS Total Entries - End of 2011		
386,252	Total Convicted Offender Profiles	
25,510	Total Subject Profiles	
13,373	Total Investigations Generated	

2011 INTERESTING CASES

- ▶ December 2011 - **Forensic Scientist Eileen Smiley** gave court testimony, based on a DNA analysis that was performed in the DNA Databank, that convicted a man 10 years after he raped a 12-year-old girl.

In 2002, the rapist followed a 12-year-old Brooklyn girl into her apartment complex, lured her to the roof and raped her. After raping her, he allowed her to get dressed and then raped her again. He was not identified at the time.

In 2007 the same man's DNA sample was submitted to the DNA Databank fulfilling a collection owed for a separate offense.

When, in January 2008, his DNA profile was entered into the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS), his DNA profile "hit" against the DNA evidence from the crime scene linking him to the rape of the 12-year-old.

The rapist was brought to trial and was convicted on four counts of rape, two counts of Criminal Sexual Act, two counts of Assault and Endangering the Welfare of a Child. He sentenced to 47 years in prison.

- ▶ Forensic scientists assisted in bringing a murderer to justice.

On December 3rd, 2008, a young woman left a New York City nightclub with two men. She stayed with the driver after they dropped off the other man at a mall.

After the woman was reported missing by a friend, investigators began with a search of the driver's apartment and areas along Rte. 84 for evidence.

Forensic Scientist III Stacy Rack performed serology exams on 247 items from the driver's apartment and along Rte. 84. She found biological material on a carpet and many other items.

Forensic Scientist III Daniel Myers performed DNA analysis on 143 items including cuttings from a carpet found along Rte 84, a carpet knife found in driver's apartment and skeletal remains found near Scranton, PA.

The carpet had DNA profiles on it matching the woman, the carpet knife had profiles on it consistent with both the man and the woman and the skeletal remains matched those of the woman's personal effects.

Forensic Scientist III Jill Dooley conducted biological testing and performed a fracture match on six sections of the carpet from Rte. 84 and the driver's apartment and found that the carpet found along Rte. 84 was cut from the one in the driver's apartment.

Based on the findings, the grand jury indicted the driver on charges of Murder 2nd, Manslaughter and Tampering with Physical Evidence. The man was sentenced to 23 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 interpret the instrumental data and prepare reports of their findings.



KRATOM

Illegal in Australia, Malaysia and Thailand

Kratom found in Grow Operation: The rarely seen Kratom was submitted, for the first time, as part of a investigation into a clandestine laboratory where hash and marihuana were being processed. The active ingredient in Kratom can be either a stimulant or a sedative based on dosage.

These reports are used in criminal court proceeding and, often, the forensic scientist is asked to provide expert testimony in court.

DRUG CHEMISTRY 2011 Activity	
4,468	Criminal Case Reports
20,209	Evidence items analyzed

2011 INTERESTING CASES

- ▶ January 16, 2011 – **Inv. Marietta Ziemendorf** processed and developed an identifiable latent print on the shotgun used in a robbery. This led to the three robbers pleading guilty.

With their faces covered, the three men forcibly entered an Ulster residence, forced the resident to the floor, bound his hands with duct tape and held a loaded shotgun to his head while they stole property from the home.

Investigating officers from the Ulster PD submitted items of evidence, including a 12 gauge shotgun, for latent fingerprint processing.

When the latent print was compared to the fingerprint card of one of the robbery suspects and a positive identification was made.

The three men pled guilty to Burglary 1st.

- ▶ November 21, 2011 — Laboratory personnel responded to a clandestine laboratory where hash oil and hash were being extracted and processed.

When analyzed, laboratory personnel found marihuana and the presence of mitragynine—the primary alkaloid in Kratom—a non-controlled vegetative

substance.

Kratom (*Miragyna speciosa*) is a tree native to Southeast Asia and is in the same family as the coffee tree (Rubiaceas).

Illegal in Australia, Malaysia and Thailand, the kratom leaves have been used as an herbal drug. The dried leaves are made into tea or powdered and put into capsules that can be eaten.

Dependant upon the size of the dose, the active ingredient can be either a stimulant or a sedative.

Laboratory staff has only seen Kratom a few times and this was the first time it was ever submitted in conjunction with a grow operation.

CLANDESTINE DRUG LABORATORIES

Specially trained forensic scientists accompany the NYSP 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.

2011 INTERESTING CASE

- ▶ June 9, 2011 — CCSERT responded to a

clandestine laboratory in Salamanca.

Forensic scientists, trained to assess, dismantle and evaluate items of an evidentiary nature, collected, secured and processed liquid and powder samples.

The samples were sent to the NYSP Western Regional Crime Laboratory where a full analytical examination was performed.

After one of the submitted liquids was analyzed, using a series of tests including color tests, chromatographic screening tests and a structural confirmation using the GC/MS, it was determined that the liquid contained a significant amount of Dimethyltryptamine (DMT).

This determination validated that the clandestine lab was an active DMT extraction laboratory.

Clandestine Drug Lab 2011 Activity	
31	Clandestine drug labs raided
30	Methamphetamine lab
1	Methcathinone lab (a psychoactive stimulant)

Evidence Receiving

Evidence Receiving personnel take in, process, secure and maintain 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.

In 2011, 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 identifies, examines and analyzes 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.

2011 INTERESTING CASE

- ▶ May 27, 2011 — An armed robbery occurred at a Utica bank where a man armed with a semi-automatic handgun entered the bank shortly after 9 a.m. He fired one round while inside the bank

FIREARMS/TOOL MARKS 2011 ACTIVITY	
405	Reports issued
2,842	Evidence items analyzed
500	Digital images of cartridge casings entered into NIBIN for comparison
38	“Cold hits” identified linking open cases including robbery, assaults and murder cases
19	Superior Court Testimony by Unit’s Firearms Examiners
4,887	Images entered into NIBIN since 2002
377	“Cold Hits” that have aided investigations and contributed to prosecutions and convictions since

and made off with an undisclosed amount of money.

July 29, 2011 — Another armed robbery occurred at a bank in Rome. The robber charged into the bank, pointed a semi-automatic handgun at a teller and demanded money.

He jumped up onto the counter and pointed a gun at a teller’s head while she was gathering cash and fired one shot into the ceiling.

Again, the suspect fled the bank with an undisclosed amount of money in a vehicle that was waiting outside.

Police stopped the vehicle and, while officers were recovering a gun and taking the driver into custody, the robber jumped into the driver’s seat and took off.

The vehicle was stopped by police a second time. This time as the robber fled he shot an Oneida County

Sheriff's Deputy in the leg.

The man eluded police for more than 24 hours before he 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 various crime scenes and the arrest was submitted for analysis.

Sgt. James F. Campbell, Firearms Identification Section – FIC, 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 bank and leading police on a chase. He was sentenced to 30 years in prison in Oneida County Court.

The robber was charged with 12 charges including attempted murder, robbery, aggravated assault, and criminal possession of a weapon. He was found guilty on all charges.

FORENSIC IDENTIFICATION

FORENSIC IDENT. 2011 ACTIVITY	
258	Evidence Cases processed for development of latent fingerprints
293	Latent fingerprint lifts generated
45	Positive fingerprint identifications
342	Fingerprint cases entered into SAFIS and FBI IAFIS
1,154	Latent prints searched against known print database
130	"Cold hit" fingerprint identifications

2011 INTERESTING CASES

- ▶ January 12, 2011 — FIC investigators positively identified a latent palm print taken at the scene of a donut shop robbery in September 2010 to an inked left palm impression of a man who had been arrested previously for a similar robbery.

When a man robbed a Colonie donut shop, the security video showed that he was wearing light-colored disposable gloves.

The Colonie Police Department officers investigating the incident recovered a pair of latex gloves located behind a building in the vicinity where the robbery took place.

They submitted the gloves to the FIU for latent fingerprint processing and DNA analysis. **Sr. Inv. John M. Egan** developed a partial identifiable palm print from the interior of one of the disposable gloves.

Based on information from the Rotterdam Police Department about a similar robbery in which an arrest was made, the Colonie Police obtained the arrestee's inked palm print impressions and submitted it to the FIC for comparison.

When the result of the comparison revealed a positive identification, the man pled guilty to the Colonie robbery.

- ▶ January 16, 2011 — **Inv. Marietta Ziemendorf** processed a weapon used in a robbery for latent prints and developed an identifiable latent on the shotgun.

With their faces covered, three men forcibly entered an Ulster residence, forced the resident to the floor, bound his

hands with duct tape and held a loaded shotgun to his head while they stole property from home.

Investigating officers from the Ulster Police Department submitted items of evidence, including a 12 gauge shotgun, for latent fingerprint processing.

When the latent print found was compared to the fingerprint card of one of the robbery suspects and a positive identification was made, the three men pled guilty to Burglary 1st.

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.

Also, the office manages the:

- Laboratory system's internal auditing program
- Proficiency testing and safety programs
- Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS)

Toxicology

The Toxicology section provides analyses and expert testimony in support of impaired driving investigations.

Scientists test biological specimens (primarily blood and urine) for the presence or absence of alcohol and other drugs, and interpret those findings for court proceedings.

The scientists use a variety of analytical 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.

Toxicology 2011 Activity	
3,073	Cases analyzed
	3,059 Highway safety enforcements
	14 Other toxicology investigations
250	New Drager 9510s inspected and calibrated

BREATH TESTING

This subset of the Toxicology section:

- Supports statewide breath testing programs through the certification of reference materials—simulator solution and reference gas—used by law enforcement agencies throughout the State.
- Supports the NYSP's Traffic Services Breath Testing Program by performing the calibration and maintenance of their Drager AlcoTest 9510 instruments.
- Provides expert testimony on alcohol-related matters.

2011 INTERESTING CASE

- ▶ A toxicologist was able to perform calculations that proved a driver, who drove off the side of the road causing serious personal injury to his passenger, was Driving While Intoxicated.

At the time of the crash - around midnight on a Saturday evening - the driver refused to provide a sample for testing.

A court order was obtained and the blood sample that was collected six hours after the crash.

The sample showed that the driver had a BAC of 0.05% by weight and tested positive for delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (the psychoactive component of marijuana).

Because the driver had been drinking until shortly before the crash, a simple back extrapolation of the BAC results from the blood drawn to the time of the crash was not applicable.

However, the calculations performed by the toxicologist accounted for both the time delay and the potentially unabsorbed alcohol and provided proof that the driver was above the 0.08% by weight legal limit at the time of the crash and responsible for the injury to the his passenger.

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.

TRACE EVIDENCE 2011 Activity	
80	Cases Examined: homicide, rape, narcotics, property crimes and fatal motor vehicle "hit-and-run"
202	Suspected arson cases from which fire debris evidence was processed

2011 INTERESTING CASES

- ▶ September 2011 — The T-shirt and shorts of a three-year-old boy who had been seriously injured when struck by a car were submitted to the investigators in the Western Regional Crime Laboratory, in Olean, along with tires from the left side of the suspect vehicle.

Initial examination of the clothing showed there to be a partial tire impression with a tread pattern that appeared different when compared to the surface tread pattern of either of the submitted tires.

However, upon closer examination the analyst saw partial lettering in the impression on the clothing indicating contact with the top edge of the sidewall of a tire rather than being directly run over.

Since the tires were different makes, the examination of the tires for the possible lettering eliminated the front tire, but, showed lettering in two places on the side of the rear tire that should be compared to the impression on the clothing.

Examination of the impression on the child's clothing showed the trademark logo of the manufacturer of the rear tire

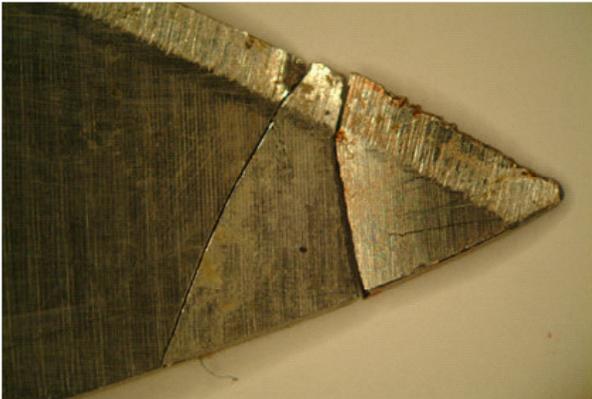
and defined the location on the tire to be examined.

Knowing the area of the tire to compare to the partial impression on the clothing, a control was prepared by examiner from the sidewall of the tire.

Using this control as an overlay and measuring by caliper the visible sides of the tread elements and lettering on the tire and impression, it was found that they were identical.

The driver was arrested and plead guilty to Reckless Endangerment 1st and speeding.

- ▶ May of 2011 — Trace Evidence staff received the following items:
 - A portion of a woman's skull possibly containing a piece of metal.



Microscopic Match: After carefully shaving the victim's skull, Trace Evidence examiners matched the metal tip they located deep within a victim's skull to a piece of metal found by the medical examiner and a stainless steel knife found at the scene of the crime. This evidence combined with DNA evidence helped lead to a murder conviction.

- Another piece of metal that the medical examiner found in the victim's head.
- A fractured, stainless steel knife that was suspected to be the weapon that killed her.

After carefully shaving the piece of the skull, an examiner extracted a small metal piece—a tip—that was lodged deep within the skull.

This metal tip was “fracture matched” to the piece that the medical examiner found and the suspected weapon—the stainless steel knife that was found at the residence.

There were consistent surface markings across the fractured lines that could be seen microscopically and the fractured edges fit together like a jig-saw puzzle.

Because of these physical matches, the knife was then positively linked to being the weapon used in the crime.

Based on these findings and DNA evidence, the defendant was sentenced to 37 years to life for Murder 2nd, Attempted Murder 1st and Reckless Endangerment 1st.

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 section also provides communication capabilities at temporary emergency command post locations.

The Division operates twenty-nine dispatch centers across the State serving as either a primary or secondary public safety answering point for E-911 and/or W-911 calls for service.

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 2011:

The Radio Services Unit continued working to meet the FCC narrowband compliance deadline of January 1, 2013.

Compliance requires the replacement of all end-user equipment (mobile and portable radios) and reprogramming all hilltop base

station equipment.

New vehicular repeaters are being installed in patrol vehicles to improve portable radio coverage.

NYSP continues to actively work with a number of Counties and Consortiums to develop shared microwave radio networks and shared microwave systems in Essex, Otsego, Madison, Onondaga, Oswego, Cayuga, Sullivan, and Suffolk Counties are currently in various stages of development.

In NYC, the NYSP continued discussions with the MTA 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.

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

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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.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

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

Project Management Office (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 2011:

Working closely with Division's operational sections and under the guidance of the

Technology Working Group, IS completed five technology projects and is nearing completion on four of our multi-year projects.

The Technology Project Portfolio currently contains 15 active projects, 12 projects under review and 23 projects on hold pending funding or 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 2011:

- ▶ The Server Management Team:
 - Continued virtualization efforts with the addition of a new high powered VMWare cluster with EMC storage
 - Began a complete replacement of the Citrix environment to Windows 2008 and the latest version of Citrix
 - Modified the GroupWise environment

with an upgraded operating system, new email SPAM/Filtering devices

- Changed employee email addresses with the domain name (troopers.ny.gov), to bring NYSP in line with the current State standard.
- Expanded significant efforts on:
 - The evaluation and planning of a secondary data center at the Hawthorne site
 - A new of state of the art backup system to replace current technology, including disk to disk backups with replication of backup data to the secondary site.
- Played a role with the design and specifications of the data rooms at the new Troop G headquarters building.

This new area will house all of the NYSP communications systems that are currently located in Division headquarters along with all of the Department of Transportation's Traffic Management Center systems.

- ▶ The Data Management team provided database support for every major project and the implementation and upgrade of NYSP and Integrated Justice critical law enforcement applications.
- ▶ The Network Management team performed significant network enhancements to the Division Data Center and Forensic Investigation Center infrastructure.

These enhancements 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 2011

With a dedicated staff of ten, the Call Center:

- ▶ Accepted the following additional responsibilities:
 - KCAD Password reset
 - New Citrix Apps
 - Upgrade Citrix Client
 - Taser upgrades
 - Footprints Planning/Design
 - Portal Adaptive Authentication
 - Amber Alert Support
 - "New" Portal Portlets
 - Portal Account Management
 - RSA Token Management

2011 Call Center Activity	
43,519	Calls Received
31,223	Requests for service/support
24,068	1st Tier Calls Closed (a 77% 1st-Tier Closure Rate)
1,379	Calls disconnected by caller
6,809	eJustice NY Portal Help Calls processed, including 3,364 rollover calls not answered by primary Portal Help Desk

- ▶ Served as the backup Portal Help Desk, the point-of-contact for the eJusticeNY Integrated Justice Portal
- ▶ Continued to assist NYSPIN users as they transition from legacy NYSPIN to the Integrated Justice Portal
- ▶ Served as the First level content experts on the NYSPIN type functions on the IJ Portal.

Technology Training Unit

The Unit is responsible for:

- Training and certification of 160 Communications Specialists throughout the state.
- Training troopers in the field in new technologies that are implemented throughout the year.

In 2011

- ▶ Having the Integrated Justice Portal as their main focus, completed training for Communication Specialists, members in the field and numerous outside agencies including NYPD and several other large departments.

The Unit reached approximately 125,000 users statewide.

- ▶ Participated in the major initiative to transition users off old NYSPIN terminals and onto the Portal.
- ▶ Updated OnStar training for members in the field and Communication Specialists is being developed and will be released in mid-2012.

Workstation Support

This Unit is responsible for planning, procurement, implementation and support of client hardware and software, including desktops, laptops, printers, multifunction devices, and mobile data terminals (MDTs), and supports all cell phones, Blackberries, air cards and wireless hotspots.

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 2011

- ▶ Deployed 670 new MDT tablet computers for patrol cars, representing a nearly 50% replacement of existing MDT, and providing more speed and stability to the vehicle platform.
- ▶ Provided keycard access, visitor management and video surveillance to Division headquarters, laying the groundwork for deployment of the Security system to all Troops in the future.
- ▶ Continued to be upgrade the McAfee and LANDesk infrastructures including testing for the McAfee Whole Disk Encryption product, being rolled out to laptops in 2012.
- ▶ Rebuilt and refined the computer deployment process to allow for current patches and software updates to be implemented more easily.
- ▶ Deployed new computers to the Collision Reconstruction Unit and new software for the RIDE project.

- ▶ Participated in the design and specifications for computers and audio/video equipment for the new Troop G headquarters.

IS's 2011 Highlights

NYSPIN

The New York Statewide Police Information Network (NYSPIN) processes almost 1.4 million transactions daily.

NYSPIN is a suite of services that provides secure interagency communication for approximately 50,000 in-state law enforcement and criminal justice users and 92,000 agencies nationwide with access to information on:

- Wanted, Missing, and Unidentified Persons
- Stolen Property
- Motor Vehicles
- Orders of Protection
- Gang or Terrorist members

The system interfaces with:

- NYS Department of Motor Vehicles
- Office of Court Administration
- National Crime Information Center (NCIC) managed by the FBI
- International Justice and Public Safety Network (Nlets)
- NYS Department of Tax and Finance

The phased transition to migrate NYSPIN services from mainframe computing architecture to the Integrated Justice Portal is entering the final stage.

Starting in 2010 and making significant strides in 2011, users began to move from legacy

Enforcer workstations to the browser based portal.

This move enables law enforcement agencies to obtain NY Criminal Justice data through the Internet or NY Statewide network instead of relying upon a dedicated standalone workstation. The phased portal user rollout will be completed in 2012.

In 2011, the following additions were made to the Portal interface:

- Notification templates for Child Abuse Referral and Response
- Notification templates for Nlets provided Administrative messages to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) when a Law Enforcement Officer plans to travel on an airline with his/her weapon (LEFA)
- Inspection information to DMV Registration which includes Inspection ID, Expiration, Station ID and Inspection Date.

The final phase of the NYSPIN transition to the Integrated Justice portal is the migration of server-to-server interfaces often referred to as Metros or TPAs (Third Party Applications).

NYSP provides services to over 100 of these computer systems managed by local, city and county agencies. NYSPIN information is made available to patrol cars, computer aided dispatch centers (CAD) and record management systems (RMS).

The replacement interface utilizes web services and open data standards as opposed to the current proprietary communications.

In 2011, the following progress was made for the final phase. NYSP:

- Worked with more than 70% of agencies

with the server interfaces and their respective vendors to review and begin the conversion process.

- Posted all specifications and documentation to the NYSP public website for easy access.
- Began FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) to assist agencies and their vendors with lessons learned.

INTRANET

The NYSP Intranet website is a resource for all employees.

Updates were made to content and applications including:

- Internet Crimes Against Children management system
- Breathalyzer Certifications application
- Bulletin posting application
- Trooper Examination & Recruitment system

Additionally, IS staff

- Provided better tools for building applications and integrating source code.
- Continued supporting a technology “wiki”, and instant messaging system to aid collaboration between teams.
- Implemented an internal blog to promote sharing notable information across Information Services.

INTERNET

The web team worked to get all State Police public websites compliant with 508(c) accessibility standards.

These include the general public website as well as AMBER alert, TraCS, and the

Troopers recruitment website. In addition these sites were converted from ny.us domain to the new ny.gov domain.

A significant improvement to the AMBER website includes the additional method of dissemination to the public via NY-Alert.

This reduces the time needed to disseminate AMBER Alert abduction information by utilizing the multi-site notification system and web-based portal notification technologies, ensuring the delivery of Amber alerts to the widest possible audience.

FORENSIC SYSTEMS

In support of the NYSP Crime Laboratory, IS continues to update the Casework Laboratory Management System (CLIMS) System.

In 2011, initiatives included:

- Barcode expansion on all reports
- Management report updates
- New toxicology management reports
- New computer crimes reports of analysis.

Additionally, new Serology Examination panels were implemented and Technical Review enhancements completed.

In March of 2011, version 6.1 of the Databank Laboratory Management System (DLIMS) was put into production.

This release included Barcode to Lab Case - Lab Item Number conversion.

The DLIMS also continues to utilize the direct “real time” interface with the DCJS DNA Management system for improved inter-agency communication.

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 2011, IS and NYSIC staff continued collaborating in 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.

The State Police is now sharing incident and arrest data with four Crime Analysis Centers (CACs) located in Erie, Monroe, Onondaga, and Albany counties.

Law enforcement agencies in these regions analyze data to allocate resources appropriately, reduce crime and improve officer safety based upon identified patterns and trends.

NYSP also has the ability to access local law enforcement data as made available.

SPECTRUM JUSTICE SYSTEM (SJS)

The Spectrum Justice System (SJS) is a statewide repository for police records. Since its implementation in 2001, SJS weekly average has been 9,900 incidents and 1,100 arrests entries.

Integration processes were implemented in 2011 to make this person, incident and arrest information accessible by NYSIC and regional Crime Analysis Centers (CAC) for intelligence gathering.

Traffic and Criminal Software

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 2011 TraCS handled 1 million tickets, 72,000 accidents and 74,000 commercial vehicle inspections.

Several operational improvements were started and are scheduled for deployment during 2012.

These projects include a new Statewide Police Integrated Data Exchange Router (SPIDER) for movement of law enforcement data between state agencies and updating of TraCS application functionality.

Automatic 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
- Allows troopers to perform NYSPIN queries directly from the patrol vehicle, improving query response time, increasing the number of checks, and providing more detailed information

In 2011 the AVL system deployment was completed, including integration of NYSPIN functionality within the vehicles

Regional DOT Help Trucks were also integrated with the AVL system. Over 1.3 million NYSPIN inquiries were sent from NYSP patrol vehicles from 1,540 users. Support for this mission critical system is provided 24 x 7

Livescan/Cardscan Fingerprinting

In 2011, all criminal fingerprints are being sent electronically to DCJS from New York State Police and ENCON.

Staff began a project to upgrade of the existing fingerprint and mugshot system to new technologies which will position the State Police to meet new fingerprinting technology requirements including the submission of palm prints using higher density imaging.

Employee Relations

Employee Relations oversees:

- 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.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The Office of Human Resources has three main areas of responsibility:

- Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity Management
- Promotional System / Leadership Development
- 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 (HR) 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 provide 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 88 sworn and non-sworn employees who are designated as HR counselors and four 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

Employee Relations

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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 2011, HR Counselors

- ▶ Handled 36 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.

- ▶ Conducted an HR Counselor School where 15 people were trained to replace those employees serving in that capacity who had transferred or retired from state service.

This week long training covered topics

such as the:

- Prevention of Sexual Harassment
- Equal Employment Opportunity
- Process and Laws
- Cultural Diversity
- Mediation and Conflict Resolution
- Formal Investigations
- Case Review
- Administrative Report Writing
- Interview Panel Training.

RECRUITMENT

The Recruitment Unit has been comprised of 10 troopers stationed across the state who are assigned full time to the recruitment mission.

During 2011, Recruiters took on additional duties in order to meet the personnel and operational needs of their Troops.

When possible, they continued to attend college career fairs, community job fairs, county fairs, community events and high profile parades across the state, as well as the NY State Fair in Syracuse.

While a hiring freeze continued, Recruiters continued the essential community contact function in an effort to keep the prospect of a State Police career alive in the minds of qualified candidates.

In 2011, Troop D hosted a Junior Police Academy in Syracuse where 56 teenage 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.

Due to continuing budgetary restrictions, there were no trooper candidates processed this year, nor Basic School appointments.

The Hiring Unit staff continued to initiate new and various in-house record keeping projects including preparing for the event of an Update Trooper Candidate Processing.

The unit continued to track the completion of background investigations, manage their review, and respond to daily inquiries from more than 15,000 candidates on the Trooper Exam eligibility list.

CIVILIAN HIRING UNIT

The Civilian Hiring Unit is responsible for the execution of testing, hiring, processing, promotional policies and the administration of guaranteed benefits for all non-sworn employees.

As a result of a statewide hiring freeze, the Civilian Hiring Unit postponed both promotional and entry-level examinations.

In 2011, the Civilian Hiring Unit prepared and continued to maintain preferred lists and re-employment rosters for employees who were laid-off in December of 2010.

When the hiring freeze is lifted, the preferred lists will be canvassed in anticipation of future employment opportunities.

Additionally, the Civilian Hiring Unit made contact with laid-off employees to offer assistance with resume and cover letter preparation.

TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

HR provided training attended by 110

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.

HR staff updated the curriculum for "Cultural Diversity and Cultural Sensitivity: The Issue of Racial Profiling" and created a training program to address the Interview Panel Process.

The Cultural Diversity curriculum is scheduled to be administered in early 2012 to all non-sworn members.

A Traditions Handbook was developed for new non-sworn employees to assist with the assimilation into our organization.

PROMOTIONAL SYSTEM AND CAREER BOARD PROCESS ADMINISTRATION

SWORN MEMBER COMPETITIVE PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATIONS

In 2011, Staff conducted

- Research into leadership and test design in preparation for the next series of promotional exams.
- Surveyed commissioned officers to determine their current training needs.
- Began developing course content to respond to those training needs.

NON-COMPETITIVE INTERVIEW PANEL

To ensure professionalism and fairness to all aspects of the interview promotional process, staff manages the State Police non-competitive interview process for sworn and non-sworn positions. This includes:

- Determining the applicability of interview

- panels;
- Validating the approval process required to post a position;
- Defining the parameters for the construction of questions and rating instruments;
- Determining requirements for screening applicants;
- Documenting instructions for conducting the interview panel, and
- Managing the recommendation and appointment process.

In 2011, there were 15 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.

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 for State Police personnel, 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-service training and meeting space for various NYSP programs and initiatives, including:
 - SORT
 - Division Information Services
 - CCSERT
 - Troop G Mobile Field Unit
 - CNET
 - NYSP Communications Supervisors
- Meeting space for:
 - Quarterly Trooper Foundation Board
 - NYSP Executive Committee

- NYSP Troop & Detail Commander's

BCI Training Unit - 2011:

- ▶ In collaboration with DCJS, continues to assist in the development of a comprehensive, three-week curriculum for the Bureau of Municipal Police Basic Criminal Investigator School that will standardize training required for any newly appointed investigators and detectives of any police agency in New York State.

Chaired by DCJS, a committee of members of police agencies and meets bi-monthly. The program will be piloted in late 2012.

- ▶ Assumed responsibility for the Crisis Negotiation program, and after identifying all active negotiators, began planning two in-service programs for 2012:
 - An annual Crisis Negotiator program designed to keep negotiators aware of important issues, especially those of emotionally disturbed individuals and returning veterans.
 - "1st Responder – 1st Hour," a program of a basic crisis negotiations designed to equip first responding troopers with the basics of crisis negotiation while emphasizing member safety.
- ▶ Hosted the Basic Pharmaceutical Diversion Training and the New York Prescription Drug-Abuse Summit back-to-back in June of 2011.

The summit brought together educators, managers, health care providers and law enforcement to identify and combat the abuse of prescription medications which has grown to epidemic proportions

nationwide.

The New York Prescription Drug Abuse Summit is a joint effort started by the U.S. Attorney's Office Northern District of New York and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and is modeled after similar state summits that were held in Oregon and Georgia.

The summit was developed by the NYSP in conjunction with:

- The Middle Atlantic Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network
- DCJS
- NYS Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement
- NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse
- National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators
- Purdue Pharma
- Saratoga Springs Police Department.

DEFENSIVE TACTICS PROGRAM - 2011:

- ▶ Completed lesson plans that provided one to two-hour, instructional blocks of training that were incorporated into the 2011 Winter in-service program covering Taser Familiarization, Use of Force Overview, Mobile Field Unit Familiarization and Defensive Tactics Techniques.
- ▶ Assisted with two – 16-hour blocks of instruction during Advanced Search Techniques/Criminal Interdiction training.
- ▶ Provided assistance in officer safety and proper defensive tactics use during role plays and scenarios.
- ▶ Helped train the New York State Mobile Field Unit by coordinating training and scenarios that involved Defensive Tactics

Techniques specific to Mobile Field Unit use.

- ▶ Conducted a three-week Instructor School for Defensive Tactics Instructors followed by a week of Instructor Development School Basic Level Instructor certification. The school graduated 22 members that supplemented the current Defensive Tactics Instructor staff.
- ▶ Completed lesson plans and conducted a 16-hour training course for all Taser Instructors that was hosted at the Academy and re-certified all Taser Instructors (annual certification).

In addition, members of the Defensive Tactics Staff attended and completed the:

- ▶ Federal Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms Defensive Tactics Program which was hosted at the New York State Police Academy.
- ▶ Monadnock Expandable Baton Advanced Instructors Course. This training continues current instructor certification for this subject matter.
- ▶ Advanced Criminal Interdiction 4:20 Search School training used to enhance Officer Safety and Awareness during vehicle stops and searches.

This material is used to enhance our

current Advanced Search Techniques curriculum.

- ▶ Attended 40-hours of in-service instruction that covered updated curriculum, reviewed all current Defensive Tactics material taught to the Basic School and in-service programs and covered the lesson plan and material for the annual Decentralized Troop Training in Defensive Tactics (2011 – 2012).

Training - 2011

- ▶ The Academy Firearms Unit:
 - Developed and organized the spring and fall field firearms training.
 - Conducted the annual firearms training and qualification for the New York State Board of Elections.
 - Hosted two Glock Armorers schools attended by New York State Police and other law enforcement agencies and civilian armorers.
- ▶ With the support of the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NCIB) and the State Police Auto Theft Investigation Unit, the BCI Training Unit provided a three-day Advanced Auto Theft school in February and a one-day Heavy Equipment Theft school.

Both schools offered insight on the

unique considerations necessary when investigating these types of crimes.

Attendees of the Heavy Equipment Theft school were provided with a hands-on practical application portion of training where they had an opportunity to practice techniques learned in the instruction portion of class.

- ▶ A Senior Polygraph Examiners Training school was a one-week course held that provided current training techniques for examiners with a focus on detecting countermeasures that are attempted by subjects who want to hide the truth. This training was exclusive for trained polygraph examiners.
- ▶ Forensic Identification Center personnel received updated training in Latent Prints, DNA, Uncertainty Training, Forensic Relationship Training and other topics in various training seminars and classes hosted at the Academy.

Supporting Others - 2011

The Academy hosted 197 seminars and meetings in 2011.

- ▶ Meetings space was provided for:
 - New York State Office of Homeland Security / Counter Terrorism
 - Division of Criminal Justice Services
 - NYS Prosecutors' Training Institute
 - NYS Department of Health
 - NYS Internal Control Association
 - State Emergency Management Office
 - Governor's Office of Employee Relations
 - Project North Star
 - Labor/Management
 - GOER

In-Service Training - 2011	
1,300	Sworn members received winter in-service training: Taser Familiarization, Use of Force, Americans with Disability Act, Mobile Field Unit Training and Defensive Tactics
394	Attended 16-weeks of various Traffic in-service trainings, including Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, Collision Reconstruction and Drug Recognition Expert. 50 participants were from outside agencies.
10	Weeks of NYSP SCUBA Unit training was held for all Division unit members

▶ Seminars hosted include:

- Annual Henry Williams Homicide Seminar
- Annual Sex Offense Seminar
- Child Abuse and Neglect Seminar

▶ The Academy hosted the EJustice Portal Training for Division Communications Personnel, for six months during 2011.

NYSP employees along with outside agency personnel were trained weekly in the new Portal system.

▶ The Marist College Masters Degree in Public Administration Program continued for its 15th year with 24 students enrolled.

▶ The Academy Range was used by several outside agencies including:

- U.S. Customs
- New York Racing Authority
- Department of Homeland Security/ICE
- Watervliet Arsenal
- Town of Guilderland
- City of Albany Police Department.

Tours

In 2011, Academy personnel conducted 29 tours for 413 visitors, many of whom were students considering careers in law enforcement.

The Academy remains a point of interest for Criminal Justice students from area schools as well as the law enforcement visitors from all over the world.

Multiple Agency Training - 2011		
Many of the trainings held at the Academy for NYSP personnel are attended by personnel from other agencies (listed under "other" below).		
TOTAL	OTHER	PROGRAM
300	75	Attended 12-weeks of unique NYSP Computer Crimes Unit training programs.
149		Attended the training for Breath Test Operators held over a 10-week period. The course provided 24 hours of training.
183	82	Attended the Advanced Criminal Interdiction through Traffic Enforcement Program covering officer safety, racial profiling, current trends in criminal behavior and legally sound methods to employ in interdiction of criminal behavior on the highway.
61	14	Attended Undercover Operations school. The students were trained in the fundamentals of undercover operations, managing confidential informants, raid entry, officer take-back and drug recognition.
246	96	Attended Field Drug Test Certification courses and were certified in the use of the ODV and NIK test kits.
189	124	Attended a Social Networking seminar co-hosted with the Northeast Counterdrug Training Center and provided students with knowledge on how to effectively utilize social networking websites when conducting criminal investigations.
43	32	Attended a one-day class in Courtroom Testimony and Preparation and Conspiracy Investigations focusing on how to investigate gangs and the criteria needed to arrest gang members for conspiracy.
172	82	Attended the National Assoc. of Drug Diversion Basic Pharmaceutical Diversion Training providing police officers a basic understanding of the issues of prescription drug diversion and abuse.
37	32	Attended a three-day Gang Identification and Interdiction Seminar covering basic information about gangs and the latest trends in gang-related crimes.
43	33	Attended a three-day Narcotic Interdiction seminar designed to enhance the professional development of Criminal Interdiction School instructors.

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 five regional CNETs deployed across the state to help local police deal with

CNET 2011 Activity		
1,500	Undercover purchases	
857	Arrested for narcotics and firearm offenses	
\$1,224,614	Value of illegal drugs seized	
\$92,045	Value of items seized	
	124	Weapons
	13	Vehicles

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.

GUN INVESTIGATIVE UNIT (GIU)

To help stem the trade in illegal firearms, the Division operates a statewide Gun Investigative Unit through five CNET regional offices.

CNET/GIU-WESTERN

CNET/GIU 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/GIU 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.

BCI DETAILS, UNITS, SERVICES

COMMUNITY NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT TEAMS / GUN INVESTIGATIVE UNIT

COMPUTER CRIME UNIT

FORENSIC INVESTIGATION SUPPORT SERVICES

GAMING DETAIL

VIOLENT FELONY WARRANT SQUAD

2011 INTERESTING CASES

- ▶ October 2011—A gun and trafficking investigation, initiated in May 2010 by CNET/GIU Investigators targeting a Rochester resident involved in the street level sale of firearms and controlled substances, concluded with 28 arrests and the seizure of 35 Kilograms of cocaine, 60 grams of heroin, three illegally-possessed hand guns, eight pounds of marijuana, seven vehicles and about \$750,000.

In May of 2010, undercover personnel arranged to purchase guns and cocaine over the phone with the ultimate goal of identifying suppliers and coconspirators.

When it became apparent that associates and co-conspirators of the subject were

part of an ongoing U.S. Attorney General's OCTF case, CNET/GIU and personnel from the Attorney General's OCTF joined forces and conducted 111 successive telephonic intercepts of targets in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Florida and Texas.

They intercepted about 17,000 calls and text messages all of which were deemed pertinent to the narcotics trafficking conspiracy.

This led to conclusive, strategic enforcement actions by the NYSP in the Western, Capital and Southern Tier regions of New York with operational assistance of Florida law enforcement.

- ▶ 2011—An investigation, begun in November 2010 by members of CNET Western and the NYS Attorney General's Organized Crime Task Force into the narcotics trafficking activities of a Buffalo resident, was concluded.

As a result of physical surveillance, undercover drug purchases and electronic eavesdropping, the target of the investigation and his principle co-conspirator were identified as multi-kilogram cocaine dealers, with sources of supply in Puerto Rico.

They were receiving kilograms of cocaine, sent to them via the U.S Postal Service. Upon receipt of the postal shipments, they used a close network of family and friends to distribute the cocaine throughout Buffalo and the greater Western New York area.

The investigation concluded with 5 kilograms of cocaine being interdicted and 22 individuals from New York and Puerto

Rico being indicted.

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.

- ▶ 2011—an investigation that resulted from a traffic stop in October 2010 concluded with the arrest of two people and the seizure of 24 pounds of marihuana, 500 Ecstasy pills and 1 vehicle.

Patrols stopped two people in a motor vehicle with tinted windows and found about three pounds of marihuana and a folding baton.

One of the occupants cooperated and introduced a CNET undercover officer to his suppliers—an Ogdensburg couple.

When CNET members attempted to purchase 20 pounds of marihuana and a quantity of Oxycontin pills for \$65,000 from the couple, they could not produce the product.

Within hours, the undercover officer received a call from the couple's supplier wanting to do business directly with the undercover. A purchase of 20 pounds of marihuana and 2000 Ecstasy pills was negotiated.

A sting operation was conducted at a Massena motel where undercover members met the subjects inside the hotel room. The room was monitored by Troop B members using audio and visual surveillance.

- ▶ July 2011—CNET-Central assisted the Onondaga County District Attorney's Office

investigate a former law enforcement officer from a local sheriff's department who had been employed by Glock for the past several years.

The execution of a search warrant revealed the man had stolen several weapons, ammunition and parts from Glock.

In addition, the he was found in possession of several explosives, silencers and numerous handguns, some of which had altered or defaced serial numbers.

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.

- ▶ June 2011—CNET Capital investigated the distribution of marihuana in Troy. After substantiating evidence was collected, two pole, video-surveillance cameras were installed.

The case was put on hold when the main subject of the investigation was arrested by the Chandler Arizona PD for attempting to purchase 650 pounds of marihuana. The Chandler Police seized \$150,000 at the time of arrest.

When he was released on bail, the man returned to Troy and continued his operation on a smaller scale.

After CNET undercover members were

able to make four controlled purchases of marijuana from different people in the area, four search warrants were executed resulting in the arrest of four people on state marijuana charges.

During this investigation another person was identified as being a large cocaine distributor in Troy. .

- ▶ March 2011—CNET Capital/CDDETF (Capital District Drug Enforcement Task Force) received information that two people living in Delaware County were involved in the distribution of hundreds of pounds of marijuana.

A potential supply source was identified resulting in the execution of Federal search warrants wherein the subjects cell phones were tracked.

Investigators located one person in Delaware County. They determined that the two people were communicating regularly, and that there was a third person involved (who was a “person of interest” in an international money laundering ring).

On October 13, when members of CDDETF interviewed him, one of the suspects turned over ½ pound of marijuana, \$155,697 and two stolen firearms.

When a investigator met with the main subject of this investigation, the subject surrendered an additional \$52,960.

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 four counties in Troop F.

- ▶ 2011—A narcotics trafficking investigation that began in April 2010 by CNET, the Middletown Police Department and the FBI Safe Streets Task Force concluded with three Title III Investigations identifying 34 defendants, including the leader of the Blood Gang Organization.

Thirty-one undercover/controlled purchases were made from subjects known to be Blood Gang members trafficking in illegal drugs, gun possession and assaults.

- ▶ July 2011—A 14-month investigation into upper-level marijuana and illegal prescription medication trafficking in Westchester, Rockland and Putnam Counties, as well as New York City and Long Island ended with the arrest of 27 people on federal charges of Conspiracy to Distribute Narcotics.

The investigation was a joint effort between NYSP and the Westchester DA Narcotic Initiative Office.

Investigators seized 15 kilos of cocaine, 50 kilos of marijuana, 2,000 illegal pharmaceutical pills and \$40,000.

CNET/GIU-Southern Tier

CNET-Southern Tier handles undercover narcotics investigations in a 10-county area along the northern border of Pennsylvania.

- ▶ August 2011—CNET Southern Tier, the Ithaca Police Department, the Tompkins County Sheriff’s Office and the Groton Police Department ended a five-month

investigation with search warrants executed throughout Tompkins County.

The execution of search warrants at five locations resulted in the arrests of three people responsible for distributing large amounts of marijuana throughout Tompkins County.

Investigators seized 21 pounds of marijuana, 30 marijuana plants, 13 grams of cocaine, ecstasy, \$33,000, a bullet-proof vest, an AK-47, a Beretta assault-rifle, a hand gun and three vehicles.

- ▶ December 2011—CNET Southern Tier, Troop C Uniform and BCI, the Delaware County Sheriff’s Office and the US Drug Enforcement Administration arrested four people who were responsible for the distribution of large amounts of Oxycodone powder throughout Delaware and Otsego Counties.

Investigators executed search warrants at three locations and seized 350 grams of Oxycodone powder, 28 grams of cocaine, about \$1,800 and three vehicles.

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)
- 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.

NARCO ENFORCEMENT 2011 SEIZURES	
1,945	Lbs. Powder Cocaine
17,341	Lbs. Marijuana
429	Lbs. Heroin
12	Lbs. Crack Cocaine
180	Vehicles
574	Handguns
595	Long Guns
\$70,366,167	Forfeited Funds
\$11,925,397	Value of Property

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..

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 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 are in demand for training and outreach activities, lectures and interviews within Division and to other law enforcement agencies and news media.

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.

FORENSIC INVESTIGATION SUPPORT SERVICES 2011 SEMINARS		
Medico-Legal Investigations Unit HENRY F. WILLIAMS HOMICIDE SEMINAR		
3,826	Williams Associates - an elite group of homicide investigators	
9	Countries represented	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canada • Estonia • Germany • Lithuania • Northern Ireland 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Zealand • Russia • United States • U.S. Virgin Islands
SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT SEMINAR		
185	People from 85 agencies attended the 40-hour Sex Offense Seminar	
132	People from 65 agencies attended the 25-hour Child Physical Abuse and Neglect Seminar	

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 the 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.

2011 INTERESTING CASES

- ▶ June 23, 2011— At the request of the Niagara County District Attorney and the North Tonawanda Police Department, a round table review was conducted relative to a husband-wife domestic that occurred in March 2009 where the wife was found deceased shortly after the incident.

The cause and manner of death was still undetermined and pending investigation. The case was reviewed and the findings reported as:

- Cause of death: Multiple blunt force head injuries with cerebral concussion
 - Manner of death: Homicide
- ▶ January 2011— Troop A Major Crimes requested a review the circumstances surround the July 2010 death of a 77-year-old Medina man.

The man was the victim of a home invasion during which he had been physically assaulted. The man was treated for his injuries by medical staff and then released. Later that day, he

succumbed to a heart attack.

The case was reviewed and the findings reported as:

- Cause of death: Cardiac arrhythmia and heart failure
- Manner of death: Homicide

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 addressing issues involving victims with disabilities, and have taken on the role of law enforcement liaison with the NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities.

Seminars in 2011

SVU personnel planned, administered and

AMBER ALERT Collaborating Agencies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Association of Police Chiefs • Broadcasters Association • Department of Transportation (DOT) • Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) • Emergency Management Office • Sheriffs Association • State Police • Thruway Authority • National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

hosted two annual seminars:

- ▶ The Sex Offense Seminar features instruction in victimology, forensics, technology, interview techniques, offender typology, legal issues and other topics in the investigation of sexual offenses.

The popular Stress Management module was retained and a presentation on court room testimony was added.

- ▶ The Child Physical Abuse and Neglect 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 a new module on Infant Homicides, presented by a forensic pathologist, was given a unique and well-received perspective.

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 2011

- ▶ A four-state, simultaneous AMBER Alert, the first ever in the Nation, was directed by SVU and included activations in the states of Massachusetts, Connecticut,

and New Hampshire.

The case, which involved a child abduction following a multiple murder and arson culminated in New Hampshire with the safe recovery of the child and the arrest of the suspect.

- ▶ October 2011—A new AMBER Alert system was initiated to use The State Emergency Management Office's (SEMO) NY-Alert system to disseminate Alert activation notifications.

The new system was used to activate four

AMBER ALERT Activity - 2011	
7	2011 Alert Activations
1	2011 Alert involving a four-state Alert simultaneously
35	Alerts since inception in 2002
LAW ENFORCEMENT REFERRAL DATABASE	
43,456	Database records from Child Abuse Hotline and SVU reports

Alerts and the system saw increased efficiency and decrease in the time it takes to make notification, thus increasing the likelihood of safe recoveries of abducted children.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REFERRAL DATABASE

The Unit maintains and coordinates the Law Enforcement Referral Database containing information related to 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.

TRAINING IN 2011

- ▶ Staff provided 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 “Sexual Abuse of the Elderly” at the Elder Abuse Conference which was attended by 300 social service workers and law enforcement.
- ▶ SVU participated in three three-day Forensic Interviewing Best Practices trainings developed by SVU in conjunction with NYS Children’s Justice Task Force and child abuse investigation professionals to assist with the forensic interview of child abuse victims.

The training consists of two days of classroom instruction and one day of 50-minute taped mock interviews using actors and attendees.

SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

Staff continues to participate in multi-disciplinary child abuse and sexual offense efforts, including the:

- NYS Children’s Justice Task Force
- NYS Child Fatality Protocol Review Committee.

- NYS Coalition on Elder Abuse Advisory Board.

VIOLENT CRIME ANALYSIS PROGRAM (NYS ViCAP)

The New York State Violent Crime Analysis Program supports the FBI’s Violent Criminal Apprehension Program and 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 2011

- ▶ NYS ViCAP provided substantive leads to numerous agencies including eight NYSP Troops, NYPD, Maine Police Department and the New Jersey State Police.
- ▶ NYS ViCAP association with the National Missing and Unidentified Person System (NAMUS) led to the identification of an unidentified person found in New York City.

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)

Each Gaming Detail unit maintains on-site presence during 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.

2011 INTERESTING CASES

- ▶ January 2011—Troop H – Mohawk Casino Unit investigated a possible Forgery and determined that on three separate occasions, a waitress used Mohawk Casino patron’s “Winner’s Club” cards to pay for another patron’s meal, signed the receipt as though she were card’s owner, and took the cash payment from the second patron and kept it.

The waitress was arrested on three counts each of Forgery 3rd Degree and Petit Larceny.

- ▶ September 2011—Mohawk Casino Unit investigating a Larceny of poker chips from “Poker Room’s” main bank discovered that the bank was short by at least \$1,000.

A review of video revealed that a supervisor was, stealing poker chips, cashing them in and selling them to another person for cash.

The supervisor was arrested for Scheme to Defraud 1st Degree and Petit Larceny.

- ▶ February 2011—Troop H – Seneca

Niagara Gaming Detail responded to a complaint of a patron making threats of physical violence against the casino staff and other patrons and threatened to “rob” the casino and “shoot the place up”.

Although he left the gaming area, using the casino surveillance, the man was located and an investigator initiated a conversation with him regarding the complaint wherein the man became visibly nervous and uncooperative.

When the man attempted to flee a struggle ensued and a loaded Charter Arms .38 caliber hand gun fell from his waistband onto the casino floor. The man was arrested and gun secured.

Further investigation determined that the recovered handgun was stolen during a burglary that occurred in Niagara Falls in January of this year and that the man was a convicted felon who had recently been released from state prison.

His criminal history included Sexual Abuse, Robbery and Assault.

- ▶ April 2011—The Seneca Niagara Gaming Unit was contacted by the Troop H – Seneca Gaming Authority regarding an investigation they were conducting on a casino games dealer whose rate of loss was considerably higher than other dealers.

Seneca Niagara Gaming Unit investigator found that the dealer was complicit with an organized gaming “cheat team” consisting of five individuals who had gained advantage in over \$51,000 in ill-gotten winnings.

Over the course of several weeks, the

employee and her accomplices were monitored and it was determined that she was over paying members of the “cheat team” and receiving monetary compensation.

The woman was arrested for Grand Larceny 3rd. Also, her accomplices were arrested and charged.

- ▶ August 2011—The Oneida Casino Unit investigated a complaint regarding a wallet that had been stolen and later recovered by casino security with cash, credit cards and gift cards missing.

After a few days, the victim learned that illicit charges had been made on his gas card and, despite the lack of solid leads and store video, a Casino Unit investigator continued to pursue the case.

When the investigator spoke with some of the employees at the convenience store where some purchases were made, he discovered that one of the clerks had become suspicious had written down the license plate number of the vehicle.

With this information, the investigator was able to document several additional illegal purchases made with the stolen credit card and able acquire video of the suspects.

Once the suspects were identified and located, the women confessed and were arrested on charges of Grand Larceny in the 4th degree.

Violent Felony Warrant Squad

The VFW as members of the U.S. Marshals Service NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force (NY/NJ RFTF) locate and take into custody

some of the most violent, dangerous felony fugitives in the state.

Many of the cases receive high news media coverage due to the sheer violent and reprehensible nature of the crimes involved.

The Squad's experience and expertise in locating and apprehending fugitives is made available to local agencies to assist them with their warrant caseload.

The VFW is responsible for the transportation of felons who have been arrested on violent felony warrants anywhere in the state.

2011 INTERESTING CASES

VFW-**Buffalo**

- ▶ January 2011—Based on leads supplied by VFW-Buffalo (NY/NJ RFTF) and NYPD Queens Warrant Squad were able to locate and arrest the 23-year-old male fugitive wanted for the highly publicized shooting of a 53-year-old taxi cab driver in Queens, in December 2010.

After the driver picked up the man as a fare, the man attempted to rob the cab driver at gun point. When the driver resisted, the man was captured on the in car video camera shooting the driver six times. The gun-man was a suspect in 18 Armed Robberies.

VFW-Buffalo's in depth examination of phone records and a Pen Register provided the information that led the detectives to an apartment in Buffalo where the man was staying.

- ▶ August 2011—VFW-Buffalo (NY/NJ RFTF) arrested a man wanted for a Home Invasion/Assault committed in July of

2011 and two unrelated warrants.

In June 2011, two men burglarized the residence of a 51-year-old woman and stole her car. Shortly after, Buffalo PD arrested the men for operating a stolen vehicle.

In July 2011, one of the men went to the woman's home and asked if she would drop the charges. The woman refused to do so and, when the man left, called 911 to report the witness tampering.

The men returned to her home around four in the morning and viciously attacked the woman and left her for dead. She was able to call 911 from her bedroom phone.

One of the men was quickly located and taken into custody while driving the woman's car, which the men had stolen again. The man confessed to the Burglary and Assault and was charged with Attempted Murder 2nd Degree and Burglary 1st Degree.

After avoiding capture for about two weeks, the second man was located in a friend's apartment and arrested.

VFW- **Binghamton**

- ▶ April 2011—VFW-Binghamton (NY/NJ RFTF) and the Broome County Sheriff's Office, took a parole absconder into custody.

The man, wanted since December 2010, had an extensive criminal history including assault, weapons and narcotics violations, had previously threatened "suicide by cop" and was reportedly associated with the Aryan Brotherhood hate group.

The NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force

in Binghamton had received information from the Fugitive Task Force in Albany, that a parole absconder may be staying in a trailer park in the Appalachian area. It was known that the man had ties to New Hampshire and Broome County.

Having conducted physical surveillance of the trailer park in an undercover vehicle, two VFW investigators acting as scrap collectors approached the trailer and told the woman who answered the door that they wanted the scrap metal in her yard.

The woman went back inside to speak with other occupants and the parole absconder came to the door. Once the backup members were in place, the investigators identified themselves as police officers and took the man into custody.

The woman stated she did not know the man was wanted. The man was not armed and no weapons were found in the residence.

VFW-**Brentwood**

- ▶ April 2011—VFW-Brentwood (NY/NJ RFTF) located and arrested a 28-year-old man wanted by the Little Rock, Arkansas PD, for Capital Murder.

Information received indicated that the man was possibly in a well known high crime/drug area Hempstead.

Physical surveillance was established and a man fitting the physical description of the wanted man was observed walking on the street.

After the investigators confirmed the man's identity, they took the man into custody after a brief foot chase.

- ▶ June 2011—VFW—Brentwood (NY/NJ RFTF) located and arrested a 40-year-old man wanted for Murder 2nd Degree by Nassau County PD.

The man was also wanted for Parole Violation on a Robbery 1st Degree conviction.

Information developed that the man had possible connections to specific address in Brooklyn.

After the task force surveilled the area, they established a perimeter at the location. When the man was observed looking out a back window, the investigators gained entry into the residence using ballistic shields and took the man into custody without incident.

VFW-HEADQUARTERS

- ▶ February 2011— VFW—Headquarters NY/ NJ RFTF) assisted the Chandler (Arizona) Police Department locate and arrest a 19-year-old man wanted for Murder that took place a Chandler night club parking lot, after a fight occurred inside the night club. A 19-year-old, who was not involved in the fight, was shot three times with a .380 caliber handgun. He died at the hospital. Information determined the identity of the shooter and that he had family and friends in Yonkers. The man was located and arrested as a Fugitive from Justice, by VFW investigators.
- ▶ April 2011—VFW—Headquarters (NY/NJ RFTF) assisted the Poughkeepsie Police Department locate and apprehend a 25-year-old man wanted for a shooting in Newburgh.

Knowing the shooter had ties to Poughkeepsie, Kingston and Syracuse, simultaneous raids were conducted without results.

Information lead the investigation to a Millerton residence where officers from VFW—Headquarters, Dutches County Sheriff's Office, Poughkeepsie PD and Troop K-SP Dover Plains, where they were able to arrest the man without incident.

VFW-NEW HAMPTON

- ▶ September 2011— The VFW-New Hampton (NY/NJ RFTF) located and arrested a 15-year-old youth wanted by the Wallkill Police Department for shooting two people leaving them in critical condition. Believed to be drug related, the first assault occurred over Labor Day weekend where a man was shot n the stomach during a heated dispute. The second incident left an innocent bystander clinging to her life when she was struck in the eye when two rivals squared off in a motel parking lot. It was discovered that the wanted young man, who was identified as the shooter in both cases, was appointed recently as the General of a Bloods street gang operating in the Monticelo and Wallkill areas. The youth was located at a address indicated by pinging his cell phone. Once a perimeter was established around the apartment building, investigators entered the building. After speaking with a couple of other

residents, they located the 15-year-old sleeping in his bedroom and took him into custody.

Officers seized a quantity of marihuana, cocaine and heroin, all individually packaged for sale, in plain view in the bedroom.

VFW-Loudonville

- ▶ May 2011—VFW—Loudonville (NY/NJ RFTF) assisted NYPD Brooklyn Warrant Squad locate and arrested a 20-year-old man wanted for Murder 2nd Degree. The incident, which occurred in Brooklyn, was captured by hallway and elevator security cameras. The 20-year-old was seen entering the elevator with the 18-year-old victim and shooting him several times with an automatic handgun as they exited an elevator. The shooter, then, re-entered the elevator, returned to the first floor and exited the building. Based on information that the shooter was hiding out in Albany, VFW investigators and NYPD detectives were able to locate and arrest him at his uncle's apartment without incident.
- ▶ July 2011—VFW—Loudonville (NY/NJ RFTF) assisted NYSP Queens VFW locate and arrest a 21-year-old man wanted for Murder 2nd and Attempted Murder 2nd. Armed with handguns, two men approached a vehicle that was stopped at a traffic light and fired numerous rounds killing the female driver and shooting her son, who was in the passenger seat, in the chest.

The shooting was the result of an ongoing dispute between one of the two men and the driver's son.

Based on information developed, VFW-Loudonville investigators and NYPD detectives were able to locate and arrest the wanted man in an Albany apartment. The shooter, who was hiding under a bed, was taken into custody without incident.

VFW-SYRACUSE

- ▶ March 2011—VFW—Syracuse (NY/NJ RFTF) were able to locate and arrest a 23-year-old wanted by the Syracuse PD in a knife stabbing that took place between two men in a dispute over a woman. The other man died as a result of his injuries.

The 23-year-old was wanted for Murder 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon.

After pursuing leads for about three weeks, investigators located the man in an Mattydale apartment and took him in to custody without incident.

- ▶ December 2011—VFW—Syracuse (NY/NJ RFTF) and the Syracuse Police Department Warrant Squad apprehended a Fugitive from Justice wanted by the Harrisburg Police Department, Pennsylvania, for murder.

Harrisburg Police Officers had tracked the 40-year-old man's cellular telephone to Syracuse and believed the man was staying at his sister's residence.

Members of the detail gained entry into the sister's apartment and the man was taken into custody without incident.

NYSIC - New York State Intelligence Center

All NYSP 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
- Other fusion centers across the country.

The NYSIC provides investigative and

NYSIC Agencies include:

- Albany Police Department (New York)
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- New York State Police
- NY City Dept. of Environmental Protection PD
- NY Air National Guard
- NY Army National Guard
- NY Metropolitan Transportation Authority PD
- NYS Department of Taxation and Finance
- NYS Department of Correctional Services
- NYS Department of Motor Vehicles
- NYS Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Services - OCT
- 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. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

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.

Center staff serve on national and state level committees, including:

- National Fusion Center Association as Vice-President
- Homeland Security Intelligence Network as State and Local Executive Board
- Northeast Regional Intelligence Group as Co-chair
- DHSES Homeland Security Strategy Working Group as members and lead on the Intelligence and Information Sharing IJ Group
- National Institute of Justice Information Led Policing Technical Working Group
- Project North Star
- Cyber Terrorism Intelligence Coordination Group

NYSIC liaisons work with the:

- New York City Police Department Intelligence Unit
- NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services - Office of Counter Terrorism (DHSES-OCT)

NYSIC 2011 Highlights

► NYS Intelligence Summit

NYSP, NYSIC, DHSES-OCT, US Attorney's Office-NDNY, and FBI-Albany co-hosted the second annual NYS

Office of Counter-Terrorism

NYS Intelligence Center

Border Intelligence Unit

CALEA Intercept Unit

Counter Terrorism Center

Criminal Gun Clearinghouse

Criminal Intelligence Unit

Electronic Surveillance Unit

Financial Crimes Unit

Gang Intelligence Unit

Narcotics Intelligence Unit

Source Development Unit

Special Investigation Unit

Intelligence Summit.

The summit provided attendees with:

- Terrorist threat briefings
- Overviews of new counter terrorism initiatives from both a national and state perspective
- A poignant presentation by an Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Officer who survived an assault by two sovereign citizens who had just shot four other police officers, killing two of them

The event was attended by federal, state and local law enforcement and homeland security personnel.

► **Fusion Center Assessment Findings**

In November 2011, NYSIC received its annual “report card” from the US Department of Homeland Security based on a fusion center assessment.

NYSIC exceeded the national average in its progress to achieve full implementation of the fusion center critical operating capabilities and enabling capabilities, which include the ability:

- To gather, receive, analyze, and disseminate intelligence and information.
- To ensure the protection of privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties, establish a sustainment strategy, maintain security of the fusion center facility, information systems and personnel, and develop and execute a communications and outreach plan.

► **Continuing to be a Fusion Center Leader**

Visits from several high ranking homeland security and elected officials reflect NYSIC’s significance and leadership in the national fusion center landscape.

2011 saw visits from:

- US Department of Homeland Security Office of Intelligence and Analysis Chief of Staff Chris Button.
- Senior staff from US Congressman Peter King’s office to discuss NYSIC operations and current issues facing fusion centers.
- US Department of Homeland Security Undersecretary for Intelligence and Analysis Caryn Wagner and her senior advisor.

In 2011

NYSIC personnel coordinated and participated in initiatives significant to reducing crime and preventing terrorism, such as:

► **Terrorism Initiatives:**

- SAFENYS Terrorism Hotline
- Field Intelligence Officer Program
- Operation SAFEGUARD
- National Suspicious Activity Reporting Initiative
- Cyber Threat Intelligence Coordination Group
- Homeland Security Strategy Working Group
- Homeland Security – State and Local Intelligence Community of Interest (HS-SLIC)
- Secure the Cities Initiative

► **Border Security Initiatives**

- Project North Star
- Operation SPIDER
- Northern Border Executive Committee
- CAN-AM
- Canadian American Law Enforcement Organization (CALEO)
- Integrated Border Enforcement Teams

► **Law Enforcement Initiatives**

- Give Tip (narcotics, guns, and sex offender) Hotline
- Persons of Interest Program (joint endeavor between the NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision and NYSIC)
- Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS)

► **National Task Forces**

Participation on national task forces and working groups that govern fusion center and law enforcement intelligence operations.

► **Intelligence Production**

Publication of intelligence reports, threat assessments, officer safety bulletins, and wanted and missing person posters.

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 is 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.

In 2011, BIU personnel

- Expanded existing and established new information sharing partnerships.
- Participated in the Lake Champlain Maritime Committee.
- Participated on taskforces and working groups designed to develop new strategies to address criminal threats to our borders.

CALEA Unit

The Communication Assistance for Law Enforcement Act Intercept 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.
- Assistance with lawfully authorized electronic communication intercepts and provide expert technical advice and call data interpretation.

COUNTER TERRORISM CENTER

The CTC provides timely intelligence to assist in the detection, prevention and deterrence of terrorist.

- ▶ 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 (JTTF) or state and local law enforcement agencies.
- Since the inception of the Terrorism Tips Hotline in September of 2002, over 7,000 tips have been received and investigated.

TERRORISM Tip Line 2011 Activity	
327	Hotline calls were handled by CTC
168	Tips were adopted by the JTTF for further investigation

IN 2011, CTC published the second edition of the Vigilance Project report. The 2011 report expanded upon the initial analysis published in 2010 and added analysis of the plots and attacks that have occurred since the release of the first edition.

The report’s goal is to increase the law enforcement community’s awareness of prior events and identify commonalities that may enhance local officers’ abilities to detect activities indicative of the pre-operational phases of a future terrorist plot.

The first edition of the Vigilance Project report examined 32 major terrorism plots that had occurred within the homeland since 9/11 and was cited by Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano when she testified before the United States House of Representatives Committee on Homeland Security in February 2011.

CRIMINAL GUN CLEARINGHOUSE

The 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 2011:

- The Unit processed information received from 3,882 crime gun recoveries.
- A Firearm Crime Analyst from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) was assigned to assist the unit with its analysis of crime gun data and illegal gun trafficking concerns.
- Unit personnel worked with the Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) to fully integrate the unit’s services into the statewide Operation IMPACT program.

CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT

CIU analysts and investigators:

- Perform a variety of services to aid law enforcement agencies.
- Respond to requests for information from across the globe.
- Review, vet, and refer crime tips to the appropriate investigative agency.
- Produce specialized analysis and charts (relationship analysis, mapping, timelines,

and telephone toll analysis).

- Publish bulletins on relevant investigative and officer safety matters.
- Respond to requests for specialized case analysis and preparation of charts for investigative use and use at trial.

CIU 2011 Activity	
8,060	Requests received for investigative assistance
260	Field intelligence submissions
200	Citizens' crime tips received

NYSIC continued to expand its partnership with the New York Prosecutors Training Institute and local District Attorney's Offices statewide.

A more formal business relationship was established after the Unit delivered presentations that detailed the Center's resources.

This outreach resulted in personnel partnering with prosecutors to conduct specialized analysis and to testify at trial.

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 2011

The ESU received 243 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 to investigate and identify assets for criminal forfeiture proceedings.
- Actively searches for people or businesses involved in laundering illicit funds.
- Educate law enforcement, regulatory agency and private sector personnel, and prosecutorial partners about conducting financial crime investigations, current trends and investigative techniques.
- Assist law enforcement personnel investigate crimes included larcenies and embezzlements, mortgage frauds, securities frauds, money laundering, narcotics, and homicides.

Many of these cases involve hundreds of hours reviewing complex financial records, conducting analysis, and generating charts that further aid the investigators or prosecutors at trial.

FCU 2011 Activity	
253	Financial investigations associated with criminal cases
	113 NYSP
	140 Outside Agencies
17,369	Suspicious Activity Reports reviewed to identify possible money-laundering and other criminal activities

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.
- Uploads 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 gang database.
 - VGTOF - NCIC's Violent Gang and Terrorist Organization File provides a mechanism for further gang-related intelligence collection and dissemination.

GIU 2011 Activity	
3,370	Gang member records uploaded into GRIP and VGTOF
2,500	Post-submission "hits" with gang members documented

NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE UNIT

The NIU:

- Collects, analyzes and disseminates narcotics information and information about their distribution throughout the state.
- Provides specialized investigative

support to complex narcotics trafficking investigations.

- Produces numerous intelligence publications throughout the year.

NIU 2010 Activity	
137	Narcotics-related leads received, prepared and distributed statewide
16	Leads received and completed for out-of-state agencies
8	Bulletins concerning immediate officer safety issues, concealment methods and emerging narcotics information disseminated
9	Intelligence briefs regarding narcotics trafficking trends and patterns published

NY/NJ HIDTA Liaison

NYSP personnel assigned as liaisons to NYPD Intelligence Division at the 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.
- Pass intelligence on to NYSIC where it is reviewed and further disseminated.
- Are the first contact between the NYSP and the New York City PD's Intelligence and Counter Terrorism Bureau.
- Are a point of contact and source of information for federal 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 Center to share intelligence regarding criminal activity that may begin or end in their countries and have a connection to NYS.

In 2011

- ▶ NYSP personnel assigned to the NY/ NJ HIDTA have assisted members of more than 25 different agencies with investigations.
- ▶ NYSP members assigned to NY/NJ HIDTA developed and implemented Red Teams. Red Teams work with Operation SAFEGUARD to determine:
 - Whether the public is aware of indicators and warnings which could be indicative of the planning or implementation phases of a terrorist attack.
 - If the public reacts by contacting law enforcement.

Special Investigations Unit

The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) is the investigative arm of the OCT and,

- 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 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

With over 450 participants from 50 agencies, the New York City Office is the original and the largest JTTF in the country.

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 2011 Activity	
17,447	Hours of technical surveillance
153	Electronic Surveillance installations operated
56	Pen Registers (Trap & Trace)
45	Wires (Eavesdropping)
34	GPS
18	Video
36,055	Hours of Physical Surveillance
57	Search Warrants executed
646	Felony Arrests
148	Misdemeanor arrests
252	Vehicles seized
102	Firearms seized
\$1,815,317	Dollars seized
\$1,338,141	Value of stolen property recovered
43	Vehicles ATU recoveries
31,596	Vehicle plates read by ATU
97	Registrations Suspended/ Revoked
57,410	Vehicle plates read by ATU using License Plate Readers
227	Suspended/revoked registrations
3	Stolen vehicles

2011 CASES

SIU-Albany

SIU Albany assisted the Albany Police Department with an operation targeting property theft crimes in Albany.

An extensive undercover detail purchased

purported stolen property from suspected burglars and street criminals.

SIU investigators, Troop G investigators and Albany PD personnel supported the effort in the form of security, physical surveillance, electronic surveillance, evidence processing and target identification.

From November 2010 through February 2011, undercover purchased about 1,500 items and recovered stolen properties, including: computers, GPS units, cellular phones, other electronic devices, jewelry, clothing, and eight vehicles.

Upon conclusion of the detail, 45 subjects were arrested and 24 subjects had arrest warrants issued for the 10 violations, 135 misdemeanors, and 41 felonies identified during the course of the undercover detail.

Of the 45 subjects arrested, 10 were known members of Albany street gangs.

SIU-Buffalo

March 2011 — **Inv. Brian A. Hejza** assisted the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) investigate a Buffalo-based trucking company that was hauling hazardous waste to a Niagara County landfill.

Suspicious that the NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) Divisible Load Overweight Permits being used by the trucking company were fraudulent, led Inv. Hejza to send copies of the permits to DOT.

After it was determined that the permits contained information that was false and several DOT security features were inaccurate or missing, the investigator identified a number of tractor-trailers belonging to the trucking company that were also displaying fraudulent permits.

After a supervisor of the landfill requested copies of the trucking company's DOT overweight permits "to ensure records at the landfill were complete," a SIU investigator went in an undercover capacity as a landfill employee to pick them up.

Secured as evidence, the permits were then examined by the NYS DOT Project Manager for Divisible Load Permits in Albany who confirmed that the permits were forged. Documents relating to 251 overweight deliveries by the trucking company were reviewed.

In June 2011, SIU Buffalo assisted by SIU-Rochester, Computer Crimes Unit, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit and the DEC, executed a search warrant at the trucking company and seized records and a company computer.

The owner of the company was interviewed at the scene and admitted to knowing the DOT permits were forgeries. To avoid paying the fee required to obtain each overweight permit, the company had purchased a genuine permit and used it as a template to create forged permits for other vehicles in the company fleet.

The owner of the trucking company entered a pre-indictment guilty plea in Erie and Niagara County Courts for Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument 2nd in each jurisdiction.

SIU-Hudson Valley

SIU-Hudson Valley and CNET-Hudson Valley were preparing to conclude an investigation into an Albanian group that was one of the primary sources of importing bulk loads of marijuana from Canada into the area when they received a call from an ICE agent. The

agent said that ICE was investigating an Albanian smuggling group and its association with a member of the Gambino crime family, located in Bronx County.

Investigators from SIU-White Plains and CNET met with ICE Agents to consolidate efforts in identifying the scope of the Albanian group's criminal activities and their smuggling routes from Canada and California to NYC.

The following investigation involved a series of wire taps and international calls started to reveal the scope of the group's contacts for smuggling marijuana, cocaine and heroin.

The calls lead DEA to initiate eavesdropping operations in Venezuela, Mexico, Colombia, California, Bahamas and Albania, where they identified heroin and cocaine smuggling routes from South America through West Africa and ultimately into European ports.

Further, an Albanian who was responsible for a restaurant shooting, in the Bronx, was identified.

The multiple arrest warrants were executed by SIU-White Plains, SIU-Albany and the DEA Strike Force and 33 people were arrested.

The arrests took place in counties around NYC and in the states of Florida, Colorado, New Jersey, and Albania.

Throughout the course of the investigation about \$2,000,000 was seized from people that were moving the money from the US to the Canadian and California hubs, along with hundreds of pounds of marijuana smuggled into the US by tractor-trailers, 18 firearms and hundreds of rounds of ammunition.

SIU-Syracuse

Inv. Peter J. Beratta assumed the identity

of an executioner and convinced an Auburn Correctional Facility inmate that he would carry out the prisoner's plan to torture and murder the intended victims.

The prisoner, who had a list of arrests ranging from theft to violent felonies in multiple states, had developed an extensive plan to exact revenge on his ex-girlfriend (who would not visit him in prison) and her current boyfriend.

His plan gave detailed descriptions of his intended victims, provided times and places where they could be found, and a way to entice them to come along willingly. The plans included drawings of scenes of the actual torture and subsequent murders as a visual aid.

When the Department of Corrections - Inspector General's Office was informed of the plan and heard the details, they contacted Inv. Beratta.

Once convinced that the investigator would carry out his plan, the prisoner told Inv. Beratta to expect a down payment in the mail.

After receiving the down payment, the prisoner was charged with one count each of Conspiracy and Criminal Solicitation 2nd.

SIU-Utica

May 2011 — SIU-Utica conducted an investigation into a man identified as being involved in narcotics trafficking in the Utica area and charged pending from his attempt to run over a U.S. Marshal during a narcotics-related vehicle stop.

Eavesdropping operations conducted by Inv. James Jecko led to the issuance and execution of search warrants in Chadwicks and Whitesboro.

The primary subject and five other men were arrested on Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3rd and other narcotics-related charges and investigators seized 23 ounces of cocaine, two handguns, a ballistic vest, \$1,500 and one vehicle.

Additionally, the primary subject pled guilty to Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd and Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3rd in satisfaction of all charges pending against him.

SIU-White Plains

- ▶ April 2011 — SIU-White Plains and the Manhattan District Attorney's office, concluded an investigation into the activities of a Manhattan check cashing establishment.

The check cashing industry in New York is largely unregulated allowing payroll service companies to enable contractors and others to cash large checks and forego the required reporting procedures.

Using electronic surveillance and witnesses, the owner of a construction company that was using the payroll services was arrested for his involvement in a scheme to under report his companies earnings by cashing corporate checks with the payroll service that agreed not to file Currency Transaction Reports which are required by Federal Banking Regulations.

- ▶ During an investigation of a Dominican Heroin and Money Laundering Group operating in the Bronx, SIU-White Plains saw one of their primary targets leave his residence.

They followed the man to Yonkers, where

he picked up another person, with whom the SIU was familiar, and drove to an apartment building in another section of the Bronx.

The passenger got out of the car and went into an apartment building. He came out within ten minutes carrying a black gym bag which he placed into the rear of an unoccupied Jeep that was parked across the street from the building.

When SIU personnel approached the passenger, he fled on foot, but was apprehended quickly. The driver attempted to drive away, but was quickly blocked by SIU surveillance vehicles.

The black gym bag in the rear of the Jeep contained 18 kilos of heroin.

After locating the apartment where the heroin was stored and packaged, SIU obtained and executed a search warrant. They seized \$38,000, hydraulic jacks, presses, respirators and a defaced 9mm Beretta handgun located in a floor trap.

When two other locations associated with the group were searched, an additional ½ kilo of heroin was seized along with packaging material, a pound of marijuana, additional US currency and two vehicles.

Both defendants were processed and charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 1st.

This seizure of over 40 pounds of heroin with a street value of 10 million dollars was the largest seizure in New York City in over twenty years.

- ▶ SIU-White Plains and the Manhattan District Attorney's office conducted a

multi-year investigation into the NYC's interior construction industry in which numerous schemes involving bribery, kickbacks and bid-rigging between general contractors, sub-contractors, corporate facility managers and suppliers have been uncovered.

The investigation involved the use of electronic and physical surveillance, confidential informants, consensual recordings and the review of financial documents resulting in over 100 felony arrests, more than \$60 million in cash forfeitures and court ordered corporate monitors throughout the industry.

In June 1998 - as a result of the original investigation, the principals of a large construction company were arrested and pleaded guilty to one count each of Commercial Bribe Receiving 1st and one principal was sentenced to a term of one to three years in prison.

The company also agreed to a five year term of oversight by a private inspector general, during which time all records were to be made available and open to inspection.

Additionally, a "shell" company controlled by the principals was identified as part of the bribe-receiving scheme, paid a fine of \$3,333,333.

In 2001 - Information was received that the same large construction company was engaged in a scheme known within the industry as "bundling." Bundling is the act of combining the two types of construction industry contracts - cost-plus fixed contract with a lump sum general contract - in a way that results in larceny being

committed by the primary company and its sub-contractor.

It was uncovered that the company's Chief Purchasing Agent was involved in the bundling scheme and in March 2010, investigators executed search warrants at the construction company offices and the Director of Purchasing's Seaford residence and on his company vehicle.

The search warrants directed investigators to search for and seize all business records related to "bundling" of jobs for the last five years, including a "key" black portfolio used by the Director of Purchasing to track the company's un-recouped money currently being held by the sub-contractors complicit in the larceny scheme.

Investigators secured volumes of documents that provide evidence and further proof of the "bundling" scheme, along with Director of Purchasing's black portfolio which proved to be significant in the investigation.

Since March 2010, investigators have conducted numerous interviews, searched through vast amounts of records and continued to build a strong case against the construction company and their co-conspirators.

In March 2011, the investigation concluded with the Manhattan District Attorney's office indicting the company and four of its executives on multiple counts of Enterprise Corruption, Grand Larceny 2nd, Scheme to Defraud and Falsifying Business Records.

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.

Personnel at Division and Troop Headquarters continually monitor both persistent and emerging traffic safety challenges, and develop countermeasures to address them.

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.

Collision Reconstruction Unit

The statewide Collision Reconstruction Unit (CRU) employs full-time and part-time uniform and BCI members statewide.

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.

The CRU continually evaluates and acquires the latest technology to improve accuracy and efficiency, and ensure the capability of Unit members to respond.

All Total Electronic Workstations—the functional heart of the scene surveying efforts—in the field were upgraded.

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit (CVEU)

In the past six years, NYS fatal collisions involving large trucks have decreased significantly 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 CVEU.

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

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.

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.

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. 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.

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.

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, 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 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.

The cost of these seats is underwritten by grant funding specifically for this purpose.

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

TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT DETAIL (TIM)

• 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 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)

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

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 2011

► 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 (Weapons of Mass Destruction) task force
 - CBRN (Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear and Explosives) 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 Guard Civil Support Team (CST)
 - Office of Fire Prevention and Control (OFPC)
 - 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.
- A number of special projects were undertaken by this section that included the:
- Distribution of \$225,000 in Buffer Zone Protection Program grant equipment purchases
 - Review of the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Receipt, Staging and Storage site operation security
 - Grant research and equipment procurement for the Mobile Field Unit, SCUBA, K-9 and BDU

UNIFORM SPECIAL SERVICES

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Bomb Disposal Unit

CANINE UNIT

CONTAMINATED CRIME SCENE

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

SCUBA

SPECIAL OPERATIONS RESPONSE TEAM

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE

ENFORCEMENT

- NYSP Emergency Management and Traffic Services staffed the NYS Emergency Operations Center for 33 emergencies, including:
- Jan. 12: January Snowstorm Southern New York
 - Feb. 25: Snowstorm Western New York State
 - Mar 12: Commercial Bus Accident Westchester County
 - May 26: Severe Thunderstorms/ Flooding
 - Aug. 27: Hurricane Irene
 - Sep. 2: Tropical Storm Lee
 - Sep. 11: 911 Anniversary
 - Oct. 29: Nor'easter – Snowstorm New York State

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT Non-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS - 2011 ACTIVITIES

The design, implementation and participation in:

- World Junior Hockey Tournament – Buffalo, New York
- Presidential Visit – Schenectady, New York;
- Annual Baseball Hall of Fame induction weekend
- Watkins Glen – NASCAR event perimeter security and traffic control
- Lake Placid Ironman Triathlon event
- New York State Fair
- Fort Drum and Niagara Falls Air Shows
- Upstate Storm and Recovery Task Force, Hurricane Irene
- Manning State and Local Emergency Operations Centers for Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee
- Strategic Police Intelligence Driven Enforcement Response (SPIDER) Border Enforcement Details
- Buffer Zone Protection Plan (BZPP) surveys and distribution of equipment
- Numerous Table-top and functional exercises
- Incident Command System (ICS) training of county and local first response agencies
- FEMA observed Reception Center Exercise
- New York State Power Authority Functional Exercise
- Active Shooter Training for Law Enforcement in Chautauqua County;
- ICS for Schools presentations

- Dec. 24: Commercial Bus Accident/
Fire Thruway Western New York

to:

- NYS Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit (CVEU) and Bomb Disposal Unit (BDU)
- NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Police
- NYS Division of Military and Naval Affairs Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Teams
- NYS Department of Health, Bureau of Environmental Radiation Protection

Since then:

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 equipment and training were provided

- All K-9 teams and select members of the Contaminated Crime Scene Emergency Response Team (CCSERT) have received training and equipment.
- NYS has deployed over 250 radiation detection pagers, 53 radioactive isotopic identification detectors and 10 backpack radioactive detectors.

In 2011: The Radiation Interdiction and Detection program:

- ▶ Coordinated a radiation checkpoint for New Year's Eve. At the checkpoint, members from the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit (CVEU) and Emergency Management utilized radiation pagers along with backpack style radiation detectors to scan vehicles at the Woodbury and Harriman Thruway toll plaza.
- ▶ Was actively involved in a pilot program titled "Secure the Cities", in which the United States Department of Homeland Security has invested over \$100 million to secure New York City against a terrorist attack involving radiological material.

OPERATION STEELHEAD

The Section includes an exercise component which serves to plan, develop, and execute homeland security exercises designed to evaluate the capability of the Division 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 2011, personnel planned and executed

a full-scale exercise known as "Operation Steelhead:" a comprehensive, counter-terrorism response exercise designed to evaluate several special capabilities that might need to be employed in the event of a terrorist weapons of mass destruction (WMD) scenario.

In September 2011 the State Police, participated in a one-week, three-phase exercise, in cooperation with the:

- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation Police (DEC Police),
- U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)
- U.S. Border Patrol (USBP)
- U.S. Department of Energy from Brookhaven National Laboratory

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.
- Is responsible for the controlled destruction/neutralization of explosives,

such as old dynamite, detonators and illegal fireworks.

- Provide service to areas of the state lacking hazardous materials teams trained and equipped to respond to chemical and biological incidents.

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.

2011 CASES

- ▶ February 24, 2011 – Troop K – The BDU was assigned to a suspicious package call on the Rip Van Winkle Bridge. The item was a briefcase and was discovered after a male subject jumped into the Hudson River causing his death. The briefcase was x-rayed and determined to contain his personal papers.

- ▶ February 25, 2011 – Troop F – The FBI requested assistance from the BDU following an investigation into the sale of pipe bombs.

A subject was building pipe bombs in Pennsylvania and was transporting them to New York State where he sold them to a confidential informant. BDU secured the 9 pipe bombs and rendered them safe for the FBI.

- ▶ February 27, 2011 – Troop F – Bomb Disposal Unit members were requested to assist the City of Port Jervis Police Department with the discovery of a hand grenade following a domestic dispute. The grenade was in the apartment of an elderly woman who stated that she found it in her deceased father's belongings. Further examination by the BDU revealed that it was improvised and filled with an explosive powder.
- ▶ July 14, 2011 – Troop A – Niagara County Sheriffs Department requested assistance with a 5" x 1.5" pipe bomb was discovered in a mailbox. The BDU responded and rendered the pipe bomb safe for destruction.
- ▶ October 14, 2011 – Troop G – The BDU assisted the Community Narcotics Enforcement Team (CNET) at a search warrant execution where 6 improvised explosive devices were discovered. The case is still pending.
- ▶ November 7, 2011 – Troop F – Bomb Disposal Technicians responded to a post blast investigation at a house explosion in the Town of Saugerties. In the explosion the home was completely destroyed. BDU members searched the rubble and located a delivery receipt for propane that was mistakenly pumped into the house through a disconnected line, filling the building with gas. Hours later an ignition source caused the explosion.
- ▶ November 10, 2011 – Troop E – Following the discovery of an improvised explosive device in a park the BDU responded and rendered safe a PVC pipe bomb.

BDU 2011 Activity	
232	Incidents handled
	22 Commercial explosive and destructions
	26 Military ordnance destructions
	66 Illegal fireworks destruction
15	Homemade/Improvised Explosive Device calls

CANINE UNIT

The K-9 teams are assigned to stations throughout the state and perform patrol duties when not responding to requests from NYSP and other agencies for canine/handler services.

The Canine Unit:

- Detect explosives and drugs
- Track and search for lost or missing persons and find bodies
- Search buildings
- Assist at public demonstrations
- Provide site/venue security and protection for dignitaries

The NYSP presently has 74 canines teams:

- 29 explosive detection canines with 10 handlers assigned to BDU
- 42 narcotics detection teams
- 19 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

2011 CASES

- ▶ January 25-26, 2011, Tpr. Christopher Nolan / K9 Reddy (Troop L - Farmingdale) assisted the Narcotics Unit conclude an ongoing narcotics investigation by performing canine narcotics searches in Babylon. As a result of positive canine alerts, searches of two vehicles, a residence and a suitcase led to the seizure of 22 pounds of cocaine, 400 pounds of marihuana, a counting machine with \$605,000.
- ▶ March 5, 2011, Tpr. Matthew Ross /

K9 Kelley (Troop B - SP Valcour) conducted a vehicle and traffic stop in Bellmont and arrested two occupants for possession of controlled substances. A probable cause search of the vehicle led to the seizure of 50 pounds of MDMA (Ecstasy) in pill form.

- ▶ March 8, 2011, Tprs. Miguel Berberena and Harold Edwards / K9 Nate (Troop T - SP New Rochelle) conducted a vehicle and traffic stop in Harrison, and after obtaining reasonable suspicion, performed a canine sniff of the vehicle. K9 Nate alerted to the rear of the vehicle. The execution of a search led to the seizure of \$1,000,000 located in a hidden compartment in the rear of the vehicle
- ▶ April 7, 2011, Tpr. Nathan D'Arienzo / K9 Shaw (Troop B - SP Raybrook) responded to a suspicious vehicle complaint in Saranac Lake. The vehicle was registered to a local woman that was a repetitive mental health concern and had been missing for about seven hours. Conducting a canine track, Tpr. D'Arienzo located the woman about two and a half miles away sitting under a tree, wet, minimally dressed and disoriented
- ▶ April 12, 2011, Tpr. Kevin Holohan / K9

CANINE UNIT 2010 Activity

CANINE UNIT 2010 Activity		
NYSP Training Facility, Cooperstown, NY		
11	New Handlers trained (Basic Handlers School)	
	7	NYSP
	1	Erie County Sheriff's Department
	1	Madison County Sheriff's Department
	1	Otsego County Sheriff's Department
	1	Saratoga County Sheriff's Department
9	Replacement Canines trained	
164	Canine Re-certification Sessions conducted	
Canine Unit responded to 3,770 calls/requests		
538	Explosive Detection calls	
	22	Bomb Threats
	15	Explosive/weapons recovery cases
1,614	Narcotics/cadaver detection calls	
	1,535	Drug sweeps
	79	Body (cadaver) Searches
	595	Searches located narcotics
	7	Searches recovered bodies
417	Fugitive/Lost or missing person calls	
	72	Fugitives Tracked
	27	Lost or missing persons found
116	Building Search calls	
	17	People found in building searches
305	Miscellaneous canine-related incidents/calls	
445	Venue Security Detail requests	
335	Community Service Initiatives	

Mike (Troop G - SP Schodack) assisted the North Greenbush Police Department and the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office with an attempted Burglary to a residence. During the incident, a man and a homeowner had gotten into a physical

altercation and the man fled into a wooded area. Numerous officers checked the surrounding area and a barn on the property but failed to locate the man. Tpr. Holohan and K9 Mike tracked and located the man hiding in a barn about one hundred yards from the residence.

- ▶ May 28, 2011, Tpr. Eric Harper / K9 Skiff (Troop E - SP Wolcott) assisted local patrols search for a man that was believed to have committed suicide on his Savannah property. Tpr. Harper and K9 Skiff conducted a cadaver search of the man's 50-acre property and located him near a pond on the property dead from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.
- ▶ July 27, 2011, Tpr. Kevin Hoeverman / K9 Corbin (Troop T - SP Tarrytown) assisted a local patrol with a vehicle and traffic stop in Clarkstown, subsequent to a probable



Meth Lab Photos need for Evidence: CCSERT Sgt. Derek Cerza, front, and Sgt. Scott Reichel take evidence photographs at a methamphetamine lab.

cause arrest of the vehicle's occupants, Tpr. Hoeverman conducted a canine sniff of the vehicle receiving a positive alert on a purse and a plastic bag within the vehicle. A search of the purse and the bag led to the seizure of 1,000 dosage units/decks of heroin and 3.0 grams of marihuana.

CONTAMINATED CRIME SCENE EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

The Contaminated Crime Scene Emergency Response Team's (CCSERT) five regional teams provide 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.

"ONE-POT METHOD"

The occurrence of the "one pot method"—the easiest and possibly most dangerous way of manufacturing methamphetamine—continues to escalate and has taken over the methamphetamine production worldwide.

In 2011, 75% of the 43 clandestine drug labs manufacturing methamphetamine were of the "one pot method." This made this year one of the most dangerous years for methamphetamine production resulting in fire-related deaths and the "cooks" going to local hospitals for treatment of injuries sustained in the production.

CCSERT 2011 Activity		
Responses		
43	Clandestine Drug Labs	
1	DiMethyltryptamine (DMT)	
1	Ecstasy (MDMA)	
1	LSD	
3	Marihuana Grows	
3	Misc. Calls	
Training		
59	Monthly training days	
5	Week-long in-service events	

2011 TRAINING

- Working with local agencies and the National Guards' 2nd Civil Support Team, CCSERT conducted several exercises around the Capital Region that included the Amtrak Rail Station, USS Slater, and several public means of transportation.
- In conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), CCSERT conducted the Clandestine Drug Lab Technician Recertification Course. This training explained the latest trends in clandestine drug identification and manufacturing.

2011 CASES

- ▶ May 18, 2011 — After being informed about a potential methamphetamine lab, CCSERT, SORT and CNET executed a warrant on a residence that yielded one of the largest methamphetamine labs in New York State history. They seized over 500 grams of finished product, thousands of dollars, one and a half pounds of marihuana, one hand gun,

17 long guns and large amounts of stolen property.

This lab was so extensive that it took three days to clean up the site.

- ▶ CCSERT was consulted and asked to respond during three large marijuana grow operations due to concerns for the safety of the officers involved.

As a result, investigators and CCSERT worked together to dismantle and prosecute these operations safely. The inherent dangers of marijuana grows are now being examined.

Two of the labs had produced over 1,000 plants per site and one had over 3,000 plants.

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.

SCUBA 2011 Activity	
195	Details
919	Dives
9	Victims Recovered
19	Significant pieces of evidence
	7 Weapons
	7 Vehicles
	1 Airplane
\$41,540	Aggregate value of recovered property

When not assigned to a dive detail, NYSP divers perform regular patrol and administrative duties.

2011 CASES

- ▶ February 26-27, 2011, Troop F and K dive teams responded to a report of a 1969 British Air Corp 167 Strike master decommissioned military jet crashing into the Hudson River just north of the Kingston/Rhinecliff Bridge in Ulster.

After making arrangements to do a fly over for some of his friends at the Ulster/Kingston airport, the pilot made a vertical climb to about 5000 ft, then came straight down, nose first into the 18-inch thick ice and four feet of water of the Hudson River.

Transported to the site by the State Police airboat and working in cold and fuel-contaminated waters, State Police and Ulster County Sheriffs Department divers waded through the ice and wreckage trying to locate the pilot.

As divers removed numerous aircraft parts and large ice chunks from the impact site, many of their dry suits



Plane Crash has Divers Searching for Pilot in Freezing Hudson River: SCUBA divers from Troops F and K spent two days in fuel-contaminated freezing waters to locate and recover a pilot of a jet that nose-dived into the river. Top, Sr. Diver Joe Benzinger, Troop K, assesses a section of the destroyed aircraft hauled onto the iceshelf by divers. Bottom, a Troop F Diver, surrounded by ice flows works to recover the pilot found still strapped into the cockpit that had been ripped from the rest of the plane.

sustained damage from the sharp metal of the wreckage and divers became contaminated by jet fuel and hydraulic oil during the search.

February 27, with about four feet of visibility, the divers continued to search for the pilot.

Using a pulley system, they continued to pull some of the bigger pieces of the aircraft out of the water and secure them with heavy duty tow straps so divers on the ice could pull the pieces onto the ice shelf.

Believing they located the cockpit, divers attached the straps to the piece of the aircraft and were able bring it partially out of the water and were able to see the pilots body still strapped into the cockpit.

Divers entered the water and extricate the pilot and he was transported to the command post by airboat and pronounced deceased by the Ulster County Medical Examiner.

Divers then entered the water and secured straps around the remaining wreckage so it could be pull from the water by helicopter.

All pieces of the aircraft were secured on a barge and were transported to a nearby shipyard for investigation by the FAA and National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB).

- ▶ August 29, 2011 — Having prepared the day before, a NYSP Air Boat and Troop K divers headed for the areas hardest hit by Hurricane Irene.

The second Air Boat with Troops B, G and F Divers set out from Albany to assist and encountered difficulty traversing roads many of which had been washed out from the rushing water and others were strewn with tree branches and live power lines.

Once in they reached Prattsville, the team evacuated 35 people from their homes and transported them to higher ground

where they were taken to area shelters.

One Air Boat and crew had to respond to Troop B where a vehicle had been swept off a bridge by swift water with two passengers aboard. The crew located the vehicle, but, was unable to find the occupants. NYSP aviation located the occupants several hundred feet down stream.

The Air Boat and crew returned to Troop F to continue assisting in the rescue and relief efforts in that area.

- ▶ Just a few weeks later, NYSP Dive Teams responded to Sydney and Binghamton areas that were ravaged by the major floods brought on by Tropical Storm Lee.

During the storm and the days following it, two airboats crewed by NYSP Dive Team personnel conducted 27 missions and rescued and evacuated over 60 people from homes and businesses in the Broome County areas of Sydney, Bainbridge, Vestal, Binghamton and Conklin.

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 2011 Activity	
209	Operations Conducted
49	Clandestine Drug Lab assists

2011 Cases

- ▶ January 20, 2011 — SORT assisted the FBI execute an arrest warrant in a multi-jurisdictional, organized crime takedown wherein over 100 people were arrested.
- ▶ January 21, 2011 — SORT assisted the United States Secret Service detail by providing a counter assault unit for the presidential motorcade during the President's visit to General Electric, in Schenectady.
- ▶ May 18, 2011 — SORT executed a search warrant in Schuyler County and arrested three people participating in an active methamphetamine cook.
Team members seized over 500 grams of methamphetamine and eight gallons of unfinished meth oil and recovered a substantial quantity of stolen property including long guns, a handgun, ATV's and motorcycles.

- ▶ May 21, 2011 — SORT responded to the Bear Mountain Bridge for a report of a suicidal man who had climbed to the top of the superstructure. SORT climbed the Westchester-side of the bridge and found the man at the top.

After about 2 hours of negotiations, SORT members convinced the despondent man to come down off the bridge and they transported him to a hospital for psychiatric evaluation.

- ▶ July 7, 2011 — SORT, assisting Troop C BCI, placed a GPS Vehicle Locator on a man's vehicle as part of an extensive residential burglary investigation.

The man was believed to be committing daytime burglaries and stealing jewelry and firearms.

Using the GPS locator, BCI members were able to track the man to a residence where he was in the process of committing a burglary.

They arrested him and recovered a large amount of jewelry and firearms all of which linked the man to over 100 burglaries.

- ▶ September 1, 2011 — SORT flew in a NYSF helicopter to assist the Vermont State Police with a rescue of two men who were stranded on a small island on the Cold River in Clarendon.

The water level was rising rapidly from a flash flood caused by Hurricane Irene and an immediate helicopter response was needed to save the two men.

Two SORT members were lowered to the island where they prepared the victims, one at a time, to be lifted in the rescue net into the hovering aircraft.

The victims were flown to waiting emergency medical service personnel.

- ▶ October 18, 2011 — SORT assisted Community Narcotics Enforcement Team (CNET) investigators with the execution of six narcotics search warrants in Troy over a twelve hour period.

The warrants were the result of an investigation into the transportation of drugs into the Capital District from Florida.

The officers made multiple arrests and seized 30 lbs of marijuana, several guns and \$70,000.

- ▶ October 29, 2011 — SORT assisted Troop K rescue people on the Taconic State Parkway who had become stranded due to the severe snow storm that paralyzed the lower Hudson Valley.

SORT responded with the Bearcat which has a four-wheel drive capability and transported 50-plus people to a local fire house for shelter.

- ▶ December 14, 2011 — SORT served a Federal Search Warrant in Frankfort in a case involving the growing and distribution of marijuana.

Executing a high-risk controlled entry of the residence and a neighboring commercial trucking company building, SORT members secured all occupants without incident.

Within two hours the target suspect was taken into custody and charged federally with the unlawful production and distribution of marihuana.

The large three-story marihuana grow operation located in a barn attached to the trucking company office building, was cleared by SORT personnel using Air Purifying Respirators. It was turned over to the DEA.

They found over 3,200 marijuana plants and a large quantity of dried marijuana.

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 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 NYSP 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/

INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU INVESTIGATIVE SECTION Audit Section Survey Analysis

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 NYSP 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.

Troop A

2011 Selected Statistics

CALLS FOR SERVICE: 45,043

Vehicle AND Traffic LAW ENFORCEMENT

DWI Arrests: 1,115

Speed: 34,084

Safety Restraints: 9,982

Total V & T: 105,182

INDEX CRIMES

Violent

Murder: 1

Rape: 30

Robbery: 5

Assault: 84

PROPERTY

Burglary: 331

Larceny: 1,249

Motor Vehicle Theft: 69

Part II Offenses: 6,555

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.

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

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



TROOP A - 2011 INTERESTING CASES

HOMEOWNER'S OBSERVATIONS LED TO ARREST OF BURGLAR

January 8, 2011 — When a Wheatfield homeowner returned home, he spotted a man who had broken into his garage and drove away in a Buick Century. The homeowner recorded the license plate number and called Niagara County 911.

When the vehicle registration was checked, it was determined that the Buick was reported stolen from Niagara Falls on January 1, 2011.

Niagara County 911 dispatched a burglary report, the licence number and description of the Buick.

Shortly after the information was dispatched, **Tpr. Brian M. Pazderski** (SP Niagara) passed the Buick, turned around to follow the vehicle and requested other units to assist.

Realizing that the trooper was following him, the burglar drove through a parking lot and down a power line access road. When his vehicle became stuck, he fled on foot.

The area was immediately saturated by local law enforcement who quickly took the man into custody without further incident.

The arrestee was a wanted New York State Parole absconder. The Buick contained the proceeds of several burglaries and car larcenies.

Continuing to investigate, **Inv. Christopher A. Puckett** (SP Niagara) located four other police agencies in the area that had complainants of burglaries and was able to

link the arrestee to the burglaries.

The man was arraigned on the parole warrant and charged with Burglary 2nd, Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 4th and Forgery. He was sentenced to 19 ½ years.

RESIDENT'S QUICK RESPONSE LED TO ARREST OF THREE ROBBERS

March 8, 2011 — **Tpr. Mathew D. Goldsmith** (SP Olean) was dispatched to an Olean address for a report of a man with a gun and was joined by **Tpr. David M. Berlinski** (SP Olean) and Cattaraugus County Sheriff Department Deputies.

The resident told the officers that he had answered a knock on his door and found a man wearing a red hooded jacket and a ski mask pointing a handgun at him. The resident shut the door and called 911.

A description of a vehicle possibly driven by the gunman was broadcasted and State Police and Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Department units actively searched for a the vehicle. **Invs. David J. Elliot** and **Gabrielle Kyser** (SP Olean) were advised of the incident and joined the search.

At 9:15 p.m., Cattaraugus County 911 received a call that an armed robbery had occurred in Allegany by three people wearing ski masks. Again, a vehicle description was given.

Around 11 p.m., Invs. Kyser and Elliott located three men in a parking lot and identified one of the men as a possible suspect in the menacing complaint. Also,

they found a vehicle in the parking lot that fit the description of the one used in the armed robbery in Allegany. A handgun and black ski masks were in plain view.

During interviews, it was determined that one of the suspects had no involvement in the menacing or robbery and was released.

The second man admitted to being involved in both the menacing and robbery, and the third



Honoring Fallen Trooper: Tpr. Kevin P. Dobson Sr. was killed when a vehicle struck him while he was conducting a traffic stop. A sign was erected in his memory in the Town of Tonawanda. Son Kevin Dobson Jr. holds a replica of the sign with his step-brother, Andrew Hastings on his right, and sisters, Jamie and Brooke Dobson on his left.

man admitted his part in the robbery.

The second man was issued an appearance ticket for Menacing 2nd, and both men were arrested on Robbery charges.

Three days later, the Olean Police Department and the Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Department arrested the third person involved in the Allegeny robbery.

INFORMATIVE CALL HELPED SOLVE GRAND LARCENY INVESTIGATION

May 4, 2011 — Acting on information received implicating an 18-year-old man in two crimes

being investigated by the Wyoming County Sheriff's Office, **Tpr. Andrew L. Davis** (SP Warsaw) contacted the deputies.

After the officers compared the information received to the reports taken on a larceny of a motorcycle and felony mischief to a vehicle, a second suspect was developed.

Having ticketed the second suspect, a 22-year-old man, the week before for equipment violations, Tpr. Davis spotted his vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. The 18-year-old was a passenger in the vehicle.

The 22-year-old driver was questioned, and the statement obtained coupled with the

information received by Tpr. Davis led to the probable cause arrest of the 18-year-old for Grand Larceny 3rd and Criminal Mischief 3rd.

After interviewing the 18-year-old, Tpr. Davis requested the 22-year-old to come to the station. When he did and gave his consent for a search of his vehicle, the officers found bolt cutters and a pry bar that had been used to commit both of the crimes.

The 22-year-old was charged with Grand Larceny 3rd, Criminal Mischief 3rd and Possession of Burglar's Tools. The stolen motorcycle was located at an Erie County residence.

OBSERVANT TROOPER FOILED GETAWAY

May 27, 2011 — About 12:35 p.m., a man attempted to rob the Citizens Bank in East Aurora. He demanded money, threatened to use a non-displayed gun and, then, fled the bank without obtaining any money. A description of the suspect and the getaway vehicle was broadcast.

Hearing the broadcast, **Tpr. Sean P. Mahony** (SP Alden) immediately proceeded to the Route 400 Expressway and took a position in a U-turn that allowed him to observe vehicles traveling away from East Aurora. **Tpr. Jeffrey M. McDonald** (TIM) responded to assist.

Shortly the troopers saw a vehicle that matched the description of the getaway vehicle and radioed that they were following a suspected vehicle containing three people.

They conducted a felony traffic stop and removed the occupants with assistance from **T/Sgt. Andrew E. Flynn** (TIM) and **Tpr. Eric A. Sauers** (SP Boston).



Trooper Honored with Memorial Highway: Tpr. Gary Kubasiak was off duty when he responded to a call for backup at a domestic dispute in Dayton where a man had barricaded himself inside a house. Tpr. Kubasiak lost his life in the line-of-duty when he was fatally shot at the scene. At the dedication of a Memorial Highway in his memory were, from left, Tpr. Randy Kubasiak (Troop G, Northway Satellite), Melody Kwilos (widow), Lucas Kubasiak (grandson), Mikayla Kubasiak (granddaughter), Inv. Ryan Kubasiak (H-Computer Crimes), Michelle Kubasiak (daughter-in-law) holding granddaughter Marissa.

The suspects were transported back to the station where the man who attempted to rob the bank was positively identified by bank personnel.

The BCI Unit (SP Boston) assisted East Aurora/Town Aurora Police Department with interviews and **Tpr. Heidi Wysocki** (SP Boston) and Troop A Forensic Investigation Unit helped process the crime scene.

HIT-AND-RUN CULPRITS ASK OFF-DUTY TROOPER FOR HELP!

June 1, 2011 — Receiving a late afternoon report of a car striking an Allegany residence, **Tprs David M. Berlinski** and **Matthew D. Goldsmith** (SP Olean) responded.

The homeowner told the troopers that a vehicle came off the roadway, struck his pool deck and the corner of his house, and, then, he saw the two occupants run into the woods.

While the patrol began to search the area for the suspects, off-duty **Tpr. Michael A. Yehl** (SP Amity) had two men come to his home and say they had been left in the area by a friend and needed to call someone to come get them.

Tpr. Yehl was outside his residence with the two men when Tprs. Berlinski and Goldsmith arrived.

One of the men had sustained injuries when the car hit the house and he was taken to Olean General Hospital for medical attention.

Further investigation revealed that the vehicle involved in the accident had been taken without the owner's permission or knowledge.

The operator of the vehicle was arrested and charged with Grand Larceny 4th, DWI,

Aggravated Unlawful Operation 3rd, Leaving the Scene of a Personal Injury Accident and several V&T charges.

TODDLER AND SIBLINGS REMOVED FROM UNFIT MOTHER'S CARE

August 21, 2011 — At 7:17 a.m., **Tpr. Scott C. Kowalewski** (SP Niagara) received a report of a male toddler walking by himself on Witmer Road in Wheatfield.

When he spoke with the callers, they told him that, when they saw the unattended youth walking from a field and then onto Witmer Road, they took control of the child and called 911.

Trooper took the toddler to SP Niagara and contacted **Inv. Christopher A. Puckett** (SP Niagara).

After taking photographs of the two-year-old, **Tpr. Joseph A. Raimondi**, (A-Niagara) and a Niagara County Sheriff's Department deputy conducted interviews in the area where the child was found in an attempt to locate the parents.

As part of the process, local police departments were surveyed to see if they had any missing child reports and Child Protective Services was contacted.

Continuing to canvass the neighborhood, Tpr. Raimondi located the toddler's parents who unaware their child was missing.

Although a preliminary investigation found that there was a history of drug use and domestic incidents at the residence, Child Protective Services opted to not remove the child from the residence.

On August 25, 2011, once again, Tpr. Kowalewski, assisting Niagara County

Deputies, responded to another complaint involving the two-year-old when he was again found wandering unattended, this time without pants.

Officers found the mother and her sister impaired by drugs at the residence. The mother was arrested for Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

CPS again responded and gave temporary custody of the two-year-old to the grandmother and have since decided to move forward with having all the children removed from the residence.

SCHOOL BUS STRUCK WITH DEER HUNTER'S BULLET

November 21, 2011 - **Tpr. William P. Johnston II** (SP Jamestown) investigated a report of a school bus being struck by a bullet in Conewango.

The bus driver told the trooper that he was traveling south on State Route 241, around 7:30 a.m., when he heard a bang and pulled over and found bullet holes above the main door to the bus and in the seat on which he had been sitting. Neither the driver nor any of the 32 students aboard the bus were injured.

Assistance came from **Inv. Joseph D. Smith** and **Tpr. Clifford A. Beaumont Jr.** (SP Jamestown), **Tprs. David J. Gandy** and **David M. Huller** (SP Collins) and Environmental Conservation Officers, all of who conducted area interviews, and **Tpr. Carl J. Lis** (SP Fredonia/ID Tech) who processed the school bus.

Interviews identified a suspect. When he was located at his residence, he told the officers he was deer hunting and had fired two shots

from a 30-06 rifle.

The man said that when he fired the first round his tree stand had shifted and the round continued in the direction of State

Route 241.

The man was arrested for Reckless Endangerment 2nd, Criminal Mischief 4th and Shooting Across a Roadway.



Shop with a Cop

SP-Amity Tprs. Dean Nolte (left), Rodney Perry (below) and Kimberly Feroletto (below, left) helping local children shop for family presents.



Sponsored by local businesses, "at risk" youths have breakfast with Santa, then go on a shopping spree in the Wellsville K-Mart to purchase presents for their family. Assistance comes from their shopping pal for the day - a uniform trooper. 2011 was the 19th Annual "Shop with a Cop" event.

CraigslisT Posting Ends Three Month Crime Spree

December 2011 – A three-month investigation ended with the arrest of two men and the closing of 15 burglaries and larceny cases, encompassing New York and Pennsylvania.

SP Amity Uniform and BCI officers investigating several reports of stolen ATVs, lawn tractors, mowers, chain saws and various other tools and equipment, got a break in the cases when **Inv. Christopher D. Speckman** (SP Amity) developed significant leads through research of "CraigslisT" ads listing property for sale.

During the investigation, it was learned that Troop E and the Pennsylvania State Police were investigating similar crimes in their respective areas.

Working with **Tprs. Darren L. Fanton** and **Jedidiah N. Murphy** (SP Amity) on the cases, key information implicated the suspects **Inv. Speckman** had identified and lead to the arrest of two men.

One man was charged with eight counts of Burglary 3rd, three counts of Grand Larceny 4th, and one count of Grand Larceny 3rd stemming from crimes committed in five different towns.

The other man was charged with Burglary 3rd and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 3rd.

In addition to the arrests, officers recovered 80-plus items of stolen property including eight ATVs, three dirt bikes, two snowmobiles, several lawn mowers, chain saws and other miscellaneous equipment.

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.

Troop B

2011 SELECTED STATISTICS

CALLS FOR SERVICE: 35,248

VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW ENFORCEMENT

DWI Arrests: 919

Speed: 20,603

Safety Restraints: 4,105

Total V & T: 67,542

INDEX CRIMES

Violent

Murder: 1

Rape: 30

Robbery: 3

Assault: 99

Property

Burglary: 654

Larceny: 1,558

Motor Vehicle Theft: 75

Part II Offenses: 7,407

POPULATION: 287,000 (approx.)

SERVICE TERRITORY: 8,091 square miles

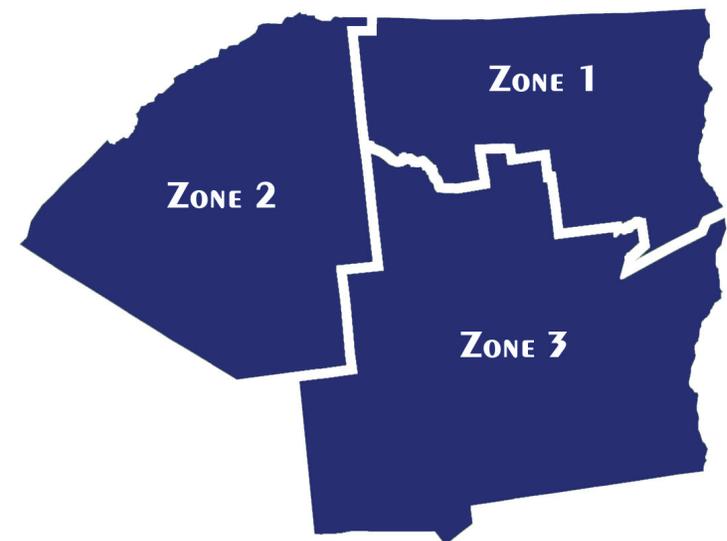
COUNTIES SERVED: Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, St. Lawrence

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



TROOP B - 2011 INTERESTING CASES

TROOPERS HELP U.S. BORDER PATROL CATCH DRUG SMUGGLER

January 18, 2011 — Troopers were notified by U.S. Border Patrol that they were trying to stop a vehicle suspected of being involved in smuggling activities. The white sport-utility vehicle (SUV) traveling on State Route 11 in Mooers, adjacent to a rural, remote section of the U.S./Canadian border, refused to stop.

Tprs. Todd M. Brown and Ryan L.

Johnston (SP Chazy) responded to the request for assistance and joined the pursuit on State Route 11 in Champlain.

A Border Patrol unit successfully deployed a spike strip tire deflation device that disabled the SUV's passenger-side, front tire.

Tprs. Ronald G. Whittington and Ronald B. Arnold (SP Valcour) deployed another "Stinger" tire-deflation device that disabled the driver-side, front tire.

The operator managed to drive another two miles, then lost control of the SUV when he attempted to pass another vehicle. The SUV left the roadway, spun around and came to rest in the median.

When he found himself facing the pursuit vehicles, the 51-year-old man immediately exited his vehicle and surrendered to the Border Patrol and State Police.

A search of the SUV found six duffle bags containing 330 pounds of marijuana and \$6,000 on the rear seat.

In addition to federal drug charges, the New York City man was charged with Reckless

Endangerment 2nd, Unlawfully Fleeing a Police Officer and numerous other V&T offenses.

OBSERVANT EMPLOYEE'S TIP LED TO GRAND LARCENY ARRESTS

May 2011 – **Station Cleaner Nicole J. Howe** (SP Schroon Lake) reported that she just saw three men with a four wheeler and a teal blue S-10 pick-up truck stealing copper wire from an area in Schroon Lake.

Responding, **Tpr. Thomas P. Sharron** (SP Schroon Lake) met the woman and she pointed out where the men passed her and said that she believed they were headed toward the Crown Point area.

Tpr. Sharron notified dispatch that the men were possibly headed for Crown Point and this was broadcasted.

Tpr. Sharron aided by **Tpr. Abby K. Braunius** (SP Schroon Lake) began searching the area.

When they saw an ATV headed towards them, Tprs. Sharron and Braunius stopped and identified the driver and talked to him about the stolen copper wire.

When they discovered that the ATV driver was in possession of a loaded .357 magnum handgun and did not possess a valid NYS pistol permit, they arrested him for Criminal Possession of a Weapon.

He admitted to stealing the copper wire and led them to the area where the blue S-10 pick-up with the stolen seven strand copper wire in the rear of the truck.

His accomplices were there and were

arrested for Grand Larceny and transported back to SP Schroon Lake where they gave written statements detailing their involvement.

Two of the men were found to be in possession of Methylphenidate HCL and Alprazolam, both controlled substances.

The ATV driver, in addition to being charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3rd, was charged with Grand Larceny 3rd, Criminal Mischief 3rd, two counts Criminal Possession of a Controlled substance, two counts of Public Health Law, and NYS V&T violations.

One accomplice was charged with Grand Larceny 3rd, Criminal Mischief 3rd, two counts Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance and two counts of Public Health Law.

The other accomplice was charged with Grand Larceny 3rd and Criminal Mischief 3rd.

EMPLOYEE CHARGED WITH THEFT OF OVER 1.4 MILLION DOLLARS

June 3, 2011 — **Inv. Larry E. Cragle** (SP Plattsburgh) received a report of suspicious banking activity from a manager of a Plattsburg credit union.

The manager told the investigator that a female credit union member had deposited four business checks from a local car dealership, totaling \$68,914.16 into her accounts between mid-October and December 2010. He also reported she was making additional large cash deposits.

The woman worked in accounts payable department at the car dealership.

When Inv. Cragle initially spoke with the owner of the dealership, the owner told him that the checks the employee deposited were legitimate and were issued to her resulting from her purchasing and/or selling vehicles to the dealership.

When investigating further into the issue, Inv. Cragle discovered several things. First, the woman paid the dealership with credit union checks, even though she did not have any loans with the credit union. Secondly, the woman altered checks from legitimate car deals to purchase vehicles for herself, then, sell the vehicles back to the dealership.

Inv. Cragle and **Inv. Rebecca J. Finn** (SP Plattsburgh) arrested the woman on four counts of Forgery 2nd, four counts of Grand Larceny 3rd, one count of Grand Larceny 2nd and one count of Falsifying Business Records 1st.

When the woman was interviewed, she provided a written statement admitting to the vehicle thefts and stealing about \$30,000 in cash.

At the request of Inv. Cragle, the dealership's owner reviewed all of the employee's dealings with the company and learned that while she was working for the dealership she had purchased several vehicles for which she never paid. Instead, she would write a personal check for a vehicle, alter the accounts to show a payment had been made and not deposit the check.

Again, at the request of Inv. Cragle, the owner inspected the transactions he had with another local dealership and found that over the course of a year the other dealership had obtained 24 vehicles, valued at \$136,150, without paying for them.

Continuing, Inv. Cragle recovered seven of the nine vehicles the woman had stolen with a value of \$122,775 (two had been salvaged).

After examining the woman's bank records and finding \$645,791.45 in unexplained deposits, the investigator had a Forensic Accountant examine the dealership's accounting records. The accountant found that theft totalled \$1,404,320.

After Inv. Cragle racked up a hundred-plus hours of investigation, interviewed 20-plus people, obtained four separate subpoenas and collected 41 pieces of evidence, the woman was indicted on one count of Grand Larceny 1st, one count of Forgery 2nd, thirteen counts of Falsifying Business Records 1st, four counts of Forgery 3rd and one count of Conspiracy 4th.

The owner and a salesman of another car dealership were both indicted for one count of Grand Larceny 2nd and one count of Conspiracy 4th.

COMMUNITY ASSISTED WITH MULTI-AGENCY SEARCH FOR BURGLAR

July 2011 — **Tprs. Chadd M. Martin** (SP Wilmington) and **Scot A. Mackinnon** (SP Ray Brook) received a call of a burglary in progress at an Ausable Forks residence.

The homeowner said, that because there was a cold beverage on the kitchen table when he arrived home, he thought that the burglar may still be inside.

After searching the residence and finding no one, the troopers received a dispatch of a suspicious person crossing a nearby barricaded and abandoned bridge.

A multi-agency search was conducted by

Tprs. Martin and Mackinnon and **Tprs. Darren D. Forgea** (SP Keeseville), **Michael P. Flaherty** (SP Lewis), **Thomas B. Bryant** with K-9 "Gunner" (SP Malone), **Inv. Stephen Ansari** and **Sgt. Gary R. Mattimore** (SP Ray Brook), Division Aviation Unit 1H20 and U.S. Border Patrol K-9 Agent Aaron Carlson.

Once the burglar was identified, area residents supported the search by letting officers know when and where they saw him. The search was suspended at around midnight.

The next day, a resident reported seeing the man in Ausable Forks. The man was located and arrested for Burglary 2nd and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 4th.

Most of the proceeds from the burglary were recovered.

Six Rescued from Apartment Fire

November 2011 — While patrolling in Tupper Lake, **Tprs. Timothy J. Durkee** (SP Tupper Lake) and **Randy J. Weaver** (SP Indian Lake) heard Franklin County Dispatch page Tupper Lake Fire to a structure fire with possible entrapment.

Responding immediately, the troopers were first on the scene and saw the burning apartment building. A man and woman who had escaped the building with two children said that there were still people inside.

Wearing gas masks and armed with fire extinguishers, the troopers and members of the Tupper Lake Village Police Department entered the building and safely evacuated six more people from apartments before the building became completely consumed in flames. There were no serious injuries.

PERU ACCIDENT KILLS PEDESTRIANS AND VEHICLE OCCUPANTS

November 15, 2011 — State Police responded to a late afternoon accident that occurred in Peru.

Tprs. Christopher C. Hileman and Brian K. Raymond (SP Plattsburgh) arrived on scene to discover that two pedestrians and two occupants of the vehicle that struck the pedestrians were dead.

Lt. Walter C. Teppo, Sr. Inv. Kevin C. Leavine, Sgt. Todd M. Parent, Inv. Michael W. Madore (SP Plattsburgh) and **Tprs. Richard A. Hoff and Thomas S. Houle** (Troop B-Collision Reconstruction Unit) began the three-month investigation to determine the cause of the accident.

It was established that a vehicle, being driven by a 17-year-old high-school student with a 17-year-old front seat passenger, struck and killed two foreign exchange students who were walking with the traffic on the paved portion of the highway with no artificial lighting.

The exchange students, an 18-year-old from China and a 16-year-old from Vietnam, were wearing dark, non-reflective clothing.

After the impact with the pedestrians, the vehicle swerved to the left. This caused the rear of the vehicle to rotate counterclockwise across both lanes and exit the roadway. The vehicle hit a pile and a six-inch diameter tree with the passenger's side of the vehicle. Moments after the collision, the vehicle ignited and was consumed by fire.

Autopsies confirmed that all four victims were killed instantly and toxicology results showed

that none of the victims were under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit established that the vehicle was traveling between 63 and 69 mph in a 55 mph zone, that both occupants were wearing safety restraints and the driver's post pedestrian collision action of over-steering resulted in the loss of control of the vehicle and the impact that killed the vehicle's occupants.

Further, it was determined that pedestrian error was the cause of the accident that resulted in the deaths of the two pedestrians.

QUICK RESPONSE TO MEDICAL EMERGENCY SAVED MOTORIST'S LIFE

December 2011 — **Tpr. Matthew D. Meinke** (SP Ogdensburg) responded to 911 call of a possible impaired driver and located the vehicle on ST-37 headed towards Ogdensburg.

After observing the vehicle swerving and crossing road markings several times, he made a traffic stop and spoke to the female driver. The 69-year-old woman exhibited slurred speech, impaired motor coordination and was unable to explain her condition.

When **Tpr. James B. Gould** (SP Ogdensburg) stopped to assist, the troopers determined that the woman was not intoxicated and, even though she said she was just tired, believed she was experiencing some type of medical condition. They requested that Ogdensburg Rescue be dispatched.

The EMS responders confirmed that the woman was having a medical emergency and transported her to Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center. While being transported to the

hospital, the victim's condition became more serious.

Once she was stabilized, she was transported to Upstate University Hospital, in Syracuse, when more advanced medical attention was needed.

Family members said that the woman had been recently suffering from several stroke-related episodes, and that when she was stopped by the troopers, she may have been in the beginning stages of a major stroke.

The troopers training and experience helped them to determine the woman was displaying symptoms related to the onset of a serious medical emergency, responded quickly and saved the stroke victim from what could have been a very serious outcome.

THREE GANG MEMBERS, AFTER DRUG PAYMENT, ARRESTED FOR BURGLARY

December 2011 — **Tprs. Jonathan J. White and Michele R. Dodge** (SP Massena) were dispatched to a Massena home invasion burglary.

When they spoke with the 52-year-old female victim she said that a 34-year-old man and three other men had stormed into her house looking for her daughter. They claimed she owed them \$280,000 for marijuana they had sold her.

The woman told the troopers that while the men were in her house they stole an I-Pad and an apron containing money. They took the keys out of her car and drove away in an orange sports car with a black stripe and Massachusetts plates. Tpr. Dodge broadcasted the description.

When **Inv. Theodore J. Levison** and **Tprs.**

Daniel W. Manor Jr. and **Brian D. Coakley** (SP Massena) spoke with the 34-year-old at his residence, he said that the other three men came to his house looking for the daughter and threatened to harm his son if he did not help them find her.

The man admitted to taking part in the invasion and was arrested for Burglary 2nd and Burglary 3rd.

With information that the three other men were in the Plattsburgh area, Sr. Inv. William J. Bronner and drug agents from Franklin County and Adirondack were contacted.

Armed with descriptions of the orange car and the three men, the vehicle was quickly located outside of a restaurant. The men were arrested for Burglary 2nd and Burglary 3rd.

One of the men was a 37-year-old gang member from New Jersey currently out on bail on federal racketeering charges

The other two men—a 22-year-old and a 42-year-old—were enforcers for a Canadian motorcycle gang.

COMMUNICATION SPECIALISTS HELPED SAVE SUICIDAL-MAN'S LIFE

December 2011 — **Communication Specialist Patrick E. Tromblee** (SP Lewis) received a call from a person concerned about a friend who threatened suicide on his Facebook post.

The caller was unsure of the friend's exact address in Elizabethtown. When responding troopers were unable to locate the man, C/S Tromblee was able to make telephone contact and found out that the man had stabbed himself and that the knife was still embedded in his abdomen.

When the man refused to give his address, C/S Tromblee used the man's IP address to get the man's address from his Internet provider.

Tpr. Ismael Ramos and **Tpr. Emanuel F. Rella** (SP Lewis) immediately went to the man's residence and saw him talking on the telephone and holding the embedded knife with his left hand.

When the troopers entered the apartment and spoke with the man, he kept telling them that he wanted to die. After trying to convince the man to release the knife and accept medical attention, he forcefully inserted the knife further into his abdomen at which point the troopers intervened and prevented him from self-inflicting further damage.

While the troopers were talking with the man, C/S Tromblee was monitoring the conversation over an open line and had alerted EMS, who responded immediately, stabilized the man and transported him to the hospital.

NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT UNIT HAS EXTREMELY PRODUCTIVE YEAR

2011 — Since being created to address and combat the flow of marijuana and narcotics into New York State and aggressively pursue drug dealers, 2011 was the Troop B Narcotics Enforcement Unit (NEU) most productive year.

The NEU was formed in response to the documented nexus between drugs and other criminal activity—violent and property crimes—which is complicated by Troop B's vast border between New York State and Canada.

The Unit covers five counties comprising of two cities, 86 towns and 26 villages; 131 miles of international border; two international

bridges, and 12 land border crossings covering 8,335 square miles (an area larger than the State of New Jersey).

NEU members are **Sr. Invs. Kurt D. Taylor, Edward A. Gibbs** and **William J. Bronner**, and **Invs. Michael N. Bousquet, Liane M. Colby, Richard J. Dumoulin, Jr., Dennis C. Dwyer II, Suzanne M. Ewing, R. Scott Norcross, Gary P. Snell, Jr.** and **Chad D. Tavernia**.

This year the Unit received assistance from **Tprs. Steven R. Bos, Jeremy P. Caruso, Sean R. Finn, Matthew X. Carniglia** and **Jody C. Winch** who were temporarily assigned to the Unit.

NEU personnel have identified, investigated and arrested marijuana and narcotics dealers, while providing assistance to outside local and federal agencies and maintaining a commitment to the various task forces in the region.

In addition to executing three large-scale arrest warrant raids in Essex and Franklin Counties, the Troop B-NEU:

- Made 152 purchases of marijuana and controlled substances
- Seized \$829,986.50
- Seized 1,517-plus pounds of processed marijuana and thousands of doses of narcotics
- Eradicated 6,406 marijuana plants.

These efforts resulted in 380 criminal charges against dozens of defendants.

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).

Troop C's Forensic Identification Unit is highly regarded for its meticulous crime scene investigation work. Its Scuba, Commercial Vehicle, and Accident Reconstruction experts provide valuable resources to law enforcement and criminal justice agencies across the Southern Tier.

Troop C

2011 SELECTED STATISTICS

CALLS FOR SERVICE: 42,851

VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW ENFORCEMENT

DWI Arrests: 989

Speed: 30,302

Safety Restraints: 6,568

Total V & T: 83,193

INDEX CRIMES

VIOLENT

PROPERTY

Murder: 3

Burglary: 469

Rape: 31

Larceny: 1,422

Robbery: 17

Motor Vehicle Theft: 63

Assault: 99

Part II Offenses: 7,187

POPULATION: 558,000 (approx.) **SERVICE TERRITORY:** 5,587 square miles

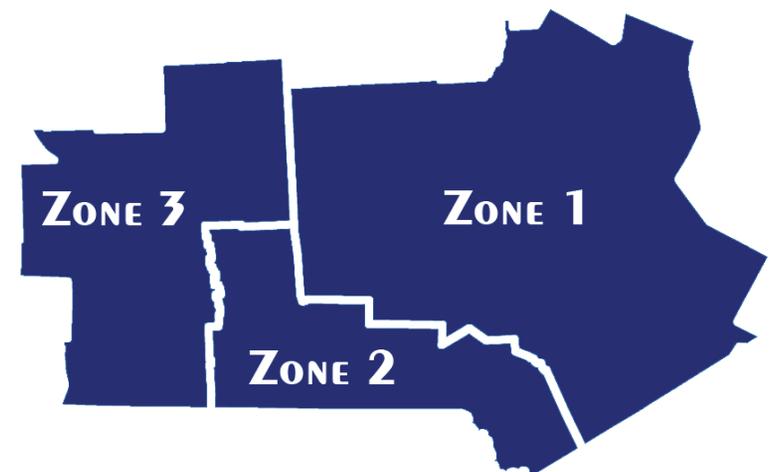
COUNTIES SERVED: Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Otsego, Tioga, Tompkins

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



TROOP C - 2011 INTERESTING CASES

Off Duty Trooper Identifies Significant Lead In Multiple Burglaries

At the beginning of the year, personnel in Troops C and D were receiving numerous reports of daytime residential burglaries where money, jewelry, weapons and electronics were being taken, along with pillow cases (the calling card of these suspects).

No solid leads or suspects were developed until early May, when **Inv. Dennis M. Dougherty** (SP Morrisville) received a report of a similar residential daytime burglary, in Lebanon, where several witnesses saw a dark-haired man and a blonde woman in the area operating a silver minivan.

During this same time, **Tpr. Jeremy M. Hicks** (SP Sidney) was off duty and shopping at a Square in Utica. While he was looking at some jewelry at a pawn shop, Tpr. Hicks chatted with an employee about the process of buying gold and silver.

The employee showed the trooper records of transactions for some of the jewelry that had been sold to this pawnshop and Tpr. Hicks recognized the names of two customers—people with whom he had had prior police contact in the Sidney area.

Tpr. Hicks learned that the customers had sold gold and jewelry to this pawn shop on numerous occasions and the employee recalled that the woman was blond and pregnant.

Tpr. Hicks secured copies of the receipts that

identified the customers and contacted **Invs. Laura A. Gregory** and **Jamie T. Bell** (SP Sidney).

Invs. Gregory and Bell worked with investigators in Troops C, D and G who, during the next few weeks, checked their local pawn shops for the names of the two customers.

Inv. William Dengler (SP Binghamton) located a Binghamton pawn shop where the man and woman had sold thousands of dollars worth of gold and silver over the past seven or eight months.

Although most of the jewelry had been shipped out or melted, there were numerous receipts documenting the transactions. The owner of the pawn shop further stated that the customers drove a silver minivan.

When he contacted other law enforcement agencies, Inv. Gregory learned of a burglary in the Fly Creek area where guns, jewelry and electronics had been taken and witnesses reported seeing a silver minivan.

Surveillances conducted by the State Police resulted in locating the silver minivan at a residence in a remote area outside of Oneonta and confirmed that it was being used by a man and woman.

Invs. Dougherty and Bell obtained a search warrant to install a GPS tracking device on the silver minivan. Once the GPS device was installed, it was monitored by **Inv. Scott J. Cipollina** (SIU Binghamton).

About two weeks after the GPS device was installed, **Sr. Inv. Daniel J. Bradshaw**, Invs.

Cipollina, Kinley C. Koop and **Michael I. Schreiber Jr.** (SIU Binghamton); **Invs. Terry L. Shultz** and **Michael A. Tullo** (VCIT) and Inv. William Dengler, assisted members of SP Sidney and Oneonta BCI with surveillance of the silver minivan.

During the course of the surveillance, Inv. Cipollina saw the man near a residence in Troop G. It was learned that residence had been burglarized of a flat screen television and jewelry.

Later that day, the detail took the man and woman into custody along with a third suspect, who was found in possession of a large amount of stolen property at his residence.

Search warrants were executed and resulted in the recovery of stolen property from various residences in at least seven NYS counties.

Bank Robber Found Hiding on Basement Shelf

April 21, 2011 — **Tprs. Timothy N. Reese** and **Jason S. Reigle** (SP Endwell Satellite) responded to a Broome County 911 dispatch to assist the Endicott PD with the armed robbery of a convenience store.

A man had entered the store, displayed a large butcher knife, and demanded cigarettes. The clerk pushed the robbery alarm and the robber fled the store as police approached.

T/Sgt. Joseph M. Hommel (SP Sidney) and **Tpr. Bruce C. Shive II** and **K-9 Lock** responded (SP Homer).

When a Broome County Sheriff's Deputy

reported where he lost sight of the suspect while pursuing on foot, the troopers secured the area for a search. A resident of one of the buildings told the troopers that he had heard glass breaking in the basement of his building.

The perimeter around the building was secured and Sgt. Hommel, Tprs. Reese and Shive with K-9 Lock and an Endicott Police Officer went in to search the basement.

They immediately located fresh blood on the floor of a laundry room, broken glass and fresh blood on a door leading to the rest of the basement and another closed door with blood near it.

The members forced entry through the closed door and located a 19-year-old man hiding on a shelf and K-9 Lock went to full guard position, nose to nose with the man.

The man was physically removed from the shelf and taken into custody without incident. He was charged with one count of Attempted Robbery 1st.

Off Duty Trooper Rescues Man From Burning Vehicle

May 26, 2011 — **Tpr. William J. Stanbro** (SP Ithaca) was off duty and on his way to bed when he heard a loud crash in front of his residence.

When he looked outside and saw a vehicle's headlights and smoke coming from a vehicle, Tpr. Stanbro ran outside and found a demolished Jeep occupied by a semi-conscious driver.

The smoking vehicle erupted into flames as Tpr. Stanbro approached the driver. He yelled at the driver to get out of the vehicle. The

operator became more alert, refused to exit the burning vehicle and complained that one of his legs was stuck and believed that it may be broken.

Finding the driver's door jammed, Tpr. Stanbro partially entered the burning vehicle through the broken driver's side window and attempted to pull the operator out of the vehicle to safety. The driver remained argumentative and physically resisted being extricated.

As the flames spread over the windshield, the persistent trooper was able to remove the driver through the vehicle window and away from the vehicle.

Tpr. Stanbro had to restrain the driver from returning to the burning vehicle to retrieve personal property, while calling for emergency personnel to assist at the scene.

Investigation into the accident revealed that the highly intoxicated driver left the roadway, hit a culvert pipe, became airborne, vaulted and landed back in the roadway.

Traffic Stop Leads To Arrest of Heroin Trafficker

May 22, 2011 – **Tpr. Ronald F. Lussi** (SP Binghamton) stopped a car for speeding 84 mph in a 65 mph zone northbound on Interstate 81 in Kirkwood. The driver, who was the lone occupant of the rental car from New Jersey, immediately told Tpr. Lussi that he did not have a license.

Initially, the 42-year-old Brooklyn man stated he was en route to a hospital in Syracuse to see his wife.

Upon questioning, the man said the woman wasn't his wife and he did not know the name

or location of the hospital he was going to.

A driver's license check showed the man's operating privileges were suspended in New York State and that he was also currently on parole for a weapons charge.

Tpr. Lussi had the man exit the vehicle and, as he did so, the man reached into his front waistband. Tpr. Lussi told him to keep his hands away from his waistband, but the man reached into his waistband again. Tpr. Lussi handcuffed the man and took him into custody for Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 3rd and called for assistance and a tow truck.

Inv. Dianne A. Hall (SP Binghamton) and **Tpr. Timothy S. Conklin** (SP Gateway Satellite) responded.

Tpr. Lussi conducted a vehicle inventory and located a black nylon bag on the passenger side floor. The bag contained a very large quantity of individual packets of heroin.

The vehicle, drugs and defendant were all taken to SP Binghamton for further investigation.

The man was charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 2nd and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd. The officers secured 7,651 packets of heroin, six active cell phones, an iPod and a laptop computer.

Traffic Stop Leads To Drug Arrest

June 25, 2011 — **Tpr. Dennis M. Mullen** (SP Owego) was patrolling on State Route 34, in Spencer, at about 10:45 p.m. when he saw a vehicle with inadequate exhaust and no working plate lamp.

The trooper conducted a Vehicle and Traffic Law stop on the vehicle occupied by the driver and three passengers. **Tpr. Kevin M. Backer** (SP Owego) was called to assist and arrived moments later.

During interview, the operator became noticeably agitated and evasive when asked basic questions. Tpr. Mullen suspected that there may be further criminal activity involved and both troopers detected an odor of marihuana.

When **Tpr. Jeremiah R. Allen** (SP Owego) responded as requested, a probable cause search of the vehicle was conducted.

The search resulted in the arrest of the occupants and the seizure of over 25 grams of ecstasy, about 29 grams of cocaine, ¼ pound of marihuana and over \$2,000 in cash.

Inv. Michael E. Myers (SP Owego BCI) responded to SP Owego to assist with the investigation.

One person was charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 2nd and the other three were charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd.

TROPICAL STORM IRENE STRUCK DELAWARE COUNTY

August 28, 2011 — Tropical Storm Irene's rains washed out roads and caused widespread power outages. Buildings and homes were inundated with water and mud. Margaretville, Roxbury, Arkville, Fleischmanns and Downsville were declared in a State of Emergency.

The NYSP established an Emergency Operations Center in Delhi and the following

officers reported to assist: **Inv. Jeffrey K. Moore, Z/Sgt. Gary A. Leahy, Tprs. Jamie L. Innes and Shane M. Long** (SP Oneonta); **Sgt/SC Andrew W. Leahy, Sgt. Matthew R. Barlow, Tprs. Richard A. Cecce, Michael A. Paoli, Ralph D. Reed, Benjamin J. Fasano and Erick J. McLaughlin** (SP Margaretville); **Tprs. Matthew J. Gombosi, Matthew G. Strobeck, Douglas E. Marschilok, Brian Dengler** (SP Stamford), and **Tpr. Daniel K. Butler** (SP Richfield Springs).

The officers were tasked with:

- Securing heavily damaged businesses and homes from potential looters
- Re-routing traffic away from the disaster area
- Finding a way of getting supplies into the flood area
- Evacuating and assisting displaced residents to find a shelter
- Assisting other responding agencies and organizations

Sort-Capital members Sgt/SC Shad M. Crowe, T/Sgt. Donald L. Kinne, Tprs. John W. Casey, Robert W. Grace, Joshua P. Galvin, Jeffrey F. Levin, Jason M. Fitzpatrick and Clifton C. Wood responded to help with the search and rescue of flood victims trapped in their homes.

Troopers evacuated people from a 20-mile stretch between Downsville and East Branch very early in the morning when a water level reading at the Pepacton Reservoir Dam indicated that a dam may fail.

While Tprs. Paoli and Butler started evacuating people in Downsville and worked their way south, **Sgt/SC Todd M. Burdick**

and **Tpr. Alan S. Begeal** (SP Deposit) and **Tpr. Timothy F. Kressly** (SP Owego) began evacuating residences in East Branch and worked their way north.

The evacuation was complicated when officers discovered a 57-year-old man who had committed suicide. **Inv. Dianne A. Hall** and **Tpr. Patrick G. Arrigan** (SP Deposit) and **Tpr. Timothy J. Tuttle** (SP Binghamton) responded to investigate the incident.

NYSP personnel, working with many other responding agencies, safely evacuated hundreds of people from their homes with minimal loss of life.

FORT DRUM MILITARY ESCAPEE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY

September 17, 2011 - About 1:50 a.m., a 20-year-old armed and dangerous fugitive, who had escaped from Fort Drum military custody, stole a vehicle and led Tomkins County Sheriff's Department patrols on a high-speed chase.

The pursuit led into Cortland County where the man abandoned the vehicle and fled on foot into a wooded area.

State Police, Tompkins and Cortland County Sheriff's Departments and Dryden Police Department responded to assist and quickly established a perimeter under the direction of **Sgt. John L. Hooker Jr.** (SP Ithaca).

Lt. Daniel E. Hodack Jr. (Acting Zone III Commander SP Ithaca) and **Lt. Stephen T. Farago** (Acting Administrative Captain, Headquarters) established a command post at the Dryden Fire Department to direct the ongoing search operations.

Throughout the next 13 hours, the perimeter

was maintained and search operations conducted by Division Aviation, Division K-9, SORT, BCI and Uniform personnel, assisted by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, NYS Forest Rangers, Tompkins and Cortland County Sheriff's Departments and Dryden Police Department.

Under the direction of **Lt. William F. McEvoy** (BCI), **Acting Sr. Inv. Richard G. Haas Jr.**, **Invs. Richard H. Prunier** and **Raymond T. Roberts** (SP Ithaca) gathered information on the man's family and associates.

Sr. Inv. Leslie T. Hyman, **Invs. Michael A. Tullo**, **Matthew G. Hicks**, and **Michael G. MacInerney** (Major Crimes Unit) monitored the man's cellular phone and tracked his movements.

The fugitive's parents were monitored by BCI personnel at the command post and in the field and, at about 3:20 p.m., the parents, attempting to rendezvous with their son and help him get away, entered the area near the perimeter.

They were detained and held for interview purposes. The mother's cell phone, which had been used to contact the fugitive, was confiscated.

Using the phone, Inv. Prunier called the fugitive and convinced him to peacefully surrender by walking out to the roadway, unarmed. The man was taken into custody without further incident.

Traffic Stop Leads to the Arrest of 29 Illegal Immigrants

September 27, 2011 – **Tpr. George F. Hafele Jr.** (Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit) on patrol on State Route 12 in Norwich saw

a white Ford Econoline E350 van pulling a small box trailer, both of which had out-of-state plates.

Tpr. Hafele had seen this van in the Norwich area for several days and believed it was in commercial operation working in the local area. Because the vehicle had no DOT markings or company name on it, the trooper conducted a commercial vehicle inspection stop on the van.

When he approached the 15-passenger van and interviewed the driver, Tpr. Hafele found that there were 16 men in the van none of whom could provide any type of identification aside from an unofficial-type ID card. Most of the men were from Guatemala and the rest from Mexico.

Tpr. Hafele contacted the owner of the company, who was in the area, and requested that he come to the scene. By this time, **Tpr. Jeremy M. Furman** (SP Norwich) arrived to assist.

The owner arrived in another Ford Econoline E350 15-passenger van also full of men and women. Since this vehicle stop was adjacent to SP Norwich, the vans were directed to pull into the SP Norwich station parking lot for further investigation.

Assisted by **Inv. Michelle M. Marshall** (SP Norwich), **Tpr. Robert M. Allen** (TIM) and **T/Sgt. Kathleen M. Hafele** (SP Sidney), Tpr. Hafele determined that 29 of the 30 men and women, including the owner of the company, were illegal entrants or overstays in the United States and contacted the United States Border Patrol in Oswego.

The United States Border Patrol took the suspects into custody and transported them to the Border Patrol Station for processing.

Woman's Overdose Leads to Illicit Methamphetamine Lab

October 10, 2011 — **Tprs. Dennis M. Mullen** and **David W. Sersen** (SP Owego) responded to a Tioga County 911 call to assist the Lockwood Fire Department and Greater Valley EMS crews with an agitated and unruly Lockwood resident who had apparently overdosed.

When they arrived they found the woman and EMS personnel waiting in an ambulance. The woman was in possession of more than a quarter gram of methamphetamine.

She admitted to possessing and injecting the illicit drug that was provided to her by her brother-in-law who was in the residence.

Tpr. Mullen secured the brother-in-law who admitted providing her the drug after producing the methamphetamine using the "one pot method"—a crude and highly dangerous manner.

A precursory search of the residence produced the hypodermic needle used by the woman and materials used in meth production.

Tpr. Mullen notified **Z/Sgt. Robert A. Kidder** (SP Ithaca) of his observations and requested assistance.

Sgt/SC Martin N. Kopcho (SP Owego/CCSERT) responded to assist and secured the crime scene. Based upon what he found and the statements of the man and woman, Sgt/SC Kopcho advised **Inv. Patrick M. DiPirro** (CNET Central / CCSERT Central Team Leader) who deployed a team to the scene.

The CCSERT donned respiratory protection

and protective gear and secured the highly volatile and hazardous remnants of the “one-pot method” production and all the materials used in this method.

Due to this highly toxic and volatile method of methamphetamine production, two chemists from the State Police Crime Laboratory responded to assist CCSERT members in the identification of illicit drugs and various unlabeled or mixed chemicals involved in this incident.

What initially appeared to be a “routine” call for assistance to EMS for an overdose, led to the discovery of an illicit methamphetamine manufacturing site and the prosecution of the man and woman for Unlawful Manufacture of Methamphetamine 3rd.

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.

Troop D

2011 SELECTED STATISTICS

CALLS FOR SERVICE: 69,222

VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW ENFORCEMENT

DWI Arrests: 1,253	Speed: 25,524
Safety Restraints: 7,863	Total V & T: 101,137

INDEX CRIMES

VIOLENT	PROPERTY
Murder: 4	Burglary: 945
Rape: 45	Larceny: 2,536
Robbery: 18	Motor Vehicle Theft: 116
Assault: 174	Part II Offenses: 10,442

POPULATION: 1.1 million (approx.) **SERVICE TERRITORY:** 7,587 square miles

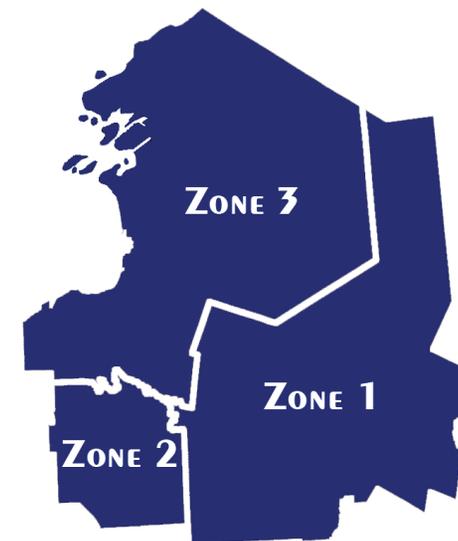
COUNTIES SERVED: Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego

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



TROOP D - 2011 INTERESTING CASES

FLOODING, DEDICATION AND SENSITIVE NOSE CLOSED DOWN MARIHUANA GROW

April 29, 2011 — When **Tpr. Gary L. Parker Jr.** (SP Carthage) was dispatched to a dead-end road in Denmark to investigate a complaint, he found the road was impassable due to flooding and rising waters of the Black River. The only way to check on a residence was by boat.

Tpr. Dennis J. Tiberend (SP Carthage) and the Jefferson County S.T.A.R. Dive team arrived to assist. Working together the officers gave those in residence a chance to evacuate.

Since a short section of the road was still above water, the troopers checked the homes in this section on foot.

In the process, Tpr. Parker noticed that what appeared to be an abandoned trailer with its windows and doors boarded up had a furnace running inside and an infrared surveillance camera on a utility pole outside.

When Tpr. Parker detected a strong odor of marihuana emanating from the building, he and Tpr. Tiberend secured a perimeter around the two trailers located on the property and contacted **Sgt./SC Christopher J. Clark** (SP Carthage).

Sgt./SC Clark responded to the location and, then, contacted **Sr/Inv. John M. Pignone** (H - CNET Central) in order to obtain a search warrant.

On his way from the site to provide a

supporting deposition, Tpr. Parker ran into the property owner and, as soon as the man admitted to owning the trailers, took him into custody to await the results of the search.

When the man was searched, he was in possession a loaded .38 caliber revolver.

CNET Invs. Pignone, Keith W. Fox and **John C. Evans** and **Tprs. Michael A. Fayle** and **David M. Kidder** (SP Lowville) executed a search warrant and found an elaborate hydroponic marihuana grow operation in the first trailer and 193 marihuana plants in various stages of growth.

The second trailer had marihuana drying on the living room floor and hanging in a bedroom.

The property owner was charged with Criminal Possession of Marihuana 1st and Unlawful Growing of Cannabis.

TROOPER'S SENSITIVITY HELPS FELLOW OFFICERS

June 21, 2011 — **Tpr. Shane D. Treen** (SP Marcy) heard Oneida County 911 Center dispatch two deputies from the Oneida County Sheriff's Office to a complaint of a man armed with a loaded firearm—a possible Mental Health Law violation.

Knowing that the Oneida County Sheriff's Office had recently dealt with a deputy being shot and killed during a similar incident, Tpr. Treen responded to assist and contacted the deputies on car-to-car. The officers met down the road from the man's residence to formulate a plan.

After Tpr. Treen devised a plan to safely approach the man's residence, he and the deputies approached the private road.

The trooper parked his patrol vehicle in a neighbor's driveway two houses down from the man's residence, advised the neighbor of the situation and told them to stay inside, then took up a safe position with his patrol rifle behind a shed on the property.

When Oneida County 911 contacted the man on the phone, he told them that he had a loaded firearm. Then, he left his property, walked onto the road and shot a round into the air from his bolt action rifle.

As the man walked towards the officers, Tpr. Treen commanded the man to drop the firearm.

When the man refused and pointed the firearm at Tpr. Treen, Tpr. Treen shot the man with his patrol rifle, striking him in both hands.

The suspect immediately fell to the ground and was taken into custody without further incident.

PEDOPHILE HOODWINKED BY INVESTIGATOR AND ARRESTED

August 29, 2011 — Based on information received, **Inv. Stephen P. Kealy** (SP Watertown) began to investigate correspondence on a social networking site between a 15-year-old boy and a male adult.

The man was soliciting the boy for sexual means using explicit conversation about sexual preferences, experiences, potential plans to meet for the purpose of engaging in

sexual contact and nude photographs of the man.

Inv. Kealy contacted **Inv. Todd F. Grant** (H-Computer Crimes) who took over the social networking accounts and, impersonating the boy, continued to communicate with the man.

During subsequent on-line chats, Inv. Grant was able to get the man's name and "arrange" a meeting for the man to engage in sexually explicit activities.

The investigators established a surveillance detail at the location. When the man arrived, he was arrested and made a full confession.

He was charged with Possessing a Sexual Performance by a Child and Disseminating Indecent Material to Minors 1st.

TROOPERS RISK LIVES TO RESCUE VICTIMS OF FIRE

September 8, 2011 — **Tprs. Daniel A. Buckley** and **Jonathon R. Pelton** (SP Pulaski) were dispatched to a Village of Mexico structure fire where people were trapped inside.

Tprs. Buckley and Pelton arrived before the fire department and saw the building fully involved with fire and heavy smoke.

A 41-year-old injured man was standing in the driveway and said his parents were still in the residence.

Tpr. Buckley went to a sliding glass door on the side of the residence and found the semi-conscious elderly man on his hands and knees inside the doorway. He and the son were able to pull the man to safety.

In an attempt to find the man's mother, Tpr. Pelton tried to enter the house from another

door but was driven back by the intense fire and smoke. Then, both troopers made another attempt at entering the house through the sliding door and, again, were driven back by the intense fire.

The troopers made several more attempts, but were constantly driven back by the fire's smoke and heat.

It took the Mexico Fire Department about an hour to extinguish the fire.

The woman perished in the fire; both troopers suffered from smoke inhalation.

48-HOUR, MULTI-OFFICER INVESTIGATION ENDS IN ARREST FOR MURDER

September 27, 2011 — **Tpr. Susannah L. Rose** (SP Herkimer) was the first responder to a 911 call from a Little Falls resident who found a dead man in a field.

When **Invs. Frank A. Spatto** and **Benjamin F. Scalise Jr.** (SP Herkimer) arrived they found a deceased, elderly man with loosely bound hands and feet having injuries consistent with being run over by a vehicle.

The victim's vehicle was at the scene, but did not appear to be the vehicle used in the homicide. The man's wallet was found a short distance from his body; it contained no money.

While interviewing neighbors, **Tpr. Kenneth W. Lawrence Jr.** (TIM) was given the name



DEPRESSED MAN GETS HELP IN COMMITTING SUICIDE: Sr. Inv. Musco Millner III, Troop D FIU, documents forensic evidence at the scene of a homicide where an elderly man enlisted a woman to run him over with his car and kill him.

of a person who had seen a suspicious vehicle in the area. When **Inv. David H. Verne** (SP Oneida) and **Inv. William B. Keiffer** (SP Herkimer) talked to the person, he told them that he had saw a dark colored Chrysler parked in a field adjacent to the road on which he was traveling.

He said that he saw a person near the car illuminated by what appeared to be an open cell phone and "a large object" by the passenger side of the car that appeared to be a body.

After receiving a call from a New Jersey woman who said that she knew the deceased, **Inv. Allen V. Svitak Jr.** (SP Marcy) learned that the elderly man would visit the restaurant run by the woman and confided in her that he had been depressed since 2003 when his daughter had died of cancer.

She further said that one time the man asked her to help him kill himself by "running me over in the Ilion Gorge; they'll think it was a

prostitute.”

After conducting an analysis of the victim’s cellular telephone, **Inv. Timothy M. Kelly** (VCIT) found that several calls had been made the evening before to and from a phone belonging to a Little Falls woman and that the phone was currently being used by a male parolee.

Inv. Keiffer and NYS Parole Officer Jeffrey Stewart located and interviewed the parolee who told them that his girlfriend knew the victim from a German social club and had received rides and other assistance from the elderly man.

While attempting to locate the girlfriend, **Invs. Dennis M. Dougherty** and **Mark D. Nell** (SP Oneida) interviewed a friend of the couple who, eventually, admitted that both subjects had stayed with her the night before the victim was located and that the girlfriend had borrowed her car – a blue Chrysler Pacifica. Further, she said that when it was returned the car was covered in mud and grass.

During an additional interview, the parolee admitted that his girlfriend had told him that the victim had asked her to kill him and had signed over his insurance policies to her. Also, that his girlfriend had borrowed the Chrysler and had a small amount of money when she returned that she didn’t have when she left.

When she was located and interviewed by Inv. Scalise, the woman admitted that she and the victim had been planning to stage his death as a homicide for several months and that the victim had told her that, if she killed him, she would get more than \$180,000 from the insurance policy he had signed over to her.

She continued her story saying she borrowed the Chrysler, followed the man to the pre-determined spot in a farmer’s field and that the man brought ropes with him and bound himself. Also, the man brought perfume and lipstick that he wanted her to put on him once he was dead so it would look like a prostitute had killed him.

He told her to take the money from his wallet, then, laid down behind the Chrysler so she could run him over.

She said that after she backed over him, then ran over him, she got out and made sure he was dead. She chose not to put the perfume and lipstick on him. She emptied his wallet and discarded it, threw the perfume and lipstick in a dumpster and returned the car to her friend.

The woman was arrested on Murder 2nd. She entered a guilty plea to Attempted Murder 2nd and was sentenced to 16 years in state prison.

Employer Abusing Condition of Employment Charged for Sexual Abuse

October 1, 2011 — When **Inv. Mark D. Nell** (SP Oneida) interviewed a 24-year-old woman relative to a possible Forcible Touching complaint, she reported that when she was interviewed for employment at a Cazenovia funeral home the owner of the funeral home said that part of the employment process was to be physically examined by him to see if she would have any reaction when exposed to Formaldehyde.

She consented to this examination as a condition of employment. The examination

consisted of the funeral home owner performing a complete head to toe examination of her unclothed body, including a physical examination of her private parts.

She said that during this process, the funeral home owner was making inappropriate and sexual comments about her and her body.

When the owner was interviewed, he confirmed that this examination was the policy of his funeral home. Based on the recommendation of the Madison County District Attorney’s office, the owner was charged with Sexual Abuse 3rd and Forcible Touching.

Over the next several weeks, about 40 former employees – ranging in age from 15 to 23 at the time of the incidents – were located and interviewed. It was learned that the owner had performed this same examination on a number of female and male employees dating back to 2006.

Based on the additional information, the funeral home owner was charged with four additional counts of Sexual Abuse 3rd and one count of Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

Anonymous Tip Prevented Violent Home Invasion

October 21, 2011 — **Tprs. Carl W. Parow** and **Jason S. Walker** (SP Herkimer) received an anonymous tip that several men, armed with handguns and long guns, were planning to enter a residence at a Schuyler trailer park.

Although, when the troopers first checked the trailer park they found nothing, they remained close and monitored traffic.

About an hour later, as a green van turned

onto the road leading to the first trailer park, the driver shut off all the lights and continued down the road.

The troopers followed the van into the trailer park and transmitted the van's registration. When the van stopped, they approached the van and asked the three occupants why they were in the area.

When the reason for being there was not credible, Tpr. Parow and Officer William Preuss, Frankfort Police Department, who had responded to assist, asked the rear seat passenger to exit the van so they could talk to him.

While the subject was exiting, Tpr. Parow saw what appeared to be an AK-47 assault rifle partially concealed underneath the back seat and immediately took the passenger into custody.

While Officer Preuss secured the back seat passenger, Tpr. Parow drew his gun and ordered the driver and front seat passenger to exit the vehicle. The two did not comply until Tpr. Walker observed their refusal and drew his gun.

In addition to the AK-47 assault rifle, a search of the vehicle produced a loaded 7.62 SKS semi-automatic assault rifle and a loaded Beretta .32 semi-automatic handgun (which had been reported stolen).

Criminal history inquiries revealed all three men were convicted felons and they were charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd, Criminal Possession of a Weapon 4th and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 4th.

Troop E

2011 SELECTED STATISTICS

CALLS FOR SERVICE: 61,986

VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW ENFORCEMENT

DWI Arrests: 1,237

Speed: 29,707

Safety Restraints: 8,590

Total V & T: 110,665

INDEX CRIMES

Violent

Murder: 3

Rape: 59

Robbery: 16

Assault: 174

PROPERTY

Burglary: 471

Larceny: 1,598

Motor Vehicle Theft: 89

Part II Offenses: 8,033

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

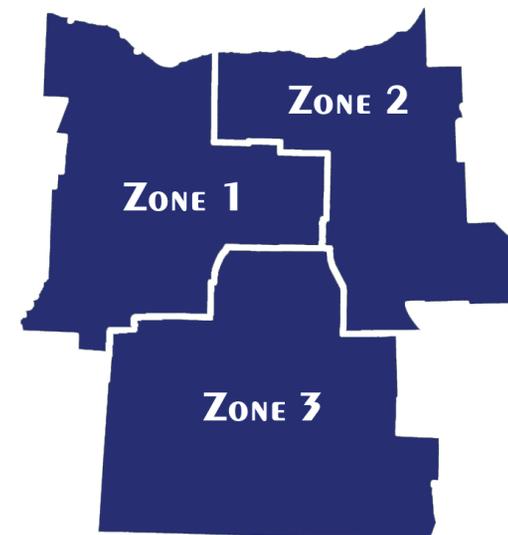
COUNTIES SERVED: Cayuga, Chemung, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Yates

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



TROOP E - 2011 INTERESTING CASES

PAROLEE ASSAULTS WOMAN; SMASHES STOLEN VEHICLE TRYING TO ESCAPE

January 2011 — **Tprs. Eric R. Salamone** and **David J. Feeney** (SP Rochester) were on Operation Impact patrol in Rochester when they saw car that had been stolen earlier in the evening.

A woman reported that a man knocked on her front door, said he needed help with his car and asked if he could speak to her husband.

When she said she did not have a husband, the man punched her in the face and forced her roommate to the ground. The man took a money order and her car keys and fled in her car.

The troopers notified Monroe County of the situation and, while they waited for other police patrols to respond, the man attempted to flee and struck another vehicle.

The troopers initiated a traffic stop, but the man failed to comply. While being pursued, the man lost control of the car, hit several wooden posts and, then, jumped out of the car and fled on foot.

He was quickly apprehended by the troopers and officers from the Rochester Police Department.

The man, who was positively identified by the victims as the person who committed the home invasion robbery, was on parole for Burglary 2nd.

He was charged with Burglary 1st, Robbery 2nd, Assault 2nd, Resisting Arrest and Obstructing Governmental Administration 2nd.

Off-duty Trooper Sees Suspicious Activity; Averts Rail Accident

February 2011 — Off-duty, **Tpr. Robert R. Lerch Jr.** (SP Waterloo) was driving north on State Rte 96A in his personal vehicle when he saw three men walking from a Waterloo trailer park.

He recognized one of the men as having been previously involved in several scrap metal larcenies and drug possession cases. The man was pulling what appeared to be an empty children's sled and walking with two other men, one of whom was wearing a black knit cap.

Tpr. Lerch continued to watch them in his rear view mirror and saw them cross the four-lane highway and continued down into Finger Lakes Railway railroad bed.

Upon his return, about 20 minutes later, Tpr. Lerch saw the man with the black knit hat standing on the shoulder of the road and looking toward the railroad tracks. Also, he noticed footprints and sled tracks in the snow heading toward the railroad.

The trooper contacted **Inv. Joshua J. Olschewske** (SP Waterloo), described the three men and told him about the suspicious activity.

Inv. Olschewske radioed **Tprs. Ronald R. Rogers** and **Mark D. Champlin** (SP Waterloo) who drove to the area. Overhearing the call, **Tprs. Steven M. Kelley** (SP Waterloo) **David W. Pearse Jr.** (SP Williamson) and NYS DEC Officer arrived to assist, as did Invs. Olschewske and **John**

Lotemple (SP Waterloo).

The men had dismantled a railroad switch that controls the direction of the train at two adjoining tracks, loaded it onto a sled and were attempting to pull it up to the road.

The officers took the three men into custody without incident and contacted the Finger Lakes Railroad. A representative of the Railroad told them that if a train had traveled that area of the track it would have been derailed.

The three men were charged with one count each of Possession of Burglar Tools and Petit Larceny.

WOMAN DIES FROM METH LAB FIRE; TWO INDICTED FOR MANSLAUGHTER

May 2011 — SP Horseheads were responding to a structure fire at a log cabin in Baldwin when they received a report that a couple were at a hospital in Sayre, PA with



REMAINS OF METH LAB FIRE: State police crime scene technicians and state and fire investigators examine the charred remains of a cabin destroyed by a meth lab fire that killed a woman and severely burned a man.

burn injuries from the fire.

The woman, who had been burned over 85% of her body, died from her injuries.

Fire investigators and state police crime scene technicians found several items used to manufacture methamphetamine in the charred remains of the log cabin.

A large-scale investigation involving BCI SP Horseheads, CNET-South and state and local fire investigators, resulted in the owner of the cabin and an acquaintance admitting to causing the fire while illegally producing methamphetamine. They were indicted for Manslaughter.

Information gained during this investigation lead to the discovery of the largest illegal methamphetamine producing laboratory in state history.

DEFECTIVE TIRE CAUSED TWO DEATHS AND 30 INJURIES IN TOUR BUS ACCIDENT

July 2011 — **Tpr. Joshua D. Bacon** (SP Wayland) was the first to arrive on the scene of a bus accident on Interstate 390 in Avoca.

A fully loaded tour bus, traveling from Washington, DC to Niagara Falls, had drifted from the roadway, slid down an embankment, overturned onto its side and came to rest in a wooded area trapping many of the passengers inside and under the bus.

A mass casualty response was initiated and fire and emergency medical service personnel rushed to the scene to assist State Police BCI, Uniform personnel and members of the Forensic Investigation, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement and Collision Reconstruction



Tour Bus Accident Kills 2, Injures 30: State Police Uniform and BCI personnel on the scene when tour bus is lifted from bottom of an embankment where it turned onto its side trapping many inside and under the bus.

Units.

Local hospital resources were pushed to their limits caring for the victims, most of whom were visiting from India. Two passengers were killed and 30 were injured.

In the investigation that followed, Collision Reconstruction Unit members analyzed witness statements, measurements and evidence recovered from the scene, and concluded that a defective front tire caused the accident.

MAN STEALS FROM STORES; SELL PRODUCTS TO OTHER STORES

July 27, 2011 — **Tprs. Steven L. Mowers** and **Jason T. Mulcahy** (SP Williamson) were dispatched to a larceny in progress at a Williamson drug store.

While enroute, Tpr. Mulcahy saw the suspect vehicle a short distance from the store and, when the man saw Tpr. Mulcahy, he exited

the vehicle and fled on foot. Tpr. Mulcahy pursued him and was able to take him into custody without incident.

The trooper recovered four cans of Enfamil infant formula that were partially covered in leaves in the area where he arrested the suspect.

Tpr. Mowers obtained a supporting deposition from the store manager who identified the man and provided a list of items that had been stolen from the store.

When the troopers inventoried the vehicle at the scene, they found 100-plus toiletry items, 50 candy bars and a crack pipe.

The man was charged with Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 5th, Petit Larceny, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th and Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 2nd. He was arraigned and remanded in lieu of \$5,000 bail or \$10,000 bond.

It was discovered that the robber had been routinely stealing items from stores and selling them to other stores for a profit.

Note: January 16, 2012 — Tprs. Mowers and **Eric K. Fuenfstueck** (SP Williamson) were dispatched to a larceny in progress at a dollar-store in Williamson.

When the vehicle was stopped, the driver was the same man arrested by Tpr. Mowers in July 2011 and the vehicle was loaded with items that had been stolen from area stores.

SUICIDAL MAN LOCATED IN BAR; THREATENED TO KILL OFFICERS

August 2011 — **Tpr. Danielle M. Quill** (SP Bath) received a report of a man who had

been involved in a scuffle at a bar, then left saying he was going to kill himself. The trooper requested SP Canandaigua to broadcast the information troop-wide.

Z/Sgt. Mark F. Cleveland (SP Bath) contacted the cell company to have the man's phone triangulated and identified a location in Farmington.

Tprs. John F. Allen, Eric J. Bergstresser and Sean H. Wagner (SP Canandaigua) patrolled the area looking for the man's vehicle and found it parked at the local bar.

Two of the troopers entered through the front door, while the third went through the rear and found the man sitting at the bar. Tpr. Wagner talked the man into leaving the building.

Once outside, Tprs. Wagner and Bergstresser talked to the man and found a loaded .38 caliber firearm in the man's front pocket.

When Tpr. Allen checked the man's vehicle, he found an unloaded black powder handgun and a loaded .45 caliber handgun.

At the same time the troopers were approaching the man, the bartender was reporting to 911 that he had overheard a phone call made by the man who said that he knew the police were looking for him and that he was going to kill them.

The man was arrested and charged with two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd.

REINTRODUCTION TO CRACK COCAINE LEAD MAN TO COMMIT ROBBERY

September 2011 — **Tpr. Thomas A. Shultz** (SP Geneseo) responded to a robbery at North Dansville gas station where a man,

wearing a white hoodie splattered with paint entered store and left with \$130.

When Tpr. Schultz talked to the store employees he learned that the man entered the store twice. The first time he was startled by the manager and left. When he re-entered the store displaying a handgun, the two employees locked themselves in a rear office and the man took the money and left.

The trooper reviewed the security video and broadcast a description of the suspect to area and regional patrols.

About an hour later, **Tpr. Brent S. Bernard** (SP Rochester), who was 60 miles away in Rochester on routine patrol, spotted a white car with a license plate containing a series of letters not regularly seen in the Rochester area. He ran a DMV data check and found that the vehicle was registered to a Dansville address.

Aware of the earlier robbery in North Dansville, he pulled alongside of the car and noted that the operator fit the description of the robbery suspect. Tpr. Bernard followed the car and, when he saw that one of the brake lights was out, he made a traffic stop.

When the 35-year-old operator did not have a driver's license and his reason for being in Rochester made little sense, Tpr. Bernard secured him and did a cursory search of the vehicle. He found a black BB gun and the white hoodie with paint splatters under the front seat.

Tpr. Bernard contacted members at the robbery scene, told them about the traffic stop and transported the man to SP Rochester where he was interviewed by **Inv. Aaron B. Dake** (SP Geneseo).

The man confessed to the robbery and admitted to recent crack cocaine use after having been drug-free for years. He was charged with Robbery 2nd.

SIMPLE TRAFFIC STOP LED TO TROOPERS DODGING BULLETS

September 27, 2011 — When **Tprs. Thomas J. Khork** (SP North Hornell) and **Joshua D. Bacon** (SP Wayland) initiated a traffic stop on a truck in North Hornell, around 3:00 a.m., the driver lead them on a short pursuit, rammed their patrol vehicle and took off.

When the troopers caught up to the truck—driven by a man with a female passenger—the man extend a long-gun out of the sliding rear window of the truck and fired multiple rounds. The troopers backed off and, after being assured that neither of them were injured, quickly checked their vehicle for damage.

The incident was responded to by Uniform and BCI members from Bath, Wayland and Painted Post; Troop E Forensic Investigation Unit (FIU); Counter Terrorism Intelligence Unit (CTIU) and the Violent Felony Warrant squad (VFW).

The truck displayed a Pennsylvania license plate. When the Pennsylvania State Police were contacted, they responded with the address of the registered owner. When the Pennsylvania State police spoke with the registered owner, he said that he had sold the truck to a guy named "Rich" from New York.

After receiving information about a woman who may have been involved in the incident, she was quickly located and interviewed by BCI members. The woman said that she

overheard her husband talking to his friend, Rich, earlier that morning, and that she heard him tell Rich that he couldn't believe that Rich had run from the cops.

When her husband was interviewed, he admitted that he had picked up Rich and a woman near where the pursuit had taken place and took them to another friend's trailer.

Responding to the trailer, SP Amity Uniform and BCI members surrounded the trailer and made numerous attempts to contact the occupants with negative results.

Then, SORT-Western introduced tear gas into the trailer and within moments, a man and woman jumped from a rear window and were taken into custody.

When **Invs. John D. McNelis** (SP Wayland) and **Donald J. Rodbourn** (SP Bath) interviewed the 38-year-old man, he admitted that he had been involved in the pursuit and that he fired at them because he wanted them to leave him alone. He knew that he didn't have a license and thought that there may have been a warrant for him.

Invs. Jeremy T. Kierst (SP Wayland) and **Marci A. Trimble** (SP Bath) interviewed the 19-year-old woman who gave a similar version of events, but denied helping the man in any way.

When the pickup was located in the woods, FIU members saw a single-shot style shotgun in plain view inside the truck. There were no spent casings in or near the gun.

Armed with this information, Invs. McNelis and Rodbourn confronted the driver, who admitted that he had buried the gun he used during the pursuit in the woods and led the investigators to it.

Also, the man admitted that the gun had jammed on the third shot or he would have kept on firing. The gun was a SKS-style 7.62 mm assault weapon with a round in the chamber and 19 rounds in the magazine.

Later, bags full of ammunition were found in the pickup truck.

When the FIU members examined the patrol vehicle, they located a large caliber bullet hole in the door pillar that was not visible with the door closed directly behind where Tpr. Khork had been sitting.

The 38-year-old man had an extensive criminal record and was charged with two counts of Attempted Murder 1st, a weapons charge and jailed in Steuben County Jail without bail.

DEPRESSED MAN THREATENS TO BURN HOUSE AND KILL HIMSELF

December 20, 2011 — **Tprs. David G. Brown** and **Brandon M. Salyerds** (SP Painted Post) were dispatched to a verbal domestic in Tuscarora involving an intoxicated man who had poured gasoline on the floor and barricaded himself inside his house.

When the troopers arrived they found that man's wife and young daughter had escaped unharmed.

Tpr. Brown was acquainted with the 49-year-old man and was able to talk to him. After he told the trooper that he was depressed and was going to light his house on fire and then shoot himself, the man terminated the conversation.

Sgt. Donald W. Brietzke (SP Wayland) and **Inv. Christopher J. Wilkinson** (SP Painted Post) responded to the scene to assist.

After two hours of sporadic telephone contact, Tpr. Brown was able to convince the man to surrender.

The man was taken for a Mental Health evaluation, after which he was charged with Reckless Endangerment 1st, Criminal Possession of Weapon 4th and Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

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.

Troop F

2011 SELECTED STATISTICS

Calls for Service: 59,995

VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW ENFORCEMENT

DWI Arrests: 2,346

Speed: 33,121

Safety Restraints: 10,938

Total V & T: 118,519

INDEX CRIMES

Violent

Property

Murder: 3

Burglary: 586

Rape: 58

Larceny: 1,794

Robbery: 17

Motor Vehicle Theft: 89

Assault: 178

Part II Offenses: 9,170

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



TROOP F - 2011 INTERESTING CASES

BOOT PRINTS IN THE SNOW LED TO ROBBER NEXT DOOR

February 27, 2011 — **Tpr. Timothy Jordan** (SP Highland) and **Inv. James Brown** (SP Kingston) were assisting Rosendale Police with a residential burglary investigation when Inv. Brown saw boot prints in the snow and Tpr. Jordan noticed almost perfect hand/fingerprint impressions on one of the windows.

Then the officers observed that a similar set of footprints were in the snow on the property next door to the burglary scene and followed the footprints to the door.

When the door was answered by a man in his twenties, he was told that footprints at the crime scene were similar to ones leading to his door. The officers asked him if he owned any boots, the man said he had only one pair and went back into his residence to look for them.

After what the officers thought was a longer than was necessary to retrieve boots, the boots the man presented them had different soles than those of the footprints at the crime scene. The officers suspected the man was hiding something.

The man appeared nervous and deceptive in responding to questioning and Tpr. Jordan said that he was able to read palms and asked to see the man's right hand.

When the man voluntarily gave his hand to him, Tpr. Jordan determined a general pattern of fingerprints similar to those at the crime scene.

Then, Tpr. Jordan explained to the man, that when he read his palm, it was clear that the man was being deceptive in his answers. Tpr. Jordan told the man that he was going to step outside while the man talked to the investigator and suggested that the man be more truthful. The man admitted to his involvement in the burglary.

Tpr. Jordan told the man that it was always better for the property to be returned and that he would be happy to let the DA know that the man was cooperative and contrite for his crime and would speak on his behalf.

The man offered to retrieve the stolen items and the boots he was wearing at the time of the burglary. They matched the footprints in the snow. The man was charged with Burglary 2nd.

TRAFFIC STOP LEADS TO DRUG ARREST OF GANG MEMBER

March 5, 2011 — **Tpr. Robert C. Baird** (SP Florida) conducted a traffic stop on State Route 17 in Blooming Grove.

While speaking with the male operator, Tpr. Baird observed pills in plain sight, not in a prescription container, on the floor of the vehicle. He asked the operator and male passenger to exit the vehicle.

Tpr. Erik P. Anderson (SP Monroe) arrived on the scene to assist and when they searched the vehicle they found 355 grams of crack cocaine in the rear of the vehicle.

The troopers placed the men under arrest for Criminal Possession of a Controlled

Substance 1st, 3rd and 7th. The passenger was a known Gang member of the "La Familia" gang.

VIOLENT ARGUMENT ENDS IN MURDER AND DISMEMBERMENT

May 10, 2011 — **Tpr. Jeffrey W. Burhart** (SP Liberty) responded to a missing person complaint and was told by a family member that the woman had left without explanation and had not been seen or heard from in several days. The family member could not offer any more information, nor could any of the woman's neighbors.

It was learned that the woman had a boyfriend, but when Tpr. Burhart went to the boyfriend's residence, the boyfriend was not at home.

Later, **Tprs. Timothy M. Dymond** (SP Liberty) and **Reva J. Navarro** (SP Wurtsboro) went to the boyfriend's residence and spoke with him. He appeared to be very nervous, would not make eye contact with Tpr. Dymond and gave short, evasive answers. He claimed that his girlfriend left him about two weeks ago.

With consent, the troopers searched the residence and found the missing woman's vehicle and personal items. When asked why the vehicle was still there, the man could not provide an adequate answer.

Invs. William Young and Christopher Fox and **Tpr. Yisroel C. Kaplan** (SP Liberty) conducted neighborhood interviews and, when they learned the couple's relationship was potentially abusive, they took the

boyfriend into custody for further questioning.

After extensive questioning, investigators were convinced that the man was not telling the truth about the circumstances surrounding the disappearance and asked him to submit to a polygraph examination. He agreed to take the exam.

Inv. Brendan Tumulty (SP Haverstraw) conducted the polygraph interview. During a very lengthy and detailed exam, the man confessed to killing his girlfriend during a violent argument.

He further stated that after her death, he dismembered her body and placed it in three separate garbage bags and placed two of the bags in separate streams in Sullivan County and one bag in a dumpster of an apartment building.

The man was charged with Murder 2nd.

PEEPING TOM VIDEOTAPED PERSONAL ACTIVITY FROM ROOFTOP

April 13, 2011 — **Tprs. Daniel E. Skiba** and **Brendan J. Hoolan** (SP Middletown) responded to complaint of a man on the roof of a Port Jervis residence and found a man, dressed in camouflage on the roof with a digital camcorder.

The man was arrested and underwent an extensive interview by **Inv. Brian J. Hammer** (SP Middletown) and admitted to videotaping numerous women, without their knowledge for the past 44 years.

He said that he had done this in numerous locations including his place of business, while traveling back and forth to work and at different residences. He told the investigator that he had about 20 video cassette tapes at

his residence.

When Inv. Hammer executed a search warrant, he seized 22 cassette tapes. Execution of another search warrant added additional tapes and a laptop computer.

A review of the video tapes showed women being taped while inside their homes in various stages of undress, showering, engaging in sexual activity and other moments of privacy.

All of the videotaping appeared to have been completed by standing outside of the victims' residences.

Inv. Hammer spent 80 hours reviewing each video to document the charges of unlawful surveillance and log the activity of the victims.

This was compounded by the man using the same tapes repeatedly resulting in one victim's taping being interrupted and a different victim's taping.

The investigator's analysis showed that 28 people had been taped—26 women ranging in age from 12 to 54 years old and 2 adult males.

After several weeks all but one of the victims was identified and located. Each victim was interviewed and provided depositions that they were not aware of man videotaping them. Most of the victims were female neighbors living within two miles of his residence. Also, he taped his daughter and his son's girlfriends at his residence.

The man was indicted on 167 felony counts of unlawful surveillance, received a sentence of two to four years in state prison and had to register as a level one sex offender.

BOYFRIEND MURDERS MOTHER OF HIS TWO CHILDREN

On July 22, 2011 — SP Montgomery troopers responded to a missing persons complaint from New Windsor woman who said that her daughter had not reported to her place of employment in Lancaster, PA, for over two weeks.

She further stated that she had made reports to Pennsylvania agencies but they were unable to locate her daughter and that she had received information that her daughter's boyfriend had recently relocated to New Windsor with the couple's two young children.

SP Montgomery found the boyfriend and the children living in a basement apartment.

The boyfriend said that although he had not seen his girlfriend in two weeks, he had talked to her on her cellular phone. At that time she told him she was ending their relationship and to move out of their residence.

He said that he had reported her missing to the West Hempfield PD five days ago and had informed the police department that he was moving and would be seeking custody of their children.

Attempting to contact the woman, **Tpr. Neil P. Dow** (SP Montgomery) called her cellular telephone throughout the day, but was unsuccessful. Believing she was endangered, the trooper requested a geographic hit on the phone and found out the boyfriend had the telephone. The boyfriend was unable to provide a reasonable explanation.

Tpr. Dow contacted **Inv. James R. Post** (SP Montgomery) and explained his concerns;

Inv. Post initiated an investigation and had the woman entered into NCIC as a missing person.

When interviewed, the boyfriend continued to express that he had no knowledge relative to his girlfriend's whereabouts. Following the interview, he obtained legal representation and declined to offer further assistance.

Inv. Post assembled a team of troopers and investigators who worked with the authorities in Lancaster County, PA, to talk to neighbors, family and friends of both adults, tracked down truck rental information, reviewed video surveillance and follow dozens of leads in their efforts to locate the woman.

At the end of the month, the owner of the New Windsor property where the boyfriend was living told Inv. Post that she had found out that the boyfriend had an excavator on her property and that he told her not to tell the police.

Troopers and investigators, West Hempfield PD, and members of the Orange and Lancaster County District Attorney Offices executed a search warrant at the New Windsor residence and found the woman's dismembered body buried in the back yard. It was partially covered by a shed belonging to the boyfriend.

The boyfriend was arrested and charged with Murder 2nd.

TROOPER'S DETAILED KNOWLEDGE OF AREA LED TO WOMAN'S RESCUE

August 5, 2011 — **Inv. Thomas Fortuna** (SP Ellenville), assisting the Ulster County Sheriff's Department, spoke at length to the husband of a Wawarsing woman, after he

reported her missing.

Tprs. Michael Olonko and **Jacob Salerno** (SP Ellenville) began searching the woman's car. Tpr. Olonko's familiarity with some seasonal roads in the mountainous area of Cragmor led the troopers down a lane where they found the woman's car.

The driver's door was open; there were numerous empty bottles of alcohol in and around the car, and an empty bottle of prescription medication was on the front seat.

Tpr. Olonko saw a woman's shoe at the edge of the nearby embankment and, when he looked over the edge into the darkness, he could make out the shape of a body at the bottom of the twenty foot embankment lying in a contorted manner with her head against a rock. It appeared she must have lost her footing and tumbled over the side.

When the Troopers yelled her name and held flashlights on her face, they saw some movement. They immediately notified EMS personnel and then scrambled down the embankment to render aid.

Once EMS personnel arrived, they were able to retrieve her and transport her to the hospital where she was treated and made a full recovery.

If not for the efforts of these two Troopers combined with their knowledge of the area, this distraught woman may not have survived.

BLOODHOUND K-9 DARBY LOCATES MISSING ELDERLY MAN

October 3, 2011 — **Tpr. Nicole Dellarocco** (SP Catskill) was dispatched to Athens when a woman reported that her 71-year-old husband was missing. She said that he

suffered from Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease, was off his medication and may have wandered into the woods.

Responding to assist, **Tprs. Garrett Ruecker** and **Frederick Horstmyer** (SP Catskill) searched the home and the surrounding property and checked all the hospitals in Greene County and surrounding counties with no results.

The following day a detail searched the wooded area surrounding the property, while **Tpr. Gregory Overholt** (SP Catskill) talked to neighbors.

On the third day, **Invs. Joseph Caputo** and **William Fitzmaurice** and **Sgt/SC James Fitzmaurice** (SP Catskill) expanded the search area with help from local volunteer firemen.

Inv. Lance Aguiar (SP Catskill) and **Tpr. Stephen Hobson** with **K-9 Darby** (K-Bloodhound Unit) located the man ¼ mile away in a wooded area northwest of his home suffering from hypothermia. The man was given immediate medical treatment.

MURDER AND SUICIDE LEAVES DAUGHTERS ORPHANED

December 16, 2011 — **Tpr. Roger I. McGregor** (SP Monroe) assisted Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office in a homicide investigation.

A man was being sought in the brutal murder of his wife, after which he fled in his wife's car with his daughters—ages five and one. An Amber Alert was activated.

A ping on the man's cell phone showed his location and **Sgt. Amy Landy** and **Tprs. John D. Roden, Desmond L. Lewin** and

Rajindra R. Boodhoo (SP Monroe); **Tprs. David J. Blassberger** and **Frank T. Rose** (SP Haverstraw); **Tpr. Robert C. Baird** (SP Florida) and **Sgt. Jason A. Cawley** (SP Middletown) searched within a one mile radius of the cellular tower.

Tpr. Boodhoo and Tpr. Lewin located a vehicle matching the description in a parking lot of a motel.

When it was confirmed that it was the man's vehicle, officers immediately surrounded the area, secured the scene and interviewed the hotel owners who said that the man had checked into the hotel.

Members of the SORT, Hostage Negotiator **Sr. Inv. Aniello V. Moscato** (SP Montgomery) and **Sr. Inv. John T. O'Leary** and **Inv. Leonard Caruso Jr.** (SP Monroe) responded to scene. In addition support came from members of the BCI and Uniform detail, the FBI, Highlands Police Department, ENCON and NYS Park Police Officers.

Early in the morning, the five-year-old opened the door and came out, followed by her little sister. Both girls were unharmed physically.

When SORT was unable to make contact with their father, they used a robot and located him on the bed where he apparently had committed suicide. The girls were taken to their mother's parents.

TROOPER STOPS SUICIDE BY HANGING; REMOVES ROPE FROM MAN'S NECK

December 27, 2011 — **Tpr. Nicole Pavlak** (SP Highland) was in the neighborhood when a woman reported that her brother called her and threatened to commit suicide.

The trooper immediately went to the Gardiner residence and found the front door open. After searching the residence and not finding the man, the trooper went outside to search.

She saw a man standing on a chair with a noose around his neck, tied to the limb of a tree in the back yard.

When Tpr. Pavlak approached, the man tried to step off the chair and kick it over. Tpr. Pavlak grabbed the man, who weighed nearly 230 pounds, and held him as she steadied the chair and got him to stand back on it.

The despondent man resisted slightly as Tpr. Pavlak climbed up on the chair to remove the noose from his neck. Once he was safely on the ground, the man became very upset that his suicide attempt had been interrupted.

Tpr. Michael Altieri (SP Highland) arrived and assisted Tpr. Pavlak. They were able to calm the man and transport him to the hospital for a psychiatric evaluation.

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.

Troop G

2011 SELECTED STATISTICS

CALLS FOR SERVICE: 64,227

VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW ENFORCEMENT

DWI Arrests: 1,473

Speed: 31,386

Safety Restraints: 8,642

Total V & T: 93,592

INDEX CRIMES

VIOLENT

Murder: 7

Rape: 31

Robbery: 13

Assault: 108

PROPERTY

Burglary: 434

Larceny: 1,816

Motor Vehicle Theft: 73

Part II Offenses: 9,351

POPULATION: 1.06 million (approx.) **SERVICE TERRITORY:** 6,534 square miles

COUNTIES SERVED: Albany, Fulton, Hamilton, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren, Washington

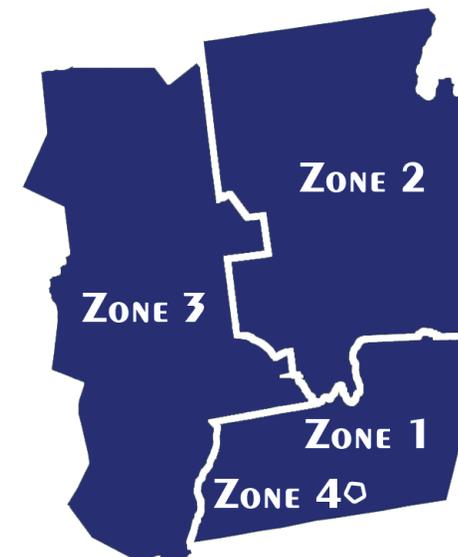
HEADQUARTERS: Loudonville (Albany County)

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)



Troop G - 2011 INTERESTING CASES

Traffic Stop Leads to Arrests

On May 11, 2011 — Tpr. Tony J. Mclea (SP Princetown) attempted to stop a vehicle for speeding on I-890 in Schenectady when the driver exited the Interstate and, after a short pursuit, struck a sign post.

The male driver and female passenger both fled on foot followed closely by Tpr. Mclea.

When the pair split up, the trooper followed the driver, tackled him and placed him into custody. The passenger was located immediately and placed into custody.

A search of the area was conducted and a purse that the woman had dropped behind some trash cans was located.

It contained a loaded 45-caliber handgun. Officers found \$8000 and a loaded assault rifle in the vehicle.

The man was charged with two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd, Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3rd, resisting arrest and unlawful fleeing a police officer.

The woman was charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd and resisting arrest.

FIU Chemical Processing Helped Convict Murderer

On June 2, 2011 — The Forensic Identification Unit (FIU) saw the conclusion of a murder case on which they assisted the Troy Police Department by chemically processing items of evidence after a 2002

slaying of a man and a woman.

As a result of the chemical processing, several bloody palm prints were uncovered launching an intense effort by both the FIU and the Department of Criminal Justice Services Latent Print Unit to identify the sources of those prints.

Over the course of several years, the bloody palm prints were compared to 57 sets of known palm print exemplars.

One set of exemplars was positively identified as having been made by the dead man.

After a DNA “hit” on blood from the crime scene linked a second man to the crime scene, FIU obtained palm print exemplars from that man.

After comparing the second man’s prints with the bloody palm prints, they were able to positively identify one of the bloody palm prints as having been made by the left palm of second man.

The second man was found guilty of two counts of Murder 1st.

House Fire Investigation Leads to Murder and Arson Charges

On July 13, 2011 — Troop G Major Crimes and FIU assisted the Washington County Sheriff’s Office investigate a White Creek house fire where two men and one woman died.

A man, a woman and their infant son, who also lived in the house, were missing as were a vehicle and numerous firearms that

belonged to the dead woman.

Working with members of NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control, Arson Bureau, FIU members processed the scene and recovered 12 guns from a vehicle left at the scene.

The officers followed leads and conducted interviews throughout Washington County and the states of Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Hampshire. In addition they issued a multi-state Amber Alert to assist in locating the infant.

The couple was located in Keene, New Hampshire and, after a standoff with New Hampshire SP, were taken into custody

A team of investigators from the Washington County Sheriff’s Office and the NYSP immediately went to Keene to interview the couple, after which the man was charged initially with Arson.

Following a Grand Jury presentation the man was additionally charged with the homicides of his mother, her husband and his step-brother.

Continued investigation led to the recovery of numerous stolen firearms discarded in Massachusetts and the stolen property the man had pawned in New Hampshire.

Finally, the man was indicted on numerous counts of homicide and arson: Murder 2nd, Arson 1st, Tampering with Physical Evidence, Criminal Possession of a Weapon and Petit Larceny and sentenced to 88 years to life in prison.

Explosion from Uncapped Gas Line Kills Six, Injures Five

On July 13, 2011 — SP Greenwich personnel responded to the scene of a house explosion in Salem and found that a two story cement block residence had been completely destroyed by the explosion.

The officers were told by the first responders that 11 people were at the home at the time of the explosion: three were pronounced dead at the scene; two were pronounced dead after being transported to hospitals (one later succumbed to his injuries); two were seriously injured, and three sustained minor injuries.

A multi-agency investigation of the incident determined that the explosion was the result of the basement filling with propane gas from an exterior tank that was ignited by an electrical switch from the home's water supply system.

The initial assessment was that the explosion was caused by a propane leak and was likely accidental in nature.

As the investigation continued over the next several weeks it was learned that one of the survivors—a 31-year-old man—was upset about a pending eviction from the property and had made statements that the propane gas in one of the two tanks was his and he was not letting the landlord have it once he had moved out.

Further, it was determined that a cap had been removed from a gas line leading into the basement and that the valve on the tank that was not in use had been opened.

These and other facts lead investigators to believe that the 31-year-old had intentionally

emptied the propane tank and that his reckless and/or negligent actions resulted in the deaths and injuries of the victims.

The man was indicted on six counts of Manslaughter 2nd and two counts of Reckless Endangerment 1st.

PAROLEE ROBS BANK; CAUGHT WITH DRUGS AND MONEY

August 10, 2011 — Troop G personnel, along with the North Greenbush Police Department, Rensselaer County Sheriff and East Greenbush Police Department responded to a bank robbery in North Greenbush where a woman entered the bank and demanded money by passing a note.

Lt. M. Nancy Poulin, S/Invs. Deborah Komar, Martin Ryfa and Capt. Robert Durivage of the North Greenbush PD worked with **S/Inv. Gregory Miller** and **Inv. Chad Hunt** (NYSIC) to determine the identity of the woman.

Their investigation led to a Rensselaer woman who was on parole.

With **Tpr. Kevin Holohan** and **K9 "Mike"** covering the back, SIU members **S/Inv. Komar** and **Invs. Eric Cullum, Timothy Northrup** and **Eric Leonard** assisted by **Tpr. Fred Scarano** and Parole Officer Richard Glynn approached the woman's residence.

The woman was not there.

Maintaining surveillance, officers saw a taxi cab drive by the residence and, being suspicious, the officers stopped the taxi and found the woman in the rear of the vehicle. They arrested her without incident.

She was found to be in possession of heroin,

crack cocaine, drug paraphernalia and the proceeds of the robbery.

DOMESTIC DISPUTE ENDS WHEN PERPETRATOR FIRES ON OFFICERS

On September 25, 2011 — **Tprs. Adam P. Maggs, Jeffery P. O'Rourke, Jason M. Seaman, and Matthew S. Mann** (SP Cobleskill); **Tprs. Thomas Judge** and **George Decrease** (SP Princetown); **Sgt/SC. John Pheleps** (SP Mayfield) and Schoharie County Sheriff's deputies responded to a Schoharie County dispatch of a Domestic Dispute with shots fired, in Broome.

Troopers were advised by radio that the man had left the residence, was armed and possibly inside a small box truck parked in a field across the road from the residence.

When they arrived, the troopers evacuated his sister and two children from the residence.

Being unable to see the man in the dark, the troopers, assisted by **Tprs. Gregory Overholt, Collin Davis, Ameruis Soler Catskill** and **Bernard Davis** (Troop F-Catskill) tried to determine if the man was in the box truck, the man did not respond to their commands.

Suddenly the man jumped out of the box truck with a shotgun and, although the officers continually tried to talk to him, he just kept yelling and screaming at them.

When the man raised the shotgun and fired at the officers, several officers returned fire. The man was hit by multiple rounds and collapsed in the field.

Officers cautiously approached the man and determined he was dead.

Off-duty Trooper Rescues Woman from Drowning

On October 14, 2011 — **Sgt. James Conway** (SP Queensbury) was off-duty and at home when he heard an automobile accident.

He looked out his window and saw a SUV partially submerged in a pond across the road. The sergeant ran to the scene where a small group of people had already assembled at the water's edge.

When bystanders said that there was somebody trapped inside the vehicle and only the cargo area was above water, Sgt. Conway entered the frigid waters of the Adirondack pond.

Standing up to his neck in the pond, he tried to open the tailgate and found it locked.

He could hear the cries for help from the woman trapped inside and see that she was making her way to the rear cargo area to keep her head in the diminishing air bubble inside the vehicle.

Sgt. Conway asked one of the bystanders to get him a rock and, using the piece of blacktop about the size of his fist, he smashed the rear window.

As air began to escape out the broken window and water began to fill the rest of the vehicle.

The trooper reached in and grabbed hold of the woman and was able to bring her out through the rear window opening before the vehicle sank in the six feet of water.

The 71-year-old driver was brought to shore, tended to by EMS personnel, then, after being treated at the local hospital, was released.

Traffic Stop results in Weapons Arrest

On December 9, 2011 — **Tprs. Jeffrey M. Devine** (SP Loudonville) and **James R. Redden** (SP New Scotland) stopped a vehicle on I-787 for an unsafe lane change and failing to signal.

The driver had a suspended license and the front seat passenger only had a permit.

The vehicle was towed and, with assistance from **Tpr. Eric V. Terraferma** (SP Loudonville), the troopers inventoried the vehicle's contents.

They found a 9mm magazine loaded with live rounds, a rubber glove containing one 9mm bullet beside the center console, several pairs of flex cuff's, duct tape, a New York City Style Police badge in the console and a Ruger 9mm handgun wrapped in fabric under the hood.

A check of the handgun revealed that it was stolen in North Carolina.

The two men were transported to SP Loudonville and interviewed and processed by **Invs. Robert Martin** and **Edward Baskerville** (SP Loudonville).

The two men were charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3rd and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 4th.

Suicidal Man Rescued from Hunting Camp Garage

On December 16, 2011 — **Inv. Steven Meachem** (SP Queensbury) received a report of a man who had not shown up for work and had been missing for 24 hours.

The man's wife said she had checked their hunting camp located in a remote area in Stony Creek and saw a broken window, but no sign of her husband.

Inv. Meachem asked **Tpr. Joel Vanderpool** (SP Hadley) to re-check the camp. Seeing signs of forced entry, Tpr. Vanderpool entered and cleared the main level of the camp. Then, he checked around the building.

The trooper saw that there was a garage without windows located in the basement area of the camp, and as he approached the garage door he heard a faint humming sound.

He looked through a small hole in the door and saw a running vehicle that matched the description of the vehicle provided by the complainant.

When Tpr. Vanderpool was unable to open the garage door, he retrieved a rope from the trunk of his patrol vehicle and positioned the Troop car in front of the garage door.

He tied the rope onto the door handle and the push bumper of his car and used the patrol vehicle to rip the door off and gain entry.

Tpr. Vanderpool entered the exhaust-filled garage and found a man, who was apparently still breathing, with lacerations on his wrist sitting in the driver's seat of the vehicle.

After calling for EMS and taking a few quick breaths of fresh air, Tpr. Vanderpool re-entered the garage and pulled the man from the vehicle and out to the driveway.

The man, who was conscious but incoherent, was taken to an area hospital.

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.

Troop K

2011 Selected Statistics

CALLS FOR SERVICE: 59,330

VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW ENFORCEMENT

DWI Arrests: 1,543

Speed: 33,328

Safety Restraints: 8,666

Total V & T: 96,463

INDEX CRIMES

VIOLENT

Murder: 4

Rape: 18

Robbery: 14

Assault: 149

PROPERTY

Burglary: 431

Larceny: 1,189

Motor Vehicle Theft: 48

Part II Offenses: 7,490

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



TROOP K - 2010 INTERESTING CASES

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION FOUND 196-plus GRAMS OF HALLUCINOGENIC MUSHROOMS

January 2011 — **Tpr. David A. Schmitz** (SP Rhinebeck) responded to an accident and, when he talked to the driver, the trooper saw that he was disoriented and not aware of just being involved in an accident.

The paramedics at the scene evaluated the driver and told the trooper that the driver had a medical bracelet and seemed to have suffered from some type of medical seizure prior to the accident.

The driver was transported to a local hospital for an evaluation. **Tpr. Michael A. Frontino** (SP Rhinebeck) went to the hospital to check on the driver's status.

Tpr. Schmitz remained at the scene and, when the tow truck arrived, inventoried the contents of the vehicle.

The trooper found over 196 grams hallucinogenic mushrooms, 10 brownies containing hallucinogenic mushrooms and fireworks.

Upon his release from the hospital, the driver was taken into custody and charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 2nd and Unlawful Possession of Fireworks.

The man provided a statement stating that he had purchased the drugs and brownies the day before at a "Phish" rock band concert.

CASINO TOUR BUS CRASH KILLS 15 AND INJURES 18

March 2011 — SP Hawthorne BCI, Uniform, Major Crimes and Forensic Investigative Units were dispatched to a bus rollover accident on I-95 on the Westchester/New York City line.

The tour bus was returning from a Connecticut Casino to Manhattan's Chinatown when the driver lost control of the vehicle.

The bus flipped onto its side and continued into a sign post on the roadway that sheared off the roof of the bus.

Of the 33 passengers, 15 were confirmed dead and 18 were transported to Bronx medical facilities.

A six-month investigation and the employment of forensic technology determined the driver was at fault.

He was indicted on 15 counts of Manslaughter 2nd, 15 counts of Criminally Negligent Homicide in the deaths of the 15 passengers, seven counts of Assault 2nd, and 16 counts of Assault 3rd for the injuries to 15 other passengers.

The Grand Jury also charged the driver with one count Reckless Driving and one count of Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle 3rd.

PAROLEE ATTACKS EX-GIRLFRIEND'S NEW BOYFRIEND WITH BOX CUTTER

March 2011 — **Sgt. Christopher M. Wetz** and **Tprs. Nicole C. Walther, Wesley B.**

Shaw, Michael R. Hettinger and **Daniel J. Hoffman** (SP Poughkeepsie) responded to a complaint of a stabbing incident that occurred in a Pleasant Valley apartment.

While en route they were informed that the caller was the perpetrator's ex-girlfriend who had left her apartment to contact the police at a nearby gas station.

The caller said that her new boyfriend—the victim—was still in the apartment and she did not know where her ex-boyfriend was, but he was armed with a "box cutter."

After a cursory search for the ex-boyfriend, EMS personnel entered the apartment and triaged the victim for several razor blade slash/stab wounds and transported him to an area hospital.

The ex-boyfriend, a convicted felon on probation, had fled on foot. Since the ex-boyfriend had a cell phone, Sgt. Wetz requested a "ping" on the cell phone.

A perimeter was established around the potential location with the assistance of the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office.

When a deputy saw a suspicious vehicle leaving a side street on the outskirts of the perimeter, he conducted a vehicle and traffic stop. He found the ex-boyfriend hiding under numerous articles of clothing in the rear passenger area. The deputy took him into custody without incident.

When the ex-boyfriend and vehicle were searched for the "box cutter," officers found two daggers and a small quantity of marihuana.

The front passenger of the vehicle claimed ownership of all three items and was charged with two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon 4th and Unlawful Possession of Marijuana. The ex-boyfriend denied ever having a “box cutter.”

The ex-boyfriend was charged with Assault 2nd, Menacing 2nd, Criminal Mischief 4th and Violation of Probation.

BURGLARS ARRESTED BEFORE THE CRIME WAS REPORTED

May 2011 — **Tprs. Oliver D. Reilly** and **Carlo Verardi** (SP Brewster) on night-patrol spotted a vehicle parked in an otherwise empty parking lot off the highway.

The vehicle was parked across several parking spots and the two men inside the vehicle were dressed in black clothing.

Suspicious, the troopers approached vehicle and spoke with the men. The 31-year-old men were from Stamford, Connecticut and told the troopers that they had stopped to urinate in the parking lot.

One of the men had a runny nose, possibly indicating that he was exposed to the cold temperatures for more than a few minutes. The other man appeared to be nervous and started to breathe heavily.

When Tpr. Reilly noticed disposable black clothing, work gloves and binoculars on the floor of the vehicle, the troopers interviewed the men separately. The men gave different accounts of their activities that night.

A Putnam County Deputy Sheriff arrived to assist and the deputy and Tpr. Verardi detained the men while Tpr. Reilly search the vehicle. He found an ATM metal box filled with

money, a pair of radios, a rifle, a can of rifle rounds, a crow bar and other burglar tools in the trunk of the vehicle.

The two men were arrested and taken to SP Brewster. While they were at the station, a criminal history check showed that one of the men was a convicted felon and had failed to submit a DNA sample to the state’s DNA database.

Earlier the next morning, an assistant manager of a restaurant reported that an ATM inside the restaurant had been broken into and its contents stolen. The troopers responded and saw that the ATM appeared to have been pried open and the metal money box was missing.

The Connecticut men were charged with Burglary 3rd, Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 4th, Possession of Burglar Tools and Unlawful Possession of Radio Devices.

FOUR TEENS CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL MISCHIEF AS HATE CRIME

June 2011 – **Tpr. Dana P. Narvaez** (SP Somers) was dispatched to a criminal mischief complaint in Lewisboro.

When the trooper arrived, she saw numerous anti-Semitic slurs and several swastikas painted on the garage and notified **Inv. Jennifer A. Hahl** (SP Somers).

When Inv. Hahl arrived, Tpr. Narvaez was dispatched to another criminal mischief complaint nearby.

Both criminal mischief complaints were believed to be related, therefore, **Tpr. Timothy J. Gleason** (ID Tech, SP Somers) responded to process both scenes for evidence.

After following several leads and conducting numerous interviews, Inv. Hahl identified four suspects: an 18-year-old and three 17-year-olds.

Tprs. Gleason and Narvaez located the four teens and took them to SP Somers to conduct interviews.

The teens admitted to their involvement in the crimes and were charged with Criminal Mischief 2nd as a Hate Crime and Criminal Mischief 3rd.

MULTI-STATE INVESTIGATION ENDS WITH THREE ARRESTED FOR MURDER

June 2011 — BCI (SP Somers) were notified of a badly decomposed body of an older man found in a rural section of North Salem. The body did not have any identification and the autopsy revealed no obvious cause of death.

Once the man was identified by his fingerprints, the investigators located his family and associates and learned that the man had just recently moved to Passaic, NJ, from Florida, that he always wore a large quantity of jewelry and that he may have had a large amount of cash on him.

Interviewing people in the area where the body was found, the investigators were told that two occupants of a motor vehicle passed through the area late one evening in early June and two men were seen leaving the woods from the same general area where the body was found.

Investigators and the Troop K Major Crimes Unit made numerous trips to New Jersey to conduct interviews.

When they talked to a homeless man, he said he knew the victim and at the beginning

of June he was approached by some men in a vehicle, with Florida license plates, who asked him specifically about the victim's whereabouts.

The homeless man said he pointed out the general area of where the victim usually "hung-out" and the victim's apartment building.

During interviews regarding family members or associates in Florida, investigators learned that a Florida associate owned a vehicle similar to the one driven by the men who talked to the homeless man.

Also, it was learned that the associate had ties to New Hampshire and was passing through Passaic at the time the victim went missing.

Talking with New Hampshire authorities, investigators found out that the associate had a brother with a reputation for beating people up and robbing them and that he was the prime suspect of a robbery in a town close to where another victim had been beaten and left in a field.

The authorities said that there were rumors that the brother was recently involved in an incident where a man had been robbed, beaten and left in a corn field somewhere in Connecticut.

In mid-June, the brother and an associate of his had been arrested and, at the time of their arrest, were in possession of a quantity of jewelry similar to that missing from Passaic victim. Some of the jewelry was identified by the Passaic victim's family members.

Subpoenas for cell phone records of the Florida associate and the two New Hampshire men showed that the three men had been

in Passaic when the man went missing and in the North Salem when two witnesses observed men exiting the woods.

During several trips to New Hampshire, investigators talked to associates of the suspects and were told that the men admitted robbing a drug dealer in New York and leaving him in a field. Also, it was learned that the mother of one of the suspects had suddenly sold her vehicle sometime in June.

That vehicle was located and, with assistance of New Hampshire State Police, a search warrant was executed.

Investigators found personal papers belonging to the Passaic man and photos of one of the three men posing with items that were identified to have belonged to the victim.

With 14 indictments against them, the three men were arrested for Murder 2nd.

MOTHER HELPED SONS PAWN AND SELL STOLEN GOODS

August 2011 — **Tpr. Jeffrey L. DeSombre** (SP Wappinger) investigating a burglary complaint found that copper piping was stolen from inside of a vacant house in Wappinger. This led to a five-month investigation.

Inv. Daniel P. Smith and BCI (SP Wappinger) investigated 11 separate burglaries within a mile of the copper-pipe incident. In addition to copper pipes, the burglars took jewelry, money, video games and firearms.

Investigators learned that the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office was investigating three similar burglaries and that at least one other residence had been burglarized but it had not been reported.

When they checked local area pawn shops and salvage yards, the investigators were told that a local resident had pawned numerous pieces of jewelry, several of which matched items taken during the burglaries.

After it was learned that a man, who lived with his brother and mother, was committing the burglaries and his brother was helping dispose of the proceeds, an undercover, CNET investigator was introduced to the man.

The undercover ultimately purchased a stolen laptop computer and firearm from the man. Both items were identified as being from the burglaries.

When the man and his family were put under surveillance, it was discovered that the man's mother drove her sons to local pawn shops to sell the stolen merchandise.

Investigators executed a search warrant, recovered burglary proceeds and arrested the brothers and their mother on numerous counts of burglary and criminal possession of stolen property.

Multi-AGENCY Effort Blocked WOMAN'S ATTEMPT TO FLEE COUNTRY with INFANT

September 2011 — SP Cortlandt received a complaint from the husband and father of a missing woman and a 10-month-old child.

He said that he found a note left by his wife saying she needed a vacation and she was taking a short trip to Chicago. She had withdrawn \$10,000 from their bank account.

When no contact was made by the woman by the next morning, a multi-agency investigation began.

Lt. Dominick L. Chiumento (SP BCI), **Sr. Inv. Brian D. Hoff**, **Invs. Sean J. Morgan** and **Steven G. Listner**; **Sgt/SC James M. Kranik**, and **Tprs. Heather L. Sinkowitz** and **Noreen F. Winterfeldt** (SP Cortland) began to develop potential leads into the disappearance.

Because the husband was a Filipino citizen, investigators coordinated their efforts with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) in an attempt to determine if the woman was trying to flee the country.

Late that evening, Inv. Morgan was notified by the CBP that they received information that tickets had been purchased for the mother and child on a flight scheduled to leave shortly from Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) en route to Taiwan.

Working quickly, a Family Court Order barring the child's travel was issued and Inv. Morgan contacted the ICE agent assigned to LAX who agreed to assist. It was believed that the child would be unable to travel because he had no passport.

The ICE agent successfully intercepted the mother, served her with the Family Court Order and told her she could not leave the United States.

The mother said that she had filed for emergency travel documents at the Filipino Consulate that allowed her to bypass the passport requirement.

The following day, the investigators contacted a FBI Special Agent (Los Angeles) trying to make sure the woman did not find a way to flee the country. The special agent agreed to help and began a search for the mother.

Tpr. Sinkowitz was able to talk to the mother on her cell phone and build a rapport with the woman. The trooper was able find out that the mother was at a Los Angeles area train station.

The FBI team responded to the train station, apprehended the mother and took the infant into protective custody.

The infant was placed in the care of the California Family and Children Services until his father could arrive from New York.

BURGLARY SPREE OF HIGH-END BIKES ENDED WITH ARREST

November 2011 — **Inv. Sean J. Morgan's** (SP Cortlandt) investigated a burglary-spree targeting high-end bicycle shops in Westchester and Putnam Counties over the course of several months.

The investigation led to the identification of a man and information that he might be preparing to target a local shop one night during Thanksgiving week.

Inv. Morgan told **Tprs. Heather L. Sinkowitz** and **Kevin T. Quintero** (SP Cortlandt), who were on night patrols, of the potential burglary.

Just after midnight, Thanksgiving week, the troopers saw the suspect arrive and quickly break into the shop.

When he saw the troopers, the suspect ran to his vehicle and fled. The troopers quickly caught up and apprehended him.

At the station, the man was interviewed by Invs. Morgan and **Timothy W. Miller** (SP Cortlandt) but refused to cooperate.

Tpr. David I. Turner, Jr. (SP Cortlant) went

to the man's residence and could clearly see proceeds from burglaries within the residence. A search warrant was obtained.

SP Cortlandt and the Carmel Police Department executed the search warrant and recovered stolen property estimated to be in the tens of thousands of dollars.

The man was charged with multiple counts of Burglary 3rd, Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 3rd and Violation of Probation.

Long Island's Nassau and Suffolk counties are distinguished by 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. Most of them drive through the jurisdiction of Troop L.

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.

The first official detail 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, from where it policed parks, parkways and athletic events, conducted investigations, supervised lifeguards and regulated traffic.

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 January 1, 1980, legislation merged the State Parkway Police into the State Police and formally established Troop L.

Troop L

2011 Selected Statistics

CALLS FOR SERVICE: 15,811

Vehicle and Traffic Law Enforcement

DWI Arrests: 747

Speed: 18,894

Safety Restraints: 5,004

Total V & T: 64,794

INDEX CRIMES

Violent

Murder: 1

Rape: 2

Robbery: 2

Assault: 11

Property

Burglary: 9

Larceny:

Motor Vehicle Theft:

Part II Offenses: 1,365

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



TROOP L - 2011 INTERESTING CASES

Suspicious Activity Results in Narcotics Arrest

January 2011 — The Narcotics Enforcement Unit (NEU) were following up leads and conducting surveillance on a Lindenhurst residence, when they noticed suspicious activity.

After interviewing a tenant and a positive alert by **Tpr. Christopher B. Nolan** and **K-9 Reddy** (SP Farmingdale), **Inv. Laurence L. Hemmerich** (NEU) obtained search warrants for the two vehicles parked in the driveway.

A search of the vehicles revealed nine kilos of cocaine and smaller amounts of marijuana and steroids.

A 30-year-old Lindenhurst man was arrested and indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 1st.

Security Guards Identified Robbers; Larcenies Solved

January 2011 — **Tpr. Richard C. Gantt** (SP Riverside) heard a BOLO from the Riverhead Police Department of a robbery of a Riverhead store and broadcast the information to NYSP patrols.

The robbers—a man and woman—were driving a red mini-van with a bent license plate.

The robbers had threatened the two store security guards with a box cutter when the guards challenged them as they were leaving with unpaid merchandise.

The man had purposely bent the license plate

to prevent the security guards from obtaining the plate number.

Inv. Steven J. Collins (SP Riverside) responded in his unmarked vehicle and saw the van on Route 105 several miles from the robbery location.

Advising other patrols of his route of travel, the investigator discreetly followed the vehicle through a series of turns.

When the van turned into the driveway of a private residence, **Inv. Collins**, assisted by **Tprs. Jason J. Hanley** and **Brandon D. Sumpter** (SP Riverside), conducted a felony stop of the vehicle and detained the driver and passenger until they could be identified by the security guards.

The Riverhead Police Department brought the security guards to the residence and they positively identified the 35-year-old woman and a 45-year-old man. The proceeds of several other larcenies were found in the van.

Both defendants were charged with Robbery 1st. The man received additional charges of Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3rd, based on a prior felony conviction, Menacing 2nd and Unlawful Possession of Marijuana.

Hit-and-Run Driver Tries to Strike Officer with Vehicle

February 2011 — **Tpr. Ethan E. Hauser** (TIM), who was assisting the NYS D.O.T. at a work zone site, helped the Nassau County Police Department apprehend a driver involved in a hit-and-run collision.

When the vehicle was involved in a hit-and-

run collision on a road in Oyster Bay, the Nassau County Police Department initiated a vehicle pursuit that led them onto the Northern State Parkway.

While on the Parkway, the vehicle was slowed in heavy work zone and construction traffic. The driver tried to barrel his vehicle through the stopped traffic, striking several vehicles and causing several injuries.

The vehicle then crashed into a concrete median and became temporarily disabled.

When a Nassau County Police Officer exited his patrol car to take the driver into custody, the driver accelerated his vehicle in an attempt to strike the officer.

The officer avoided being struck by jumping over a work zone concrete barrier and the driver collided with the officer's patrol car.

Notified of the incident, **Tpr. Hauser** started to drive on the shoulder towards the collision scene to assist when he observed a heavily damaged vehicle fleeing the scene.

As the damaged vehicle passed his patrol vehicle, **Tpr. Hauser** went in pursuit. As the trooper rounded a turn, he saw that the vehicle had crashed and was completely disabled.

The driver, carrying a small bag, fled on foot. After a brief foot chase, **Tpr. Hauser** apprehended the man without further incident.

The investigation revealed that the man was driving a stolen vehicle and had illegal narcotics in the bag.

The man was charged with Assault 2nd, Reckless Endangerment 1st, Criminal

Possession of Stolen Property, Criminal Mischief, Possession of a Hypodermic Instrument, Leaving the Scene of an Accident and Driving While Impaired by Drugs.

INVESTIGATORS STOP LARGE SCALE IDENTITY THEFT OPERATION

April 2011 — BCI (SP Valley Stream) working with a hospital's corporate security and assisted by the Nassau District Attorney's Economic Crimes Bureau initiated a large scale identity theft investigation.

The initial case involved the compromise and/or theft of patient billing information by person(s) who had access to the hospital's internal network.

This stolen information was then used to create credit accounts or access existing accounts with various retail stores. Purchases were made and/or attempted with some in excess of \$7,000.

Four other police departments had active cases from this same hospital source. Three people had already been arrested and a fourth identified.

The fourth person was in possession of hospital patient information forms and a lap top computer that yielded personal identifying information for over 900 persons.

BCI personnel gathered sufficient evidence to arrest the fourth person—a 54-year-old Brooklyn man—and execute a search warrant on his residence.

The search yielded: five desktop computers, two lap-top computers, 33 computer hard drives, various storage media devices and papers containing individual's personal information.

The man was indicted for the felonies of Identity Theft 1st, two counts of Criminal Possession of Computer Related Material, two counts of Scheme to Defraud 1st, and the misdemeanor charge of Unlawful Possession of Personal Identification Information 3rd.

NARCOTICS ARREST TURNS INTO A FIRE FIGHT; DRUG DEALER CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED MURDER

Troop L Narcotics Enforcement Unit (NEU) conducted a two-month investigation with the Suffolk County District Attorney's Heroin Task Force.

The investigation targeted a 21-year-old Suffolk County man who had made three prior cocaine sales to an undercover member of the task force.

Arrangements were made for the man to sell 100 grams of cocaine to an undercover, after which the man would be arrested.

When the meeting was concluded and the arrest team moved into position to make the arrest, the drug dealer immediately got out of his vehicle and, from a distance of about 12 feet, fired five rounds from a .38 caliber revolver at **Inv. Kevin J. Ring** (NEU).

Inv. Ring, without the benefit of suitable cover, quickly lowered his position, returned fire and struck the drug dealer four times.

The man was transported to a local hospital where he was treated for non-life threatening injuries.

The 21-year-old was arraigned on a charge of Attempted Murder 1st and numerous drug and weapon charges.

TRAFFIC STOP RESULTS IN DRUG AND FIREARM ARREST

August 14, 2011 — **Tpr. Kenneth W. Gein** (SP Lake Success) saw a Jeep stopped in the left lane make a U-turn over the median on the Wantagh State Parkway, in Hempstead.

Tpr. Gein initiated a traffic stop and detected an odor of marijuana emanating from within the vehicle. The driver—a 35-year-old Lynbrook man—failed standardized field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest.

When the trooper conducted a search of the vehicle, he recovered: 321.5 pills of the Valium Diazepam, 64 unknown pills stamped "DAN," 46 pills of Celexa and 25 pills of Piva in a knapsack on the back seat.

A sunglass case containing six grams of marijuana and a glass pipe were on the front passenger seat, and a loaded Saiga, semi-automatic 12-gauge shotgun with two magazines and five rounds of ammunition were located in the trunk.

The man was charged with felony Driving While Intoxicated, Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd, Criminal Possession Controlled Substance 7th, Prescriptions Out of the Original Container and Unlawful Possession of Marijuana.

SPEEDY APPREHENSION OF WRONG WAY DRIVER PREVENTED COLLISION

Sept. 2011 — **Tpr. Eric C. Carver** (SP Riverside) received a call from an off-duty Southampton Police Department officer who said there was a driver traveling west in the eastbound lane on ST-27.

Tpr. Carver dispatched **Tprs. Andrew W.**

Gargiulo, Brandon D. Sumpter, Kevin M. Doyle, and Jason J. Hanley (SP Riverside). Tpr. Carver maintained phone contact with the off-duty officer and maneuvered his patrols into position to intervene and stop the vehicle.

Within a minute, Tprs. Gargiulo and Sumpter saw the vehicle, successfully stopped it and got the vehicle off the roadway without incident.

The driver, a 72-year-old Southhampton man, was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated and other VTL charges.

Traffic Stop Leads to a Multi-million Dollar Fraud Investigation

October 2011 — **Tpr. Anthony M. Longarello** (SP Lake Success) saw the driver of a van using his cell phone on the Parkway in North Hempstead and conducted a traffic stop.

Tpr. Longarello, after discovering that the vehicle registration was suspended for no insurance, conducted a vehicle inventory and found 109 United States Treasury checks under the passenger seat and 15 more checks in the glove box all displaying different names.

The driver—60-year-old Central Islip man—was charged with Forgery 1st and Offering a False Instrument for Filing.

The traffic stop led to the recovery of an additional \$900,000 in United States Treasury checks and the identification of a New York City man who also travels to Suffolk County to sell U.S. Treasury checks and narcotics.

Another outcome of the traffic stop was

an investigation into the Trinitarios street gang responsible for the dissemination of these checks and the sale of narcotics and guns being conducted by the United States Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigations Division and the Troop L Gun Investigations Unit.

The Trinitarios is one of three cells operating under a larger organization throughout Suffolk County.

Traffic Stop for Speeding Ends in Arrest of Two

November 2011 — **Tprs. Flavio V. Orellana and Michael P. Grosso** (SP Brentwood) stopped a car for speeding on the Southern State Parkway in Babylon.

When they approached the car, the troopers detected a strong odor of burnt marijuana emanating from inside the vehicle.

Tpr. Orellana had the driver get out of the car and, when Tpr. Grosso had the passenger get out, the passenger fled across six lanes of highway traffic.

While Tpr. Orellana gave chase, Tpr. Grosso arrested the driver—a 24-year-old man from Smyrna, Georgia.

Loosing site of the passenger who fled into a nearby residential area, Tpr. Orellana returned to and searched the vehicle.

He found a loaded .45 caliber pistol with seven rounds of ammunition in the magazine on the passenger side floor and a partially burned marijuana cigarette.

The operator of the vehicle was charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd,

Unlawful Possession of Marijuana and multiple traffic violations.

After the troopers, assisted by the Suffolk County Police Department and K-9 units, were unable to find the passenger, **Inv. Richard P. Esposito** (SP Brentwood) conducted an investigation.

The investigation and further examination of property inside the vehicle led to the identity of the passenger.

The 23-year-old Central Islip man was arrested and charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd and Obstruction of Governmental Administration 2nd.

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.

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

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

Confidential Investigations Squad conducts non-criminal background investigations for the New York State Police and other New York State agencies including the Office of the Governor, the Attorney General's Office and the Office of Homeland Security. Squad members also conduct modified background investigations and lead investigations for various out-of-state law enforcement agencies.



Criminal Squads provide investigative assistance to law enforcement agencies statewide and abroad, cover specified boroughs and connect with area District Attorney's Offices in Bronx and Staten Island; Manhattan and Brooklyn and Queens.

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SPECIAL NARCOTIC PROSECUTOR'S SQUAD

- ▶ January 2011 – During a money laundering investigation, the El Dorado Task Force developed information that individuals from Puerto Rico had procured a large sum of money through the sales of illicit narcotics and that the money needed to be laundered and sent to Colombia.

Having identified and maintained surveillance on two of the individuals in Queens, Task Force personnel saw the men carrying luggage and get into a vehicle.

A traffic stop was conducted and a consent search resulted in the arrest of the two men and seizure of \$700,000.

- ▶ June 2011 – Conducting an investigation into the laundering efforts of a Mexican drug organization operating in Queens, the El Dorado Task Force identified and followed individuals to a Westchester county residence.

With consent to search, they arrested a Mexican national and seized \$500,000, 43 pounds of high grade marijuana, five ounces of cocaine, prescription drugs and a rifle.

- ▶ July 2011 – Investigating money laundering throughout the Metro NYC area, the El Dorado Task Force identified and maintained surveillance on a Peekskill residence that was being used as a trans-shipment point for money and

drugs.

Mobile surveillance led to a vehicle stop and a consent search wherein \$100,000 was seized.

Further investigation led to a consent search being conducted at the person's residence that resulted in the seizure of an additional \$150,000 and six kilograms of heroin.

EL DORADO TASK FORCE 2011 ACTIVITY	
\$27,009,252	Currency seized
48	Lbs. of Marihuana Seized
52	Arrests made

CRIMINAL SQUADS

BRONX CRIMINAL SQUAD

- ▶ January 2011 – The Bronx Criminal Squad helped NYS Department of Health Special Investigations Unit with a criminal investigation into the fraudulent passing of WIC (Women, Infants and Children) program checks causing the DOH losses in excess of \$30,000.

The fraudulent checks were being passed at bodegas and grocery stores in and around the boroughs of Queens and Brooklyn.

After numerous employee interviews and reviews of a number of video recordings, a suspect vehicle was identified.

The identification led to the arrest of a Queens County resident.

- ▶ June 2011 - The Bronx Criminal Squad assisted the Hillsdale, New Jersey Police Department with an investigation into the thefts of two tractor-trailers.

Based on information that the fully loaded vehicles were located in the Hunts Point area of the Bronx, the Squad located them and set up surveillance awaiting the return of the persons involved in the theft.

Several hours later, when the men returned to the tractor-trailers and were approached by Squad members, they fled on foot. After a short foot pursuit and a brief struggle, the transient residents from Edison, New Jersey, were caught and arrested.

The stolen merchandise, valued in excess of \$80,000 and the vehicles were returned to the rightful owner.

MANHATTAN CRIMINAL SQUAD

- ▶ January 2011 — The Manhattan Criminal Squad assisted the Special Prosecution Bureau of the Manhattan District Attorney's Office with a \$13,000 grand larceny investigation.

The fraud investigation looked into actions of "The Robin Hood Foundation" charitable organization.

The investigation revealed that a former employee had falsified invoices and contracts in the name of his relative causing the foundation to wire \$13,000 to the relative's account.

Investigation concluded with the arrest

and conviction of both individuals.

- ▶ May 2011 — The Manhattan Criminal Squad assisted the NYS Department of Labor with the investigation and arrest of 10 people who had wrongfully collected unemployment benefits while they were gainfully employed.

The most egregious of which was a man who used nine different aliases and social security numbers to steal \$179,075 in unemployment benefits.

When the man was denied any more benefits and kept contacting the DOL Brooklyn Office demanding more benefits, he was asked to come to the Office.

Thinking that his benefits would be restored he complied and was arrested.

NYDETF 2011 Activity	
114	Cases adopted
492	Arrests made
122	Search warrants executed
Pounds of Drugs seized:	
1,167	cocaine
176	heroin
6,102	marihuana
13.75	crack cocaine
54	crystal methamphetamine
3.5	MDMA (ecstasy)
Items and Dollars Seized:	
36	Handguns
\$20,819,716	In U.S. currency,
\$1,885,686	Value of 82 vehicles seized
\$20,450	Value of jewelry seized

New York Drug Enforcement Task Force

The New York Drug Enforcement Task Force (NYDETF) is the oldest Task Force of its kind in the Nation as well as the largest in the State.

NYDETF works in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration and the New York City Police Department.

The members assigned to the NYDETF specialize in major narcotics investigations that originate in the New York metropolitan area.

Many of these investigations lead to the dismantling of major narcotics trafficking organizations as well as significant seizures of drugs, weapons and drug related currency and property.

- ▶ 2011 — Group T-11 has been investigating an international money laundering organization based in Colombia and its associated drug trafficking organizations since 2010.

With full exemption from the U.S. Attorney General's Office, Group T-11 launders drug proceeds in support of the investigation.

To date, the group has laundered proceeds via bulk cash deliveries and wire transfers through undercover shelf accounts to bank accounts in the United States and worldwide, including Europe, South America, Central America, Hong Kong, Taiwan and China.

As a result, the group has arrested or indicted 75 people including five

Colombian nationals, seized about \$7,500,000 in drug related assets or currency, and received about \$270,000 in commissions.

In addition, the group has seized 38 kilograms of heroin, 10 pounds of methamphetamine and 111 kilograms of cocaine.

- ▶ January 2011 — Group T-13, initiated an investigation into the Marvin Monell Drug Trafficking Organization (DTO).

Based on information that the Monell DTO was involved in the distribution of large quantities of heroin throughout New York City, Group T-13 conducted surveillance over several months on a Washington Heights location that was identified as being used by the Monell DTO as a heroin mill/stash house.

In April, the execution of a search warrant led to the arrest of six members of the Monell DTO and the seizure of five kilograms of heroin, two illegally possessed firearms, two vehicles, \$3,000 and numerous items of drug paraphernalia used in the packaging and distribution of heroin.

- ▶ February 2011 — Group T-21, working with Special Narcotics Prosecutors (SNP) Office, received information on a drug trafficking organization located in Queens. Group T-21 and SNP executed a search warrant at a Bayside apartment and arrested three men and seized about \$1.7 million.
- ▶ February 2011 — Group T-23, DEA Bogota Country Office, DEA Philadelphia Divisional Office, Financial Investigations

Team and the United States Secret Service investigated a drug trafficking and money laundering organization operating in the New York City metropolitan area.

During surveillance Group T-23 saw a man leave a 7th Ave. hotel and take a yellow cab to a Floral Park motor lodge.

The first man met with a second man who handed him a large suitcase.

The first man placed the suitcase in the trunk of the cab and returned to the 7th Ave. hotel.

Surveillance units remained at the Floral Park location and arrested two men as they removed a large suit case from the passenger compartment of a pickup truck.

Units seized the large suit case, plus another one from the passenger compartment of the truck.

Each suitcase contained about one million dollars.

In March 2011, Group T-23 received information that a member of the organization staying at the 7th Ave. hotel was in possession of a large sum of US currency.

The Group gained consent to search the room and seized an additional 1.5 million dollars.

- ▶ April 2011 — Group T-23 conducting surveillance of a known narcotics trafficker in Edgewater, NJ, saw a man meet with a second man who was driving a box style delivery truck.

The second man retrieved three boxes from the rear of the truck and handed them to the first man.

Surveillance units followed the first man to his residence in Edgewater, NJ.

Additional surveillance units followed the box truck as it traveled toward New York City and, with the help of NYSP Thruway patrol, conducted a traffic stop, arrested the driver and seized 50 kilograms of cocaine that was in the rear of the truck.

The surveillance units in New Jersey saw the first man leave his residence and drive to the residence of a third man.

When the units saw the first man hand the third man a box, they arrested both men and seized 10 kilograms of cocaine.

A consent search of the third man's residence resulted in the seizure of \$135,000, 40 kilograms of cocaine and a handgun.

- ▶ June 2011 — Group T-41 investigated the Jimenez Drug Trafficking Organization (DTO) that was responsible for the regular distribution of large quantities of heroin and marijuana throughout the New York City area.

The DTO would receive kilogram quantities of heroin from an unknown Mexican supplier, then process it into small retail packages for personal use and distribution.

Group T-41 was able to infiltrate the organization and gain valuable information on the members and the activities of the DTO.

By conducting constant surveillance, Group T-41 was able to identify five stash locations/apartments used by the DTO for their narcotic activities and install hidden cameras allowing them to identify

members and activities of the Jimenez DTO.

Two Manhattan locations were used to stash heroin, two locations – one in Bronx and another in Yonkers – were used to stash large amounts of marijuana, and a New Jersey location was used to process the kilograms of heroin.

Group T-41 executed search warrants on all locations, arrested 22 members of Jimenez DTO and seized 19 kilograms of heroin, one kilogram of crack cocaine, five kilograms of cocaine, 350 pills of Oxycodone, three loaded semi- automatic handguns and \$429,187.

- ▶ July 2011 — After a two-week wiretap investigation, Group T-33 arrested a truck driver and four others after seeing the truck driver deliver boxes at an I-95 service area, Ridgefield, NJ.

The boxes contained 41 pounds of methamphetamine and 11 pounds of heroin, all of which was seized.

The drug shipment originated in Mexico, traveled to Texas where it stayed for several weeks, then was driven across the country to the service area destination.

The five people were charged with Conspiracy 2nd, one count of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 1st, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled 2nd and three counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled 3rd.

NEW YORK ORGANIZED CRIME DRUG ENFORCEMENT STRIKE FORCE

The New York Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Strike Force (Strike Force) was implemented in 2004.

The 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.

The mission of the Strike Force is to disrupt and dismantle major drug trafficking organizations designated by the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) as Consolidated Priority Organization Targets (CPOs) and their affiliates in the New York metropolitan area.

Currently they are working on several long-term investigations targeting several drug trafficking organizations operating in the New York City area.

- ▶ March 2011 — Group Z-41 and the NYPD Bronx Narcotics Unit investigated cocaine trafficking in New Rochelle.

When a woman under surveillance picked up a package from a scheduled delivery and put it in her vehicle, a traffic stop was initiated.

With a Consent to Search the vehicle, a K-9 alerted on the box containing six large metal food cans containing a brownish liquid.

A search warrant resulted in the discovery of 18 more large metal food cans similar to the ones containing the brownish liquid.

STRIKE FORCE 2012 Activity	
9	Cases adopted
369	Arrests made
51	Search warrants executed
Pounds of Drugs Seized	
251	Cocaine
85	Heroin
5,432	Marihuana
3,804	MDMA (ecstasy)
149	Khat
Guns and Assets Seized	
42	Handguns
\$204,258	Value of 32 Vehicles seized
\$4,835,000	US Currency
\$10,326,144	Value of Assets seized

When the substance was tested by lab personnel, the results determined that the liquid was actually PCP.

The liquid was secured and removed by a Federal HAZMAT Unit and the woman was arrested.

- ▶ August 2011 — Group Z-41 and DEA San Diego, conducted a Title III narcotics investigation into the Michael Adams Drug Trafficking Organization (DTO) based in New York City.

The organization was responsible for the importation of hundreds of pounds of marihuana from Mexico to the United States.

The investigation culminated in the arrests of 16 members of the Adams DTO, the seizure of 22 marihuana plants, 150 pounds of marihuana, a 38 cal. revolver, three vehicles and \$7000.

Additionally, two properties valued at 1.5 million dollars, are subject to forfeiture.

Troop T

2011 Selected Statistics

CALLS FOR SERVICE: 21,763

Vehicle and Traffic Law Enforcement

DWI Arrests: 859

Speed: 65,974

Safety Restraints: 10,295

Total V & T: 148,568

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), 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



TROOP T - 2011 INTERESTING CASES

SPEEDING STOP RESULTED IN PASSENGER BEING ARRESTED ON MULTIPLE CHARGES

January 2011 — **Tpr. Seamus Lyons** (SP Tarrytown) stopped a vehicle for speeding in Clarkstown.

As he approached the front passenger side of the vehicle and the passenger rolled down his window, Tpr. Lyons detected the odor of burnt marijuana emanating from the vehicle.

The driver, who could not produce her license, provided her passport and the passenger provided a Pennsylvania license.

The woman exited the vehicle, admitted that she was driving a little fast and said that they had driven in to New York City to do some shopping and were on their way home.

When asked about the odor of marijuana, she said that her boyfriend had been smoking in the car earlier.

When Tpr. Lyons talked to the passenger about their day, he provided a different story.

Tpr. Lyons told the woman that she was going to be ticketed and, upon returning to his vehicle, conducted a NYSPIN check on both occupants. He found the woman's licence had expired in New York and the passenger had provided a forged Pennsylvania license.

Tpr. Lyons requested assistance and **Tpr. Robert Battaglia** (SP Newburgh) and **Tprs. Kevin Hoeverman** and **William Suchocky** (SP Tarrytown) responded.

Tpr. Lyons returned to the vehicle, informed

the driver and passenger of the NYSPIN results, and placed the driver in the rear of his troop car without incident.

However, as Tpr. Lyons was attempting to secure the passenger, he pushed Tpr. Lyons, ran across two lanes of traffic and up the shoulder of the road.

The troopers followed him up the shoulder and when the man tried to jump the guardrail, he fell and struck his head on one of the posts.

Tpr. Battaglia told the man to stop, but he got up and ran while throwing objects into the snow.



MARIHUANA SEZED IN TRAFFIC STOP: Tpr. Paul Davignon (SP-Fultonville) with the 40 pounds of marihuana seized after smelling an odor of marihuana when he stopped a vehicle with tinted windows. The driver was charged with Criminal Possession of Marihuana 1st.

Tpr. Lyons tackled him and, after a brief struggle, the man got free and fled up the embankment, dropping a large bag. Once again, Tpr. Lyons took the man to the ground and, assisted by Tprs. Hoeverman and Suchocky, took the man into custody.

The two bags were recovered, one contained 13 ounces of cocaine and the other was a small bag of marijuana.

The driver, a 21-year-old Albany woman, was given uniform traffic tickets and released.

The passenger, a 34-year-old Albany man, was charged with Criminal Possession of Controlled Substance 1st and 3rd, Assault 2nd, Possession of a Forged Instrument, Tampering with Evidence, Criminal Mischief 4th, Unlawful Possession of Marihuana and Reckless Endangerment 1st.

TROOPER RECOGNIZES MAN ON SURVEILLANCE VIDEO ON NEWS

January 2011 — **Tpr. Seamus Lyons** (SP Tarrytown) was off-duty and watching the late night news at home when a surveillance video of a man wanted in two Long Island bank robberies was broadcasted.

Believing the man on the video was the same man he and **Tpr. Daniel Parker** (SP Tarrytown) had arrested for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance, Tpr. Lyons contacted Tpr. Parker and told him about the video. Tpr. Parker agreed that it may be the person they arrested.

Wanting to investigate further, Tpr. Lyon got to work early the next morning and obtained

information on the man they arrested—a copy of his mug-shot, DMV photographs, criminal history and SJS information.

In addition he made numerous phone calls and advised **Inv. Noel Nelson** (SP Tarrytown) of the circumstances.

Tpr. Lyon also contacted the Nassau County Police Department Robbery Unit and told them he may have a person of interest.

Inv. Nelson contacted the Troop K Identification Unit and had the mug-shot e-mailed to the Nassau County Police Department Robbery Unit who confirmed that the person in the mug-shot did resemble the person in the video.

A search began. Very early the next day, Inv. Nelson received information as to the man's location and that he was getting ready to flee.

The investigator along with Tpr. Lyons assembled a team of members of the State Police and the Suffern Police Department to respond to the location.

The man was found hiding in an upstairs bedroom and taken into custody without incident.

A woman at the residence, who was also involved in the original State Police CPCS arrest, was transported to SP Tarrytown for questioning, and ultimately, turned over to the NYS Probation when it was determined that she had a nationwide probation warrant out on her. The warrant had been issued just days after she was originally arrested by Tpr. Lyons and Tpr. Parker.

The man, who was turned over to the Nassau County Police Department, was also a suspect in another bank robbery

Traffic Stop for Darkly Tinted Windows Results in Drug Arrest

April 2011 — **Tpr. Nhan N. Le** (SP Junius Ponds) conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for dark tinted side windows on I-90 in Mentz.

When Tpr. Le spoke with the driver, he was extremely nervous and unable to compose himself. The man was shaking and sat down on the patrol car's push bumper several times.

During the interview, Tpr. Le noticed a large bulge in the driver's left front pocket. The man said he had \$3,000 in cash, from cashing his income tax return check.

Then, Tpr. Le spoke with the passenger who gave a conflicting story regarding their travel itinerary.

Tprs. James Grizzanti and Gregory Narburgh (SP Syracuse) arrived to assist and the troopers conducted a vehicle search.

They found a black bag containing two plastic baggies of marihuana and eight ounces of cocaine hidden in the trunk.

Both occupants were arrested for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 1st and, additionally, the driver was charged with UPM and V&T violations.

Stopped U-haul Contained 50 Cases of Untaxed Cigarettes

April 2011 — **Tpr. Paul Davignon** (SP Fultonville) stopped a pickup pulling a U-haul trailer for speeding, in Glen.

When he spoke with the two occupants, they provided conflicting accounts of what was in the trailer.

A subsequent investigation and search of the trailer led to the discovery of 50 cases of Untaxed Cigarettes (3,000 cartons / 600,000 cigarettes).

The driver and passenger were arrested for Possession or Transportation of More than 10,000 Untaxed Cigarettes.

Stopped for Speeding; Ended up in Jail on Drug Charges

May 2011 — **Tprs. Gabriel T. Ryan and Eric C. Brown** (SP Albany) stopped a vehicle for speeding in Bethlehem. When the troopers spoke with the driver they saw a pipe used for smoking cocaine. This precipitated a vehicle search.

The troopers found 10 glassine envelopes full of heroin under the front passenger seat and 700 glassine envelopes containing heroin and 10 grams of cocaine under the back passenger seat.

Metal spoons with cocaine residue and two hypodermic needles were found in the driver's purse and the front seat passenger, a 46-year-old Schenectady man on lifetime parole for Murder 2nd, was in possession of one glassine envelope with heroin.

The vehicle was driven by a 33-year-old Brooklyn woman; the back seat passenger was a 19-year-old Schenectady man.

All three occupants were charged with Criminal Sale of Controlled Substance 3rd, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd, and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 4th.

The front seat passenger was remanded to jail without bail and the woman was also charged with Criminal Use of Drug

Paraphernalia 2nd and Possession of a Hypodermic Instrument.

ODOR OF MARIHUANA TURNS TRAFFIC STOP INTO DRUG ARREST

May 2011 — **Tpr. Daniel C. Snyder, Jr.** (SP Schuyler) conducted a traffic stop on a car with tinted windows.

When he approached the vehicle occupied by three men, the trooper detected a strong odor of burnt marihuana coming from inside of the vehicle.

While he was talking to the driver, Tpr. Snyder saw marihuana on the floor boards of the vehicle giving probable cause to search the vehicle.

Tpr. Snyder's **K-9 partner Juna** "hit" on the backseat of the vehicle and the trooper located suspicious wires that lead to a trap underneath the back seat. Bypassing the switch mechanism, the trooper opened the trap door and found two kilos of cocaine and \$3,699.

The three men were arrested and charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 1st.

The driver was also charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Unlawful Possession of Marihuana.

STOPPED FOR NOT WEARING HIS SEATBELT; ARRESTED ON DRUG AND WEAPON CHARGES

May 2011 — **Tprs. James J. Grizzanti** and **Gregory L. Narburgh** (SP Syracuse) spotted a driver not wearing his seatbelt and conducted a traffic stop.

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While interviewing the operator, Tpr. Grizzanti detected the odor of marihuana emanating from within the vehicle.

The operator said he had forgotten to put on his seatbelt and admitted to smoking marihuana in the vehicle while attending a family party a few days before.

The troopers conducted a probable cause search and found a digital scale that the driver said he used when he bought marihuana so he "Doesn't get ripped off" and an unloaded .25 caliber pistol.

When they searched the trunk, they found another unloaded .25 caliber pistol in a black book bag and all the materials used to grow marihuana in a black garbage bag: a 400 watt bulb, timers to control lighting, fertilizer, pH "up", pH "down", liquid carbon load and Big Bud.

The man was arrested for two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon 4th and one count of Criminal Use of Drug Paraphernalia 2nd.

14 BALES OF MARIHUANA FOUND FOLLOWING A V&T STOP

November 2011 — **Tprs. Gabriel T. Ryan** and **Matthew J. Izbicki** (SP Albany) stopped a SUV being driven by a woman from Springfield, Mass., for failing to move over for a stopped emergency vehicle on the Berkshire Spur section of the Thruway in Schodack.

As the troopers approached the SUV, they detected an odor of marihuana coming from the vehicle.

When the 38-year-old driver and her 37-year-old passenger, also from Springfield, gave

conflicting accounts of their trip, the troopers searched the vehicle and found 14 bales of marihuana weighing about 206 lbs.

The driver and passenger were arrested and charged with Criminal Possession of Marihuana 1st.